

Indigenous Youth Empowerment



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Cordillera Youth Forum!

Apayao



Kalinga



Province

Ifugao

Benguet

CORDILLERA
ADMINISTRATIVE
REGION

The Background

Indigenous children and youth are the most vulnerable groups within indigenous societies.

Reference: <http://www.iwgia.org/publications/>

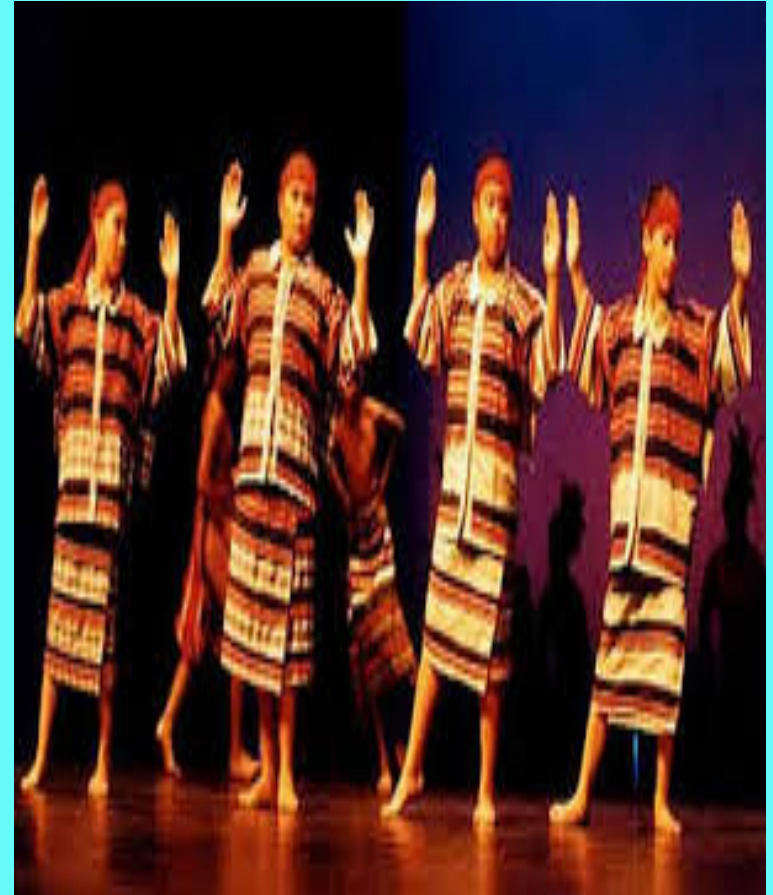


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- **Discrimination, poverty and marginalization**



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The youth are particularly impacted by inadequate education systems, high unemployment and social problems in the communities.

Reference: <http://www.iwgia.org/publications/>



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- **Some are also victims of violence in conflict situations, as well as of institutional violence based on racism and discrimination.**
- **The rate of domestic violence is also high in aboriginal communities**

It is often difficult for indigenous youth to find a place and obtain respect in their own society while having to adjust to the demands and institutions designed and controlled by the dominant society.

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- **The rights of children and young people are enshrined in various international instruments, one such being the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This has enabled the drafting of legislation and production of public policies aimed at guaranteeing the protection and defense of the rights of indigenous children and youth. In spite of these programs, the discrimination, exclusion and racism young indigenous people suffer from is becoming increasingly alarming.**

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- **In the new urban environment to which many migrate, young indigenous people are often subjected to discrimination and deprived of equal opportunities in employment and education.**

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Moving away from home can lead to loss of language skills and in some cases to problems of recognition by their own indigenous society. One serious challenge for indigenous communities is how to preserve their cultural identity without exposing the indigenous children and youth to an ever more vulnerable situation in relation to national society

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The natural resources and the ancestral domain of the region are continuously threatened by the national government and large corporations

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- **Indigenous populations are particularly concerned about the distancing of indigenous children and youth from their own culture. Indigenous youth are frequently forced to abandon their communities and move to the cities if they are to benefit from employment and education opportunities.**

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Problem Statement

- **The problem that this plan aims to address is the weak position of the Cordillera has in terms of development projects, and its youth participation, amidst its pursuit for economic prosperity. This is largely the result of incompetent political commitment, unsustainable development projects and the lack of capacity needed to empower the grassroots initiated bottom up changes.**

The Action Plan

- **There will be a 5 days training workshop that consists of two key tracks:**
 - 1. The policy track is primarily to teach youth leaders to act on, and provide targeted input for revision of, various policies for the local and national level.**
 - 2. The knowledge track is primarily for youth leaders as participants, to learn and be equipped with the necessary skills to run follow up activities and initiatives in their respective provinces.**
 - 3. Both tracks will provide training, and good practices for concrete actions that the youth can make.**

Goal

**TO DEVELOP AND MAXIMIZE THE CAPACITIES
OF PARTICIPANTS IN UTILIZING THEIR
QUALITIES, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN
SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES**

Objectives

- **TRAIN - Build capacity for youths and young leaders from various sectors (civil society, governments and businesses) from the Cordillera region with critical information, knowledge and skills**

- **VOICE - Create a platform for discussion within the Cordillera youth**
- **CATALYSE - Provide networking opportunities and partnerships for grassroots initiatives after the conference**



*Connecting
networks and
programs
together*



Target Audience

- **10 IP youth representatives from each Province in the Cordillera region (total of 70)**
- **20 volunteers**
- **10 resource speakers**

Total of 100 Participants

Budget

Particulars	Amount
Accommodation	2000 USD
Transportation	1000 USD
Workshop and Training	2000 USD
Publication	500 USD
TOTAL	5500 USD

Timeline

June 2015

- Search for Facilitators Committee
- Selection of Facilitators Committee

Timeline

July – August 2015

- Finalize Proposal
- Identify stakeholder
- Securing of event venue
- Source for sponsorship

September 2015

- Confirmation of speakers
- Briefing youth participants
- Working with speakers on their presentation
- Confirmation of actual event logistics and administrative arrangements
- Recruitment of actual event volunteers

October 2015

- Finalize participants and delegates details
- Finalize speakers arrival and departure schedules

- **November 2015**

- Post event report

- Volunteer appreciation

- Dry run of event

- Actual event (final week) (November 9 -13, 2015)

- **December 2015**

- Follow-up of Action Plans

December 2015

- **Monitoring and Evaluation of Action Plans**

Team Structure

- **Project Manager**
- **Finance Manager**
- **Team Leaders (1 for each Province)**
- **Marketing and Recruiting Officer**
- **Facilitators**

Fund Resources

- **Crowd funding**
- **Local funding**
- **Submit proposals to various sources**

Business Model

- **Participants cover their own costs**
- **Students may receive funding from their university**
- **Price discrimination scheme**

Potential Risks and Challenges

- **Bad weather**
- **Number of participants**
- **Financial risk**
- **Safety**
- **Commitment of volunteers**



Success Indicators

- The number of participants reaches the maximum capacity or expected number
- How much the event is talked about?
- Facebook, blogging, sharing photos and stories from participants.
- Returning rates for future programs
- MOU and support from more local and international partners



Confirmed Partners

- YPA International
- American University of Sovereign Nations
- Eubios Ethics Institute
- Zonta Club La trinidad

Potential Partners

- **National Youth Commission**
- **NCIP**
- **Baguio Center for Young Adults**
- **LGU Baguio**
- **Zonta Club of
La Trinidad**



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