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Welcome to our Sharing Circle August 2025

Happy International Indigenous Peoples Day!

As summer unfolds across many of our territories, we're holding space for moments of hope and solidarity— as communities around the world continue to face conflict, loss, and uncertainty. Amid it all, we remain grounded in our shared values and inspired by the leadership of Indigenous Peoples who continue to guide us towards a more just, balanced, and sustainable path.

WELCOME

Welcome Respected Members!

This edition of the Sharing Circle brings together a collection of reflections, updates, and celebratory moments from recent gatherings, policy events, and conversations our team and our members have been engaged in. From exploring equitable and empowering approaches to financing and governance, to centering Indigenous youth in visioning spaces, to uplifting Indigenous leadership at global convenings—IFIP’s community is actively working towards advancing Indigenous Peoples’ rights and self-determination.

With your partnership and active engagement, IFIP is deepening and broadening our global reach. As we start our new fiscal year, I am excited to share that our plans are shaping up to be one full of promise as we make progress on our strategic goals and mark our 25th Anniversary with you, our Members and Partners. We will share many of these updates at the upcoming Member Community Meeting on August 27th and will have two tracks to meet different time zones.

I also take the opportunity to share that as part of our sustainability plan, IFIP will introduce an increase to the 2026 membership dues, which is the first adjustment we made since 2020. Details about this will be released in August to assist you, our valued community, with advance planning.

We invite you to share your updates, resources, calls for proposals, and your events by posting them on the IFIP Membership Hub or by emailing us at membership@internationalfunders.org. Let’s make the Sharing Circle, a medium to share how our community is expanding its giving to Indigenous Peoples and living up to the 5R’s of Indigenous Philanthropy.

We’re grateful to have you as part of our circle—sharing, learning, and walking this path with us.

**In solidarity,
Lourdes Inga**



Image: IFIP Two Executive Directors - former IFIP ED: Evelyn Arce-Erickson joins her successor our current ED Lourdes Inga to celebrate IFIP’s 25th Anniversary in June 2025.

Programming Highlights

From Cultivating Alliances in Yucatán to elevating Indigenous youth leadership and advocating for climate justice at the Bonn Climate Conference, IFIP's recent programming reflects bold, community-driven action across global spaces.

At the 24th UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, IFIP played a leading role in advancing Indigenous rights—from accompanying 18 midwives in promoting ancestral health practices to spotlighting Indigenous-Led Funds in global advocacy spaces. With new research, strategic events, and powerful partnerships, IFIP and our partners helped shape key UNPFII outcomes.

To cap it off, building upon years of foundational work - IFIP launched Reframing Philanthropy: Indigenous-Led Funds Governance Models and the Rooted in Trust toolkit, showcasing the leadership of Indigenous-Led Funds.

Dive into the full updates within this interactive newsletter to see how IFIP and our partners are reimagining philanthropy and amplifying Indigenous-led solutions.

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IFIP at the 24th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)

The International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) participated in the first week of the 24th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), held from April 21 to May 2, 2025. This year's theme, "Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) within UN Member States and the UN system," underscored the urgency of realizing Indigenous rights amid climate change, biodiversity loss, and the need for culturally rooted development approaches.

Throughout the week, IFIP engaged with its members, Indigenous Peoples organizations, actively supporting advocacy efforts and facilitating key engagements across the Forum.

One major highlight was IFIP's engagement in promoting Indigenous midwifery as a vital and autonomous practice. In partnership with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Continental Alliance of Indigenous Midwives of the Americas, IFIP co-hosted a series of events including a full-day strategy meeting and an official UN side event, "Indigenous Midwifery & Rights: Progress, Gaps & Solutions." IFIP facilitated the participation of 18 Indigenous midwives from seven countries and supported the Alliance in its public presentation of the [Declaration](#) promoting Indigenous midwifery as an essential health service. Furthermore, Alliance member, María Quiñelén, from Chile delivered a [statement](#) at the official session.

This advocacy yielded a major success, [UNPFII official report](#) (Paragraph 29) included a groundbreaking recommendation recognizing Indigenous midwifery as an autonomous ancestral practice and calling on Member States and agencies such as WHO and PAHO to finance, decriminalize, and integrate it into national health policies.



