



BATANI INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS FUND  
FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SOLIDARITY

# STRATEGIC PLAN *2025-2027*

Championing Indigenous Rights,  
Inspiring Global Change





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*The International Indigenous Fund for Development and Solidarity "Batani" is dedicated to fostering sustainable development and advocating for the rights and well-being of indigenous communities worldwide. This strategic plan for 2025-2027 outlines our roadmap to achieving significant progress in these areas, guided by our vision, mission, and core values.*







# WHO WE ARE

20

*years of dedicated  
work*

SIRGE

*member since 2022*

ECOSOC UN

*consultative status  
in 2008*

The International Indigenous Fund for Development and Solidarity "Batani" is an organization committed to empowering indigenous peoples through sustainable development, advocacy, and solidarity. We collaborate with local and international partners, and various stakeholders to support projects that enhance cultural preservation, economic development, environmental resilience, innovations and social justice for indigenous communities worldwide.



**The International Indigenous Fund for Development and Solidarity "Batani" stands at the forefront of empowering indigenous communities and advocating for their rights globally.**

Our work is driven by a holistic approach that integrates four interconnected themes:

- **Cultural Preservation:** We are committed to protecting and promoting the rich cultural heritage of indigenous peoples. Our initiatives focus on safeguarding traditional languages, practices, and knowledge systems, ensuring they are passed down through generations.
- **Economic Empowerment:** Batani supports sustainable economic development within indigenous communities. By funding and facilitating economic initiatives, we help indigenous peoples achieve financial independence and improve their quality of life.
- **Human Rights Advocacy:** Advocating for the protection and recognition of indigenous rights is at the core of our mission. We work tirelessly to ensure that indigenous peoples' rights to self-determination, land, and resources are upheld and respected.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** We promote sustainable practices and environmental resilience among indigenous communities with a major focus on Green Economy and Just Transition

**Key Instruments of Batani's Work**

• **Information Work:**

- Managing the website batani.org and various social media channels.
- Creating and maintaining the I-Russia information portal.
- Regularly publishing reports, analytical materials, and news updates.
- Conducting information campaigns and participating in international conferences and forums.

• **Educational Initiatives:**

- Organizing webinars, exchange programs, and online courses.
- Conducting seminars and training sessions on leadership, project management, and sustainable development in the Arctic.
- Supporting youth educational initiatives and facilitating internships.

• **Advocacy Campaigns:**

- Leading campaigns against human rights violations, such as those by Norilsk Nickel.
- Providing legal support and organizing advocacy visits and negotiations.

• **Legal Support:**

- Offering legal consultations and assistance in preparing and filing lawsuits.

- Collaborating with leading lawyers and human rights organizations.
- Conducting legal training seminars.

• **Projects and Initiatives:**

- Managing the I-Russia information portal and running campaigns against corporate abuses.
- Implementing programs to preserve indigenous languages and support young leaders.

• **Partnerships and Collaboration:**

- Stanford University Collaboration
- SIRGE
- IRMA
- Dartmouth College
- UN Organizations Cooperation
- National Indigenous Organizations Partnership

• **Innovative solutions:**

- Our fund supports innovations that ensure the long-term sustainable development of indigenous communities, including infrastructure development, IT solutions and economic practices.





# Milestones

in the history of BATANI

## 2006-2014

### International Cooperation

- Promoted international cooperation among indigenous peoples of Russia, the US, Canada, Norway, Bolivia, and other countries.
- Strengthened global indigenous networks through collaborative projects and exchanges.

## LIQUIDATION

- The Russian Government recognized Batani Foundation as a foreign agent due to its advocacy and support for indigenous rights.
- The Moscow City Court, acting on the demand of the Russian Ministry of Justice, ordered the liquidation of the Batani Foundation.
- Several Batani staff members were exiled from Russia

## ONGOING ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

founding

2004

2006

2008

2010

2016

2018

2020-

present

## 2004-2014

### Economic Development Programs

- Successfully implemented several programs focused on the economic development of indigenous peoples in Sakhalin and other regions of the Russian Far East.
- Developed tools and mechanisms for negotiations between indigenous communities and private businesses.

