Sustainability and Environmental Justice for Native American Communities

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Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development
Climate Change and the need for a Paradigm Shift
Indigenous Peoples “rural” lands used as resource colonies
Right to the City

Declaration on the Rights of Campesinos (Small Farmers/Peasants)

UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Paris Agreement- Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

UN Forum on Climate Change

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

High-Level Political Forum on the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals

Global Landscapes Forum
Indigenous Peoples Rights: Sustainability and Environmental Justice
Article 26
1. Indigenous peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired.
2. Indigenous peoples have the right to own, use, develop and control the lands, territories and resources that they possess by reason of traditional ownership or other traditional occupation or use, as well as those which they have otherwise acquired.
3. States shall give legal recognition and protection to these lands, territories and resources. Such recognition shall be conducted with due respect to the customs, traditions and land tenure systems of the indigenous peoples concerned.
Free, Prior and Informed Consent and “consultations”

Right to Develop Decision-Making Mechanisms

Traditional Ecological Knowledges/Traditional Knowledges
Landscape approaches to integrated land and water management
Centering Rights:

Indigenous Peoples Major Group and the development of “Gold Standard”: of Rights-based approaches to Landscape management
Immigrants destroying a God-Given Land!
What the Frack

Our elders use to caution us about our own kids destroying us!

Contaminated Food

Contaminated Water

Uranium Tailing

Our past leaders destroyed us already.
INDIAN SOVEREIGNTY

I keep him in control. He does everything by guidelines that I setup for him within a boundary. The cost to me is one measly meal a day.
I'm getting to know the ins & outs of investment and business management. So, if you're here to grow somethings, I have to charge you a fee and not trouble from you.

Spring has sprung!
INDIGENOUS RIGHTS PROTECT DEFEND
Role of NM stakeholders to engage IP as Rights Holders

- Governor Grisham Administration- Climate Change Declaration, Energy Transition Act
- Congresswoman Haaland and Green New Deal
- Red Nation and Red Deal
- NM State Land Office
- NM Environment Department
- NM Indian Affairs Department and Energy Transitional Act Consultations
We have an opportunity to comprehensively re-evaluate and re-imagine our development future for New Mexico’s urban, rural and Native American Communities that protects the LTR and sacred spaces of Indigenous Peoples for the benefit of our ecological sustainability, resiliency, and for the prosperity of future generations.
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