



# World Social Forum 2024 Global Indigenous Peoples Forum National Indigenous Women's Federation (NIWF)



## Reclaiming Our Roots: Indigenous Women's Struggle for Land Rights - A Panel Discussion

Co-Organized by Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN)

Collaboration with Network of Indigenous Women in Asia (NIWA), Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI)

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**Kanchenjunga (Bhrikuti Mandap)**

### Brief background:

The history and identity of Indigenous Peoples are deeply intertwined with our land and territories, serving as the foundation for our right to self-determination. The connection to the land extends beyond material and economic aspects of our culture which is profoundly spiritual. The significance of Indigenous values and attachment is not limited to our survival but also the existence of all beings. Indigenous Women are at the forefront playing a vital role in protecting and preserving our territories and knowledge connected with it. This is globally acknowledged and stated in the ILO Convention No. 169, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and CEDAW General Recommendation No. 39 which provide special rights to Indigenous Peoples to their lands, territories, and natural resources.

Despite the existing international standards, Indigenous Women worldwide struggle for control over land and natural resources against encroachment of state interests, external development, commercial forces as well as conservation and green initiatives such as hydropower, mining, national parks and conservation areas, agribusiness and more. Indigenous struggle to protect land, territories and natural resources is also our struggle to preserve indigenous knowledge, culture and traditions often inextricably linked to the land and territories itself.

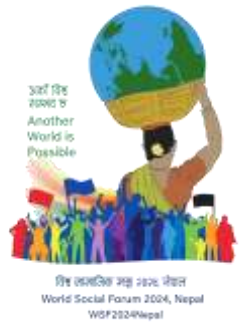
Thus, this panel discussion will host Indigenous Women who have been working in reclaiming the rights of Indigenous Peoples to their territories against the state and non-state actors. The speakers will share their stories of resilience, story of reclamation and the stories of reaffirming the connection to mother earth. The panel discussion will be organized in the Global Indigenous Peoples Forum.

### Objective:

This discussion is aiming to create a space for Indigenous Women and Indigenous Peoples to come together to share their experiences and realities of in regards to their connection to their land and ongoing struggles through out the world.



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