



INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL

INFORMATION UPDATE:

The United Nations Committee on World Food Security

The UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is the primary inclusive international intergovernmental platform working to ensure food security and nutrition for all. The CFS reports to the UN General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and to the FAO Conference. Indigenous Peoples' participation provides opportunities to promote recognition of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to guide, propose and intervene on policies impacting our Food Sovereignty.

Following the global food price crises of 2007- 2008, the CFS underwent a profound reform. In 2009 it implemented the **Civil Society Mechanism (CSM)**, called the **Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSIPM)** since 2018, as a platform for expanded participation by Indigenous Peoples and social movements most affected by food insecurity including small-scale farmers and fishers, youth, women, consumers, urban communities, Non-Governmental organizations and pastoralists. The CSM is an open space and does not have formal members.

One of the first international standards adopted after the CFS Reform was the **"Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security"**. This international instrument adopted in May 2012, contains a section on Indigenous Peoples and references the UN Declaration on Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ILO Convention 169, and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and recognizes the ancestral collective territories of Indigenous Peoples and their right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

In 2017 and in following years, the CFS plans to debate issues of direct relevance to Indigenous Peoples. These include: **Monitoring and Accountability, Agroecology, Nutrition, Forests, Climate Change, Women, Youth, Mega-mergers, biodiversity** and the **SDGs**. The CSIPM has formed Working Groups to discuss and develop positions and recommendations on these issues, which will be presented to CFS. For input and participation in these CFS processes, please contact **Saúl Vicente Vázquez**, saulvv@treatycouncil.org and **Ali Aii Shatu**, aliaishatou@yahoo.com, Indigenous Peoples' representatives who participate in this mechanism. For more information on the CFS-CSIPM: www.csm4cfs.org.



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