



**Africa Indigenous Knowledge
Research Network (AIKRN)**

harnessing Indigenous knowledge for youth empowerment

Policy Brief

NETWORK OF INDIGENOUS RESEARCH GROUPS/UNITS IN AFRICA

Network	Area	Mission/Focus	Address
Indigenous Information Network (IIN)	Kenya	IIN is committed to enhancing and maintaining the capacity of indigenous peoples to protect their rights and participate in development. It works with information dissemination and networking, research, socio-economic empowerment, human rights, cultural and environmental conservation, children and youth empowerment, gender mainstreaming and HIV/AIDS and related health problems.	http://indigenous-info-kenya.net/ iin@iin.co.ke , iin@indigenous-info-kenya.net , iin.kenya@gmail.com +254 711 392017 +2540202499389 Former posta flatss,block C

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OGIEK Peoples' Development Program (OPDP)	Kenya	OGIEK Peoples' Development Program (OPDP) is dedicated to the preservation of the Ogiek culture, the protection of nature and the improvement of socio-economic opportunities by way of building the synergies of the Ogiek youth and women through education. "Working for a Just and Equitable society by Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods for Ogiek Community in Kenya"	http://www.muzie-ines.homepage.t-online.de/forestguardian/ opdp2001@yahoo.com dkobei@yahoo.com +254-20-2045167 +254-722-433-757 Nyamakoroto Hs. 2nd floor Rm. 210 Biashara Street - NAKURU /

			Kenya P.O BOX 424-20115 Egerton
Sengwer Indigenous Peoples Program (SIPP)	Kenya	<p>The Sengwer Indigenous Peoples Programme (SIPP) is a civil society organisation built on the work of a handful of community leaders and elders. SIPP has been supporting a greater range of community leaders, elders and activists to mobilise, educate and support the community to actively assert their rights.</p> <p>Given the particular pressure of forcible evictions and house-burnings by KFS on the Sengwer community living in Embobut Forest, the Sengwer of Embobut developed a further Community-Based Organisation: the Sengwer of Embobut CBO.</p> <p>In both cases, despite the overwhelming support for the work of these CSOs by the community, the organisations themselves are only able to secure occasional and often indirect sources of financial</p>	<p>info@forestpeoples.org</p> <p>Tel: +44(0)1608 652893</p> <p>Fax: +44(0)1608 652878</p> <p>1c Fosseway Business Centre</p> <p>Stratford Road</p> <p>Moreton-in-Marsh</p> <p>GL56 9NQ</p> <p>England</p>

		support, with staff often having to go without salaries and funding activities out of their own pocket.	
Sengwer of Embobut Community Based Organization (SEECBO)	Kenya	<p>The Sengwer of Embobut Community Based Organization (SEECBO) was founded in the wake of serious human rights violations meted out against our people who were being forcefully evicted from their ancestral land in Embobut. The mission of the CBO is to secure the Sengwer indigenous people's rights to inhabit, govern, manage and own their ancestral lands in Embobut while participating in the protection and promotion of their culture and environment as well as enhancing access to high-quality education and health services.</p> <p>Seven pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land Rights Advocacy and Litigation ➤ Human Rights Advocacy ➤ Environment and Conservation ➤ Education and Health 	<p>Kapyego, Embobut- Elgeyo Marakwet County, Kenya</p> <p>seecbo@gmail.com</p> <p>https://www.sengwer.org</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stakeholder Engagement and Public Advocacy ➤ Culture and Language Documentation ➤ Community Livelihood Support 	
Kenya Resource Centre for Indigenous Knowledge (KENRIK)	Kenya	<p>Focus:</p> <p>Research and documentation of traditional medicine and medicinal plants.</p> <p>Inventory and documentation of traditional food plants and associated IK, recipes and promotion of their use.</p> <p>Inventory and documentation of sacred sites and groves including ethnobotany, associated IK and conservation status/threats.</p> <p>Survey and documentation on economic plants for Arid and Semi-arid Lands.</p>	https://cbd.or.ke/

		<p>Inventoried and documentation of traditional technologies and management systems.</p> <p>Technical support in mainstreaming of IK in national development policies.</p> <p>Reference point and mouthpiece of IK issues in Kenya and represent the country in international forum.</p>	
Kenya Indigenous Youth Network (KIYN)	Kenya	<p>The Kenya Indigenous Youth Forum design will facilitate strong peer to peer interaction in a safe and open environment. The following principles shall guide the Forum:</p> <p>Meaningful participation and engagement of the indigenous youth; Involvement of other special interest groups within indigenous peoples; women, persons living with disabilities and children.</p>	<p>https://jamiiasilia.org/kiyn/</p> <p>Jamii Asilia Centre Kenyatta Lane, off Mburu Gichua Road, Gatehouse 6th Floor 609</p>