Granted consultative status with ECOSOC UN, enhancing its ability to advocate for indigenous rights on an international platform.

## ADVOCACY FOR INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

- Advocated for the right of indigenous communities to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) regarding industrial projects on their traditional lands.
- Supported indigenous communities in asserting their right to refuse mineral extraction and industrial pollution.

## REESTABLISHMENT IN THE US

- Re-registered as a new NGO in the United States, continuing its mission to protect indigenous peoples' rights globally.
- Focused on information dissemination, educational programs, legal support, and international cooperation to advance indigenous rights.



# WHY SUPPORT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES?

*Supporting indigenous peoples is a transformative endeavor that unlocks a world of vibrant cultures, unparalleled wisdom, and sustainable solutions. Indigenous communities serve as custodians of invaluable traditional knowledge that offers innovative approaches to environmental stewardship, biodiversity conservation, and climate resilience. By standing with indigenous peoples, we champion the protection of fundamental human rights, preserve diverse languages, and uphold traditions that enrich humanity's tapestry.*

*Investing in indigenous communities not only safeguards their inherent rights to self-determination and land sovereignty but also catalyzes holistic development that benefits entire societies. This support cultivates resilient communities capable of navigating global challenges with creativity and fortitude. Moreover, fostering partnerships with indigenous organizations fosters mutual learning and collaboration, driving forward initiatives that prioritize social justice, equality, and inclusive development.*

*In essence, supporting indigenous peoples is a catalyst for positive change that transcends borders and generations. It embodies a commitment to justice, sustainability, and the enduring vitality of cultures that have sustained our planet for millennia. By amplifying indigenous voices and honoring their rights, we forge a path towards a more harmonious and prosperous world for present and future generations alike.*





## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to support and empower indigenous communities globally. We achieve this by fostering sustainable development practices that respect and integrate traditional knowledge, advocating for their rights to self-determination and land sovereignty, and promoting solidarity among all peoples. Through collaborative partnerships and inclusive initiatives, we strive to amplify indigenous voices and initiatives and innovations, ensuring they are integral to global conversations and actions.

## OUR VISION

*We envision a world where indigenous peoples thrive with full recognition of their inherent rights, preserving their rich cultural heritage, and leading sustainable, self-determined development. At Batani, we see a future where indigenous communities are empowered to flourish on their own terms, fostering a harmonious coexistence with their environments and contributing actively to global well-being.*

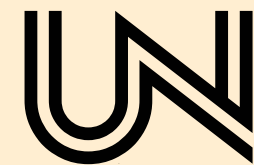


# WHAT WE OFFER



## INDIGENOUS-LED, IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARCTIC REGION

Expertise and insights from indigenous perspectives to inform development projects and policies.



## EXPERIENCE WITH UN BODIES AND INTERNATIONAL PROCESSES

Engagement with international institutions to advocate for indigenous rights and ensure global support.



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH BATANI'S GRANTMAKING MECHANISM

Access to grants for projects focusing on human rights, capacity building, and sustainable development.

