

Formal session of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-3)

Agenda item 4. Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Statement on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), delivered by June Batang-ay from TEBTEBBA

This statement is made on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

IPBES recognizes the central role of indigenous peoples and local communities in achieving the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols. However, as we have noted in our statement during the informal session, we are concerned with the limited progress made in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Cartagena Protocol and the gaps of ensuring the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the implementation at the national level to ensure that our indigenous and local knowledge, innovations, practices and technologies is taken into account in the risk assessment and risk management, socio-economic, cultural and ethical issues are considered, and our free, prior and informed consent is sought prior to the introduction of living modified organisms in our lands, waters and territories.

We propose the following text changes in the suggested recommendations:

C. Risk assessment and risk management

16. *Recognizes* the need for further support for risk assessment and risk management, including by strengthening human resource capacities, **incorporating indigenous and local knowledge, innovations, practices and technologies into account**, and by facilitating access to sufficient financial resources and adequate technical infrastructure;

G. Socio-economic considerations

25. *Encourages* Parties to exchange research and information on socio-economic considerations to support Parties in taking into account socio-economic considerations, **especially on indigenous peoples and local communities** in accordance with Article 26, paragraph 2, of the Protocol;
25bis. Encourages Parties to make use of the ‘Guidance on the assessment of socio-economic considerations in the context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety’.