		<p>Respect for diversity and sensitivity to traditional and cultural differences and identities.</p> <p>Respect for gender rights and or representation with intentional efforts to include all genders in the discussions.</p>	<p>Tel: +254 707 663516</p> <p>kiyn@jamiiasilia.org</p> <p>jac@jamiiasilia.org</p>
Frontier Indigenous Network	Kenya	<p>Frontier Indigenous Network mission is to enhance and maintain the capacity of indigenous peoples to protect their rights and participate in development through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ information sharing, dissemination and networking ➤ work on issues affecting the indigenous and minority peoples ➤ socio-economic empowerment ➤ promotion of human rights 	<p>https://frontierindigenous.or.ke/</p> <p>Manyalo Roadbox 27</p> <p>TEL 254 046 421076</p> <p>+254 724 821464</p> <p>info@frontierindigenous.or.ke</p> <p>www.frontierindigenous.or.ke</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ cultural and environmental conservation• gender mainstreaming ➤ addressing HIV/AIDS and related health problems <p>Frontier Indigenous network is a community-based organization that champions for the rights of women and other marginalised groups from the indigenous community of Sakuye and pastoralist communities of Degodia, Ajuran Sharmoge, Sheykal in Wajir, Mandera, Isiolo, Marsabit, Moyale and Garissa districts of northern Kenya.</p> <p>The organisation was formed by group of women from indigenous community of Sakuye and other Pastoralist communities in the region with view of preaching peace following series of inter-clan clashes that targeted the indigenous communities with aim of cleansing and driving them out of their</p>	
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		cultural sites, sacred shrines and grazing area which had abundant pasture and water.	
The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR)	Kenya	<p>The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) is an independent National Human Rights Institution created by Article 59 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and established through the KNCHR Act of Parliament (the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, 2011). It is the state's lead agency in the promotion and protection of human rights.</p> <p>The Commission plays two key broad mandates;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It acts as a watch-dog over the Government in the area of human rights. ➤ Provides key leadership in moving the country towards a human rights state. <p>The main goal of KNCHR is to investigate and provide redress for human rights violations, to research and monitor the compliance of human</p>	<p>Indigenous Groups (knchr.org) CVS Plaza 1st Floor, Kasuku Lane, Off Lenana Road, P.O. Box: 74359-00200 Nairobi, Kenya Landline: +254-020-3969000 Mobile: 0726 610 159 haki@knchr.org complaint@knchr.org</p>

		rights norms and standards, to conduct human rights education, to facilitate training, campaigns and advocacy on human rights as well as collaborate with other stakeholders in Kenya.	
Kenya Indigenous Terra Madre Network	Kenya	Hot on the heels of the International Council meeting in Kenya, the youth of the Slow Food Indigenous Terra Madre network held a meeting and workshop to analyze the challenges facing indigenous communities in Kenya, and to discuss possible solutions and strategies for encouraging and “empowering indigenous youth to defend and promote their food heritage.” The initiative has been launched thanks to a new Slow Food and IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) grant, which is aimed at strengthening the ITM network, and specifically the youth network, towards 2020.	https://www.slowfood.com/
South African San	South Africa	SASI is an independent, non-governmental	https://openafrica.org/participant/

Institute (SASI)		<p>organisation that mobilises resources for the benefit of the San peoples of southern Africa as mandated by the Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa (WIMSA) and other San organisations.</p> <p>They do this through activities such as community mobilisation, fundraising, lobbying, networking, training, building strategic alliances and capacity building on issues related to culture, language, income generation, health and social environment, and land rights.</p>	<p>sasi-office/</p> <p>sasipft@mwebbiz.co.za</p> <p>+27 53 832 3980</p> <p>Platfontein, Northern Cape</p>
Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa (WIMSA)	South Africa	WIMSA is an Indigenous people networking in Southern Africa. i.e. South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, and Namibia which helps the minority groups assistance in organizing themselves and to participate in planning, and	<p>https://healthresearchweb.org/en/namibia/cso_4354</p> <p>wimsareg@iway.na</p> <p>wimsareg@iafrica.com.na</p>