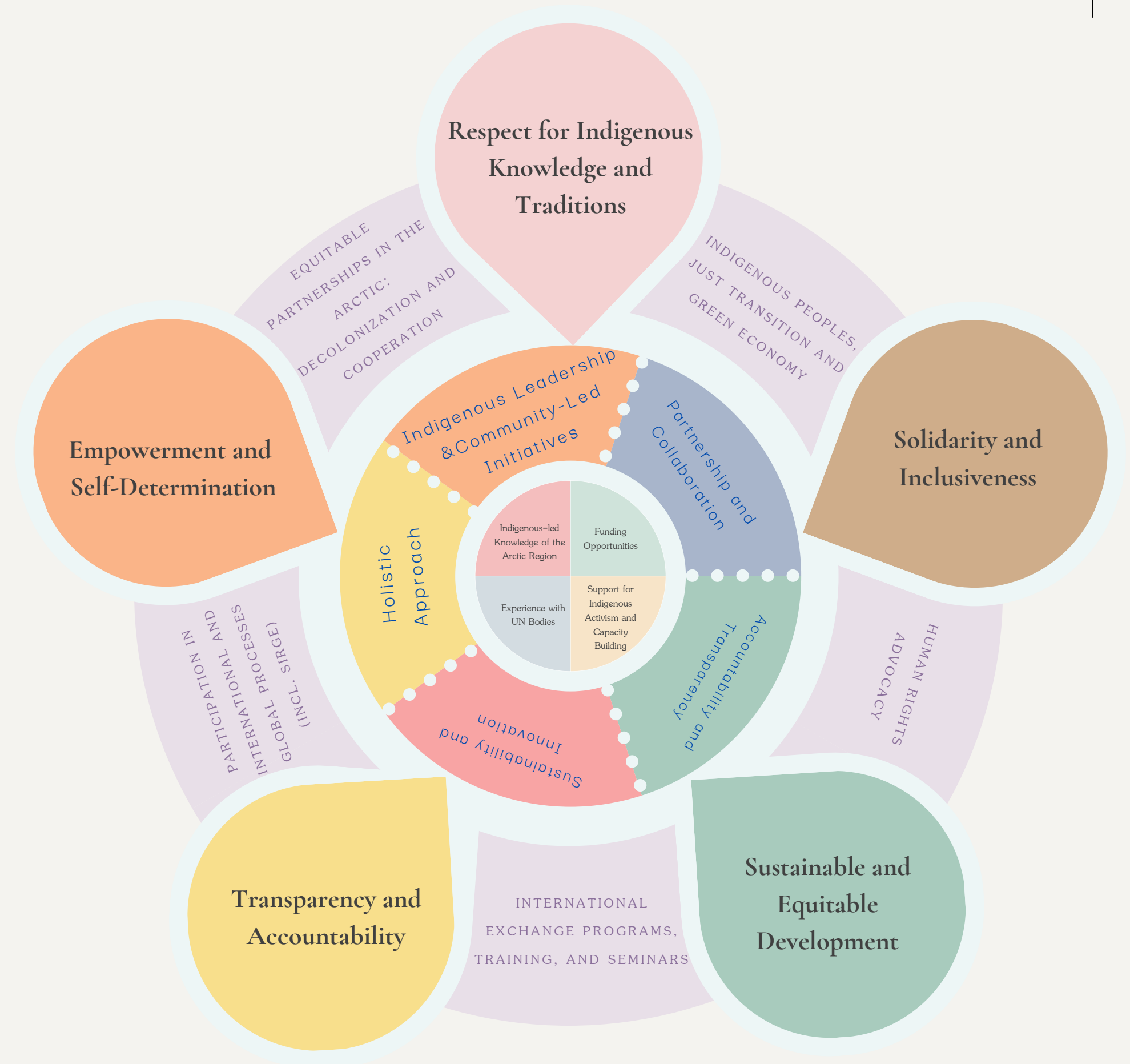


## SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS ACTIVISM AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Assistance in developing and implementing small project grant proposals. Programs supporting human rights protection, especially for indigenous youth, women, and individuals in emergency situations.

