

Position Paper – Ethiopia

Committee: SOCHUM (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee)

Country: Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Agenda: Ensuring the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Context of Climate Change and Environmental Degradation



Climate change and environmental problems pose significant challenges for indigenous peoples today. These communities depend on land, water, and forests for their survival and traditions.

As a result of drought, floods, and land degradation, many indigenous communities are becoming homeless, facing hunger and poverty.

Many communities, such as the Afar, Oromo, and Somali peoples of Ethiopia, live in areas severely affected by climate change. Deforestation, dry weather, and lack of rain make agriculture and livestock farming even more difficult. These problems also endanger their traditional ways of life.

Ethiopia wants to protect both its citizens and the environment. The country is affected by climate change because a large portion of the population relies on agriculture and livestock farming for their livelihoods.

To address these challenges, the government has established a Climate-Resilient Green Economy Strategy. This strategy aims to reduce pollution and help people adapt to climate change. Millions of trees have been planted as part of a major project called the Green Legacy Initiative. This project aims to prevent deforestation and improve the environment. Ethiopia believes that the participation of indigenous peoples in these projects and the sharing of their traditional knowledge is crucial to their success.

Ethiopia proposes the following:

1. Seeking the input of indigenous peoples before undertaking major projects.
2. Providing greater international support and financing for local climate projects.
3. Integrating indigenous knowledge into national and local climate plans.
4. Collaborating with other African countries to protect at-risk communities.

Ethiopia believes that protecting Indigenous rights and fighting climate change must go together. Through shared responsibility, fair financing, and respect for culture and tradition, the international community can ensure a sustainable and inclusive future for all.