Ms. Elisa Fernandez  
Chief of the Fund for Gender Equality  
UNWOMEN

Dear Elisa,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to share a new initiative that will be carried on by the International Indigenous Women’s Forum, in Partnership with International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) and the Association for Women’s Right in Development (AWID).

This project entails a Research on the Status of Indigenous Women’s Rights Funding, entitled “Where is the Money for Indigenous Women’s Rights”.


This attention and events offer a unique opportunity to bring specific focus on the role of indigenous women’s rights groups and organizations in sustaining and advancing their communities well being as well as their struggles and challenges.

The IFIP Summit on Philanthropy offers a unique space to bring together a vibrant group of activists and funders to focus on the question of increasing the quality and quantity of funds going to indigenous women’s groups

Current project response to the gaps and needs identified by the activists and donors alike to demonstrate more evidence of how few resources are being contributed to indigenous women’s rights and to facilitate a political dialogue between donors and activists to ensure more and better resources.

FIMI, as the first indigenous women-led funder specifically dedicated to resourcing Indigenous women’s rights is ready to offer some learnings from the first few rounds of grant-making they have led with their AYNI Indigenous
Mobilizing Resources for Indigenous Women’s Rights

Women’s Fund. Building on AWID’s *Where is the Money for Women’s Rights?* research methodology, AWID, FIMI, and IFIP in collaboration with INWF will launch research on *Where is the Money for Indigenous Women’s Rights?* to be presented at IFIP Summit.

UN WOMEN’s Fund for Gender Equality is a key stakeholder as a fund with vast experience in funding women around the world. I would like to ask for permission to review FGE’s Databases, in order to analyze basic data concerning indigenous women organizations’ priorities in their requests for funds, the amounts requested and other information that could be relevant for our research. Specifically, we would like to access the full proposals of FGE’s last call for proposals. Mrs. Tamara Lea Spira and Ms. Dana Olwan, who are working as research consultants, will be analyzing the data and information provided. We respect the confidentiality of such information and guarantee that no confidential information (such as the name of applicant/funded organizations) will be used nor published in our research.

Sincerely,

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