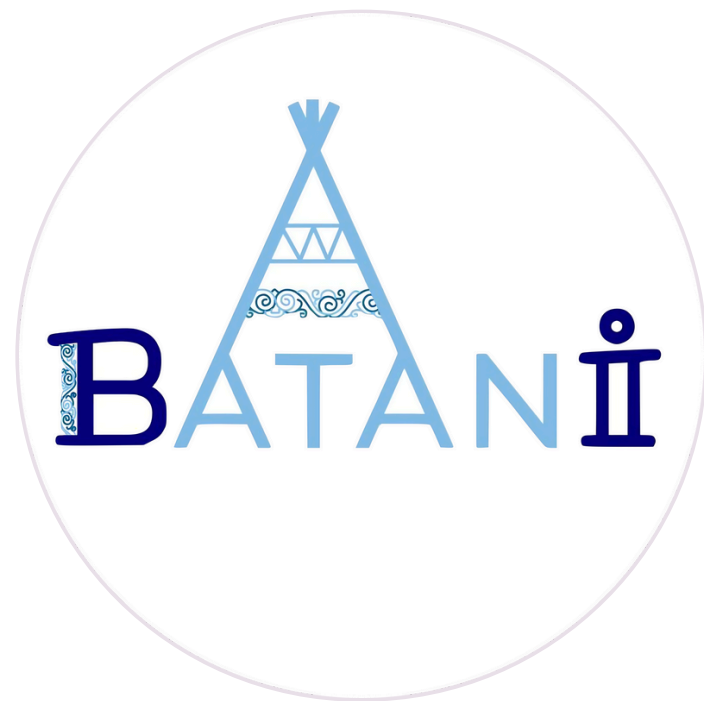


# Foundation of Our Work and Key Priorities





# KEY PROGRAM AREAS



## PROJECTS

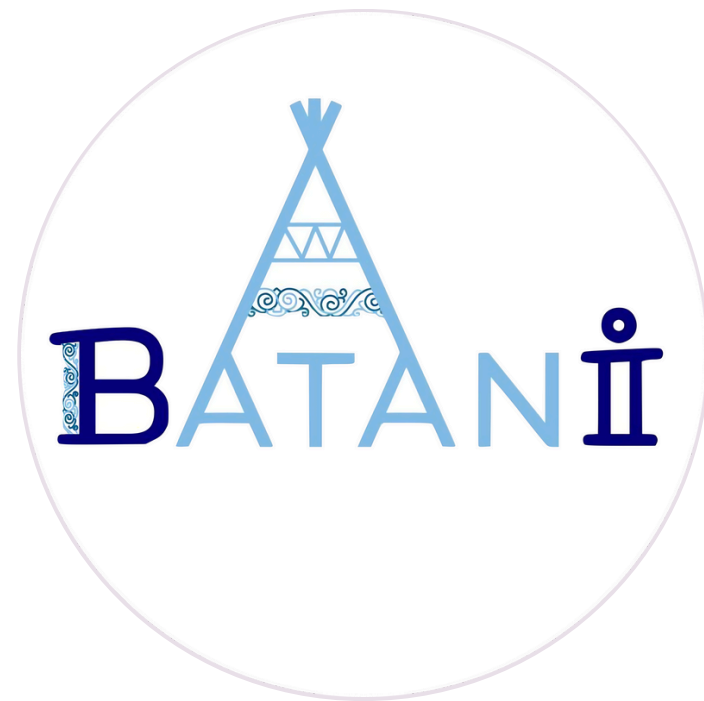
## DETAILS

**Equitable Partnerships in the Arctic:  
Decolonization and Cooperation**

- Develop cooperation with indigenous organizations on issues of self-governance, socio-economic development, climate change, adaptation and resilience, land rights, access to resources, benefit sharing, and negotiations.
- Conduct joint research with the scientific community and academic institutions on indigenous peoples' rights.
- Partner with the Arctic Council and its working groups on the development of indigenous peoples.
- Perform analytical work and monitor indigenous rights under Arctic Council activities.

**Indigenous Peoples, Just Transition and Green Economy**

- Facilitate international cooperation and exchange between indigenous peoples facing national parks' creation on their traditional lands.
- Support and consult the Udege people on their engagement for the co-management of the Bikin National Park as a pilot project in Russia.
- Assist in community development programs and project implementation on nature protection, climate change adaptation and resilience, green economy development, and environmental monitoring.
- Consult indigenous peoples in negotiations with authorities and the private sector on ongoing or planned commercial projects on traditional lands.