Image: Continental Alliance Opening



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Image: Indigenous Midwives of the Americas Meeting at the Ban Ki-moon Foundation

UNPFII Highlights continued

In connection to the leadership role IFIP is playing on raising the visibility and strengthening the ecosystem of Indigenous Led Funds globally. IFIP hosted a well-attended side event on the role of Indigenous-Led Funds in advancing the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). In addition, IFIP facilitated and coordinated with the Ereto Solidarity Fund, Kipok Fund, AYNi Fund, and Fundo Rutî, to deliver a [formal intervention](#) on the importance of financing Indigenous Peoples' participation across multilateral systems. This joint advocacy effort elevated calls for direct, just, and long-term funding to Indigenous Peoples' organizations and initiatives.

IFIP was also thrilled to launch our newest body of knowledge, IFIP's new research report, Reframing Philanthropy: Indigenous-Led Funds Governance Models, highlighting governance models and funding pathways grounded in Indigenous values. This new report explores the governance structures, values, principles, and operational realities of 23 Indigenous Led Funds from the Arctic, Africa, Asia, Pacific, North America and Latin America. The report will be accompanied by a toolkit Rooted in Trust: A Funders' Toolkit for Strengthening Indigenous-Led Funds.

Learn more about Indigenous Led Funds

–See the [Cultural Survival interview at the UNPFII Indigenous Media Zone with IFIP](#), Ereto and FIMI as they discuss Indigenous Led Funds.

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UNPFII Special Events

IFIP was pleased to contribute towards the realization of the UNPFII reception at the UN Headquarters, joining other Indigenous organizations to make the reception possible.

IFIP also joined an event hosted by Open Society Foundations and the Permanent Mission of Colombia on Coca is a Plant – Film, Art, Indigenous Rights & the Coca Leaf. The event highlighted the Coca plant's 8,000-year history of cultural, medicinal, and spiritual use by Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon and Andes and called for international policy changes to remove its narcotic classification and uphold Indigenous rights.

IFIP's engagement and leadership is only possible because of the trust, friendship, and support of our global member community and partners. We are thankful to all who contributed to the UNPFII programming and hosting as follows: Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), Ban Ki-moon Foundation, Continental Alliance of Indigenous and Ancestral Midwives of the Americas, Community First Development, Cultural Survival, Ereto Solidarity Fund, Foro Internacional de Mujeres Indígenas (FIMI), Fundo Rutí, IMPACT, Inuit Nunat Fund, Kipok Fund, Land is Life, Pawanka Fund, Open Society Foundation, Tamalpais Trust, UNDP and W.K. Kellogg Foundation.



Image: Indigenous and Ancestral Midwives of the Americas Meeting and Intervention in New York April 2025.

Rooted in Trust: Understanding the Indigenous-Led Funds Governance Scan and Toolkit for Funders

Indigenous-Led Funds (ILFs) are gaining recognition as transformative models of resource redistribution that prioritize Indigenous governance and self-determination. These funds are not simply mechanisms for allocating grants; they are expressions of self-determination, deeply grounded in Indigenous knowledge systems and community accountability. As their visibility and impact continue to grow, so too has the need for deeper understanding—by both funders and the philanthropic field more broadly—about how ILFs function, how they lead, and what makes their approach distinct from mainstream philanthropic institutions.

IFIP recently published a new body of knowledge, the Reframing Philanthropy: [Indigenous-Led Funds Governance Models](#), the first of its kind. Indigenous-Led Funds Governance Scan, developed by the International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP), explores the governance structures, values, principles, and operational realities of 23 Indigenous Led Funds from the Arctic, Africa, Asia, Pacific, North America and Latin America. The purpose of the scan is to highlight Indigenous leadership and offer insight into how ILFs are redefining governance and accountability in ways that are grounded in Indigenous worldviews, and to articulate their practices in ways that could be shared with both peer ILFs and philanthropic allies.

One of the key contributions of the scan is its articulation of how Indigenous-Led Funds have retooled philanthropic systems to move resources more justly and effectively by centering representative governance, with decision-making processes that include Elders, youth, and grassroots voices and being guided not by donor priorities but by community-defined goals.