		decision-making at all levels - national, regional, Africa region and international, with other indigenous populations	264 61 24 49 09 8 Bach Street, Windhoek West, Windhoek, Namibia. P.O. Box 80733, Windhoek, Namibia
Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI)	South Africa	AHRI is based across two campuses in KwaZulu-Natal: Somkhele and University of KwaZulu—Natal. Its vision is optimal health and well-being of under-resourced populations. AHRI works in partnership with local communities and South African academic, governmental, and other policy stakeholders and collaborates with over 60 institutions globally.	https://www.ahri.org/about/ info@ahri.org communication@ahri.org +27 (0)31 521 0038 +27 (0)31 521 0038 +27 (0)35 251 0650 719 Umbilo Road, Durban
Unisa Institute for African Renaissance Studies	South Africa	The African Renaissance is a vision and mission for transformative change and development that is premised on the understanding that the future of Africa.	www.unisa.ac.za . +27 12 320 3180 287 Nana Sita Street, 0002

			Pretoria, Afrique du Sud
Centre for African Studies & Community Engagement Directorate	South Africa	The Directorate of Community Engagement strives for excellence in supporting interdisciplinary community-engaged teaching and learning, and community-engaged research geared towards addressing community poverty-related challenges and development needs of the communities in the Limpopo Province and in SADC rural communities.	https://www.univen.ac.za/directories-centres/community-engagement/ nakisani.nemadodzi@univen.ac.za Tel: +27 15 962 8236 Fax: +27 15 962 8858 University of Venda, P/Bag x5050, Thohoyandou, South Africa
LASER (Long-term Assistance and Services for Research) PULSE (Partners for	Uganda	LASER (Long-term Assistance and Services for Research) PULSE (Partners for University-Led Solutions Engine) is a \$70M program funded through USAID's Innovation, Technology, and Research Hub, that delivers research-driven solutions to field-	https://laserpulse.org/ laserpulse@purdue.edu

<p>University-Led Solutions Engine)</p>		<p>sourced development challenges in USAID Partner countries.</p> <p>LASER PULSE collaborates with USAID missions, bureaus, and independent offices and other local stakeholders to identify research needs for critical development challenges, and funds and strengthens capacity of researcher-practitioner teams to co-design solutions that translate into policy and practice.</p>	
<p>Center for Peace Building and Poverty Reduction among Indigenous African Peoples - CEPPER</p>	<p>Nigeria</p>	<p>CEPPER interests is within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rediscovery and promotion of the intellectual and traditional knowledge of the Igbos relating to its traditional medical knowledge and practices; ➤ Protection of the masquerade and oracular prophetic practices of the Igbos, Wawa people as they extend in Nigeria, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal; 	<p>(+234) 70-30-63-44-82</p> <p>University of Nigeria, Nsukka P.O. Box 2050 Enugu Enugu State NIGERIA</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Defense and sustenance of the natural and customary practices of the indigenous African people under the context of foreign religion and globalization which exterminate the population's social and economic existence;➤ Sensitization of the intellectual class in Africa on the issues that border on African intellectual property and folklore;➤ Research and publications on African intellectual and folklore history and issues by collating end reports of conferences and workshops.➤ Poverty reduction programs to ensure environmental and economic sustainability for the Wawas in Igboland spread through the four West African states;➤ Designing relevant programs that will impact positively and contextualize the millennium development goals in the lives and customs	
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		of the Wawas in Igboland, especially those in the tension-soaked Niger delta of Nigeria.	
Indigenous Knowledge Management (IKM) Research Group	Nigeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Indigenous Knowledge Management (IKM) research group is concerned primarily with attracting research funding for the purpose of institutionalizing access to our indigenous knowledge resources or assets. Its research focus includes: ➤ Global accessibility of the indigenous knowledge of our University system. ➤ Global accessibility of the cultures of our people or Igbo communities. ➤ Development of indigenous knowledge repository in the university library system. ➤ Managing indigenous knowledge in the university library ➤ Creating documentaries on the cultures of selected Igbo communities for global accessibility. 	<p>https://www.unn.edu.ng/indigeno-us-knowledge-management-ikm-research-group/</p> <p>cyprian.ugwu@unn.edu.ng justina.ekere@unn.edu.ng, uchengozi_ucngozi@yahoo.com</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposed Topics Developing and providing access to indigenous knowledge repository in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka Library System. ➤ Creating documentaries on major cultural events in Igbo land for global accessibility. 	
Community of Potters of Rwanda (COPORWA)	Rwanda	<p>COPORWA was founded under CAURWA (Communauté des Autochtones Rwandais = Community of the Rwandese Autochthons) to address the Rwandese community of potters' standards of living conditions.</p> <p>It is a non-profit organisation working for the Batwa indigenous people of Rwanda. They work to promote and protect people's rights and help generate sufficient income for the often very poor Batwa people.</p>	<p>History Coporwa - The Rwandese Community of Potters (wordpress.com)</p> <p>coporwa@yahoo.fr, coporwapotters@gmail.com, coporwapotters@ymail.com It</p> <p>B.P. 3809, Kigali, Rwanda</p>
DJINGO	Niger	Djingo is committed to uniting Niger's local and scattered pastoralist associations to voice the needs	<p>http://www.djingo.net/fr/index.htm</p>

