

## **IPSASB Dialogue with Indigenous Leaders on Public Sector Sustainability Reporting Standards**

**Thursday, April 24 | New York City, USA**

**On the week of the United Nations Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), the IPSASB conducted a dialogue to gather input from Indigenous Peoples (IPs) on the development of a climate-related disclosure standard for public sector entities, recognizing their vital contributions to mitigate climate change, their disproportionate vulnerability to climate change, and the value of their traditional knowledge and governance systems in building climate resilience.**





## Key Issues Discussed

- ❖ **Ensuring IP Values in Climate Standards:** Participants emphasized the need for climate-related standards to reflect the values, priorities, and narratives of IPs, rather than applying one-size-fits-all approaches.
- ❖ **Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC):** There was a call for the development of common indicators to guide and assess the implementation of FPIC across projects.
- ❖ **Participation in Grievance Redress Mechanisms (GRMs):** IPs should be directly involved in the design and oversight of GRMs to ensure these mechanisms are accessible, culturally appropriate, and effective.
- ❖ **Increased IP Participation in Project Assessments:** Greater involvement of IPs in the assessment and monitoring of projects was recommended to ensure their perspectives and knowledge are integrated throughout the project cycle.
- ❖ **Capacity Building:** There is a pressing need for targeted training programs on climate change to strengthen the technical and financial capacity of IPs, particularly in relation to accessing and managing climate finance.
- ❖ **Local Engagement and Accessibility:** Information about these standards must be effectively communicated to Indigenous communities on the ground. This includes ensuring understanding and supporting local efforts to hold governments accountable.
- ❖ **Continued Engagement with IPs:** Participants emphasized the importance of establishing structured, long-term dialogue between standard-setting bodies and IPs, such as through an IP advisory mechanism.