PROJECTS	DETAILS
<p><b>International Exchange Programs, Training, and Seminars</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Arrange exchanges between indigenous communities on culture, sport, youth, environment, and biodiversity.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Participation in International and Global Processes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Participate in global and international meetings to develop recommendations on indigenous rights protection, territorial and land rights, traditional livelihood, traditional knowledge, and languages.</li> <li>◦ Hold conferences and round tables with broad involvement of experts and scientists to develop recommendations for the UN, policymakers, Arctic Council, and national governments.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SIRGE Coalition</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The Batani Fund’s membership in the SIRGE Coalition is a key collaboration that amplifies Indigenous voices within global sustainability initiatives. As a member, the Batani Fund plays an active role in shaping policy, advancing advocacy efforts, and sharing critical knowledge within the Coalition. Fund’s involvement focuses on ensuring that Indigenous rights—particularly in areas like free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC), traditional knowledge, and environmental stewardship—are integrated into the Coalition’s work.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Human Rights Advocacy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Advocate for and support indigenous human rights defenders and leaders facing risks from repression and harassment by authorities, military forces, and businesses.</li> <li>◦ Conduct training seminars for indigenous representatives to protect their rights.</li> </ul>



# OUR VALUES

## RESPECT FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND TRADITIONS

Honoring the wisdom, practices, and contributions of indigenous cultures.

## SOLIDARITY AND INCLUSIVENESS

Building strong, inclusive partnerships to support collective action.

## SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

Promoting practices that are environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable.

## EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-DETERMINATION

Supporting the autonomy and leadership of indigenous communities.

## TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Ensuring openness and responsibility in all our operations.

# OUR PRINCIPLES

- Indigenous Leadership & Community-Led Initiatives:** Ensuring projects are initiated and led by indigenous communities.
- Holistic Approach:** Addressing interconnected social, economic, and environmental issues.
- Partnership and Collaboration:** Working with a diverse range of partners for comprehensive impact.
- Accountability and Transparency:** Maintaining high standards of accountability and transparency in all activities.
- Sustainability and Innovation:** Promoting sustainable practices and innovative solutions.





# OUR CORE AMBITION FOR 10 YEARS

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## OUR OBJECTIVES

- 1 CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION**  
Support projects that protect and promote indigenous languages, traditions, and knowledge.
- 2 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**  
Fund and support sustainable economic initiatives within indigenous communities.
- 3 ADVOCACY AND RIGHTS PROTECTION**  
Strengthen advocacy efforts at national and international levels.
- 4 EDUCATION AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT**  
Develop leadership and capacity-building programs.
- 5 LEGAL SUPPORT**  
Offer legal assistance to indigenous leaders and communities facing rights violations.





- Secure funding from grants, donations, and partnerships.
- Explore new revenue streams such as social enterprises and impact investments.

- Develop a comprehensive donor engagement strategy.
- Maintain transparent and regular communication with donors.

- Ensure funds are allocated effectively to maximize impact.
- Regularly review and adjust funding strategies based on project outcomes.

- Implement robust financial management systems.
- Conduct regular audits and financial reviews.

- Train staff and partners in effective fundraising techniques.
- Utilize technology and data to enhance fundraising efforts.

# CALL TO ACTION

STAND WITH BATANI - THE INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SOLIDARITY IN OUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO EMPOWER INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES AND PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS.

## DONATE

Your financial support is crucial. Contributions directly fund essential programs that promote economic empowerment, cultural preservation, and human rights advocacy for indigenous communities. Every contribution has a tangible impact.

## PARTNER WITH US

Engage in strategic partnerships and sponsorships to expand our reach and effectiveness. Collaborative initiatives allow us to leverage resources and expertise, enhancing our ability to support more communities.

## VOLUNTEER

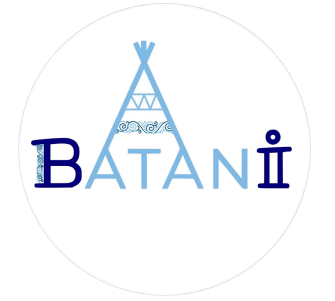
Offer your skills and time to support Batani's projects, events, and advocacy campaigns. Your involvement is a valuable asset in driving our mission forward.

## SPREAD THE WORD

Use your platforms to raise awareness. Follow us on social media, share our initiatives, and help us highlight the challenges and achievements of indigenous peoples globally.

VISIT [WWW.BATANI.ORG](http://WWW.BATANI.ORG) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WORK AND HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE. TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE THAT INDIGENOUS VOICES ARE AMPLIFIED, THEIR RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED, AND THEIR CULTURES ARE CELEBRATED.





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