		and opinions of their community regarding national and foreign development structures.	collectif-at-djingo.net +227 96 89 12 20 +227 92 99 53 96 BP 846, Niamey
Coalition of European Lobbies for Eastern African Pastoralism (CELEP)	Eastern Africa	CELEP explicitly recognise and support pastoralism (and the people that practise pastoralism: pastoralists) in the drylands of Eastern Africa. It plays an active role in campaigns that supports Rangelands & Pastoralism. "Pastoralism is a dynamic and transformative livelihood linked to the diverse ecosystems, cultures, identities, traditional knowledge and historical experience of coexisting with nature.	http://www.celep.info/ a.denayer@vsf-belgium.org Arts 7-8 Kunstlaan, 1210 Brussels
West Africa Coalition for Indigenous Peoples' Rights (WACIPR) - WACIPR	West Africa - Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone	WACIPR has been involved in various activities spanning from the preservation of languages facing the danger of possible extinction in many indigenous communities in Nigeria and Sierra Leone; compilation of Traditional Pharmacopoeia based on traditional knowledge; the establishment of local	(+234) 805 255 9526 (+254) 803 715 5488 No. 4, Otokiti Street off Uwelu Road, P. O. Box 4228 Benin City

		orchestras and conservatoire to preserve the cherished ancient music and dances steps of the indigenous communities; Documentation and staging the age-long festivals of the indigenous peoples which are their renowned cultural heritage, and Lobbying for legislative protection of the cultural heritage of indigenous communities based.	Nigeria
Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa	Africa	<p>Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa is a subsidiary of the International Justice Resource Center (IJRC). It informs, trains, and advises advocates and individual victims on using international and regional human rights protections to advance justice and accountability in their communities.</p> <p>The Working Group also publishes a bi-annual newsletter that amplifies the voice of the Indigenous.</p>	<p>https://ijrcenter.org/regional/african/working-group-on-indigenous-populations-communities-in-africa/</p> <p>31 Bijilo Annex Layout, Kombo North District Western Region P.O. Box 673 Banjul The Gambia</p>
The Indigenous	Africa	IPACC was born out of the will of different African	

<p>Peoples of Africa Co-ordinating Committee (IPACC)</p>		<p>indigenous peoples to unite and work together to promote their rights.</p> <p>IPACC is an advocacy network of indigenous people's organisations in Africa, a network of 135 Indigenous peoples' organisations in 21 countries with over 70 members around the continent. The mission is to be a home and solidarity network for the indigenous peoples of Africa focusing on issues around human rights violations, systematic legal and social discrimination, exclusion from decision-making and the political economy, and ecosystems - using natural resources either for pastoralism or hunting and foraging wild foods.</p>	<p>https://www.ipacc.org.za/about/ipacc@iafrica.com</p> <p>+27 021 674 3262</p> <p>21 Palmer Rd, Muizenberg, Cape Town, South Africa 7945</p>
<p>International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)</p>	<p>Global Network</p>	<p>Since 1968, IWGIA has worked to protect, promote and defend the rights of indigenous peoples, partnering and depending on information and collaboration with the global network of indigenous peoples' organisations, non-indigenous</p>	<p>https://www.iwgia.org/en/resources?publication_id=585</p> <p>E-mail: iwgia@iwgia.org</p> <p>Phone: (+45) 53 73 28 30</p>

		organisations, institutions, committees and councils.	Prinsessegade 29 B, 3rd floor DK 1422 Copenhagen Denmark
Working Group on Indigenous Populations / Communities in Africa	Gambia	The Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa is one of the special mechanisms overseen by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. The Working Group was created in 2000 during the Commission's 28th Ordinary Session. Its purpose is to protect and promote the human rights of indigenous peoples and communities throughout the African Union (AU) Member States.	https://ijrcenter.org/regional/african/working-group-on-indigenous-populations-communities-in-africa/ 31 Bijilo Annex Layout, Kombo North District Western Region P.O. Box 673 Banjul The Gambia