To translate the insights of the Governance Scan into practical support for the wider field, IFIP developed a companion resource: [Rooted in Trust: A Funders' Toolkit for Strengthening Indigenous-Led Funds](#). This toolkit captures the core values, lessons, and recommendations shared by ILF leaders during the scan. It introduces a framework based on the 5Rs of Indigenous Philanthropy: Respect, Relationships, Responsibility, Reciprocity, and Redistribution. These are not abstract values; they are living practices that shape every aspect of ILF operations and partnerships.



Image: ILF Governance Scan Soft-launch at UNDP, April 2025

Indigenous Youth Manifesto & Funder Dialogue

On June 10, IFIP hosted a virtual session titled “Empowering the Future: Indigenous Youth and Funders’ Dialogue for Transformative Change.” The session brought together more than 110 Indigenous youth leaders and funders to explore how to strengthen support for Indigenous community-driven initiatives. This session centered upon the [Indigenous Youth Manifesto](#) that was co-created by the youth at the 2nd Indigenous Youth Dialogues at our Global Conference in Kenya, with the support of Mastercard Foundation.

Key highlights included:

1. Indigenous youth called for **direct support, long-term investment, and trust in community-led solutions.**
2. Speakers shared personal experiences navigating the complexities of funding and advocacy while defending their cultures and territories.
3. Funders reflected on the importance of **flexibility, trust-based philanthropy, and centering Indigenous knowledge** in funding strategies.
4. There was a strong call to **reimagine funding models, dismantle colonial structures, and build equitable partnerships.**
5. The importance of **intergenerational knowledge-sharing and youth leadership** rooted in land, identity, and language was emphasized.



Images: Indigenous Youth at the 2025 IFIP Conference in Kenya



IFIP in International Forums

IFIP at Bonn Climate Conference 2025

IFIP attended the Bonn Climate Conference 2025 from 16 – 19 June and Indigenous Peoples Caucus pre meetings on June 14-15, 2025. The Bonn Climate Conference is UNFCCC mandated annual intersessional meetings happening between the previous COPs and upcoming COPs to review the technical improvements of climate actions and implementation of climate agreements and shape the key decisions and agenda to be finalized at the upcoming COPs.

The 62nd session of the Subsidiary Bodies of the UNFCCC, also known as SB62 was important to Indigenous Peoples because it gave Indigenous Peoples opportunity to closely follow and make recommendations for key decision items related to Indigenous Peoples such as Climate Finance, Global Goal on Adaptations, Just Transition and Non-Market Based Approaches.

Some of the key advocacy demands by the Indigenous Peoples during the SB62, which will be carried forward to the COP30 are as follows.

1. Operationalization of direct access of funding for mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage for Indigenous Peoples.
2. Explicitly reflect the rights, knowledge, and governance systems of Indigenous Peoples in the development of Global Goal on Adaptation,
3. Recognition of Indigenous Food systems as viable alternative to industrial food systems and its integral role in mitigation and adaptation strategies. Rejecting the promotion of false solutions and valuing the Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in just transitions projects.

In addition to the key negotiation's issues, Indigenous Peoples through the Indigenous Peoples Caucus raised the issue for inclusive participation of Indigenous Peoples in COP30 that acknowledges the central role of Indigenous Peoples in climate action, allocation of COP30 badges and logistical arrangements with the COP30 President Designate, André Aranha Corrêa do Lago. IFIP closely attended and supported advocacy through engagement with the IPs caucus and members and partners attending the conference.



Image: Alina Saba, IFIP Program Coordinator at the Bonn Climate Conference 2025.

Call for Fundraising for COP30 Indigenous Peoples Pavillion

The International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC), the primary channel for Indigenous Peoples' engagement in UNFCCC has geared up for supporting participation of Indigenous Peoples in COP30.

The IIPFCC is currently fundraising towards the Indigenous Pavillion for COP30. The pavilion is used as a platform for Indigenous Peoples to collectively engage in the COP30 through hosting side events, IPs caucus daily meetings, and media engagements. We humbly request our members to kindly support the fundraising campaign of Indigenous Peoples Pavillion for COP30. Please see the [concept note](#) with the funding request details. If you would like to have further information, please contact Graeme Reed, GReed@afn.ca Graeme is technical advisor to the Co-chairs of the IIPFCC and is a focal person coordinating the fundraising. advocacy through engagement with the IPs caucus and members and partners attending the conference.

4TH International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4)

IFIP attended the UN Financing for Development Conference as part of the WINGS delegation of philanthropic networks attending to support action by the sector to foster an enabling environment, ecosystem investment on a localization agenda, and growing local cultures of giving to supplement international development assistance. IFIP also participated on the side event The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Renewed Global Financing Framework organized by Fondo para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas de América Latina y el Caribe FILAC, International Labor Organization (ILO), and the World Bank.

The FFD4 UN event focused on reforming the global financial system to better support sustainable development, particularly the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). FFD4 was attended by governments, multilaterals, bilaterals, businesses, philanthropy who gathered to discuss the pressing changes and realities in front of us due to the significant reduction of international development cooperation assistance, which risks impacting the progress social movements have made for the betterment of societies Philanthropic foundations attending and speaking on panels expressed hesitation about being expected to fill the gap left by donor countries that have decided to reduce funding for development assistance programs.

The [Sevilla Commitment](#) was adopted with a focus on mobilizing private finance, blended finance, social bonds, and debt swaps but without much clarity on how any of the proposed solutions will reach Indigenous Peoples, on the final document, Indigenous Peoples were mentioned under private capital noting under bullet the participation of Indigenous Peoples: (vii) To include participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities as well as relevant stakeholders in decisions affecting them.

You can find the Declaration from the FfD4 Civil Society Forum [here](#) with its reflections and critique of the Sevilla Commitment.



Image: Brazilian delegation with COP30 Presidency at the Bonn Climate Conference 2025



Sembrando Alianzas

IFIP was honored to participate in Sembrando Alianzas (Cultivating Alliances), a convening organized by the W.K.Kellogg Foundation from June 4–6 in the beautiful city of Mérida, Yucatán. Over three days, representatives from diverse organizations came together to reflect on the challenges facing our communities, build collaborative connections, and explore new possibilities for partnership.

The gathering served as a vibrant space for mutual recognition, shared inspiration, and meaningful exchange. It aimed to strengthen ties, highlight existing collaborations, and spark new alliances through collective dialogue and visioning. IFIP was grateful to have been part of this experience—a reminder of the power of walking together toward shared goals.

Celebrating Solidarity, Recognition and our Members

This edition of Sharing Circle highlights powerful recognitions IFIP received from AIPP and FIMI for our long-standing solidarity with Indigenous-led movements. We also feature inspiring updates from our global member network—new programs, bold advocacy, leadership transitions, and cultural celebrations that reflect the strength and vision of Indigenous communities worldwide.

And we are happy to introduce **5 new Members** to our Community.

Click through to explore how our growing community and collective efforts are making waves across regions and movements!

CELEBRATING SOLIDARITY

IFIP honored by Indigenous Movement Asia

Celebrating Solidarity

Members in the News

Welcome to our New Members!



IFIP is proud and humble to be recognized by the Indigenous Movement for our partnership to Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Women.

IFIP honored by Indigenous Movement in Asia

IFIP was deeply honored to be recognized by the [Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact Foundation](#) (AIPP) during its Ninth General Assembly, held in early June 2025 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. AIPP, the only regional network of Indigenous Peoples in Asia, is dedicated to promoting and defending indigenous Peoples' rights and human rights across the region. The Assembly, convened under the theme "Being Indigenous in Asia: Common Identity, Shared Struggles, Collective Futures" brought together its members along with its key regional and global partners.

During the closing Ceremony, **IFIP received a special award in recognition of its longstanding solidarity, continued partnership and commitment to Indigenous-led movements across the region. The award statement read: "Your unwavering support has shaped our journey. With deep respect, we honor your integrity and solidarity in advancing the rights and dignity of Indigenous Peoples in Asia".**

Chanda Thapa, IFIP's Program Director accepted the award on behalf of IFIP from Gam A. Shimray, Secretary General of AIPP. Also recognized during this ceremony were IFIP members, Pawanka Fund and The Samdhana Institute.

Image: Chanda Thapa, IFIP's Program Director accepting the award on behalf of IFIP from Gam A. Shimray, Secretary General of AIPP

Celebrating Solidarity: FIMI Honors IFIP at Its 25th Anniversary Global Gathering

In June 2025, the [International Indigenous Women's Forum \(FIMI\)](#) held a Global Indigenous Women's Gathering in Lima, Peru, to celebrate 25 years of leadership and resilience. The two-day event, held on June 20–21, brought together Indigenous women from across the globe to commemorate the collective struggles for the individual and collective rights of Indigenous Women and Girls, to honor their shared histories, recognize achievements, and reaffirm their commitment to transforming the lives of Indigenous girls, women, and women with disabilities.

During this powerful gathering of Indigenous Women, funders and other allies, FIMI recognized key partners and allies who have journeyed with them over the years. Among those **honored was the International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) and our Executive Director, Lourdes Inga. The recognition of IFIP by FIMI was a heartfelt acknowledgment of a long-standing relationship rooted in trust, shared values, and a commitment to Indigenous self-determination.** Winnie Kodi, IFIP's Indigenous Led Funds Manager accepted the award on behalf of IFIP from Tarcila Rivera Zea, FIMI's Board President.

FIMI's recognition of IFIP and other allies affirms the profound value of long-term partnerships with Indigenous-led organizations. It also exemplifies what it means to co-create pathways that honor Indigenous women's leadership while advancing broader systemic change and the enduring impact that can be achieved when funders move beyond transactional relationships to embrace solidarity, accompaniment, and accountability. These relationships are not built overnight, they are cultivated through decades of shared learning, active listening, and deep care. For years IFIP and FIMI have walked alongside one another, forging a relationship that has been both strategic and deeply relational that has evolved through shared participation in regional and global convenings, plus shared advocacy efforts.

For IFIP, these moments of recognition serve as both an honor and an affirmation. It strengthens our resolve to continue advancing Indigenous self-determination and leadership across the philanthropic sector. It reminds IFIP of the importance of staying rooted in community and committed to amplifying the voices, visions, and solutions of Indigenous Peoples globally.





Image: 2019 IWWG New York at FJS office with Nicky McIntyre

IFIP Members in the News

Check out the latest Member News - from powerful new programs and advocacy efforts to leadership transitions and cultural celebrations that showcase the strength and vision of Indigenous communities around the world.

The MacArthur Foundation has launched a new program dedicated to working in good relations with Native communities. Rooted in years of listening, unlearning, and building meaningful relationships, the program reflects a long-term commitment to moving at the pace of trust. In a [message from President John Palfrey](#), the Foundation highlights that this work is still unfolding and intentionally leaves space for future leadership to help shape its direction.

Amazon Watch shared that a recent delegation of **Waoarani and Kichwa Pakkiru leaders from Ecuador to Sacramento was a success!** The group traveled to California to spotlight the link between the state's Amazon crude imports and deforestation and rights violations in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Their powerful advocacy helped prompt the California state Senate to introduce a resolution to end the state's import of crude oil from the Amazon. The visit comes as Ecuador plans to open new oil blocks, despite a 2023 referendum and a 2025 Inter-American Court ruling protecting Indigenous lands. Amazon Watch also just released a [major report](#) on Ecuador's attempt to auction off Indigenous territories for oil drilling."

The Cultural Conservancy recently received a coveted **Lush Spring Prize** bringing home the **Indigenous Knowledge & Wisdom Award**. Founded in 1985, The Cultural Conservancy's mission is to protect and revitalize Indigenous cultures through the direct application of traditional knowledge and practices on ancestral lands. Check out the video about their award-winning work [HERE](#).

Ford Foundation recently announced that Heather Gerken will become the 11th president of the Foundation in November of 2025. Heather is the current dean of Yale Law School and is an expert on constitutional law and democracy. She will be succeeding President Darren Walker who ably served in this position for over ten years. IFIP acknowledges Darren for Ford Foundation's commitment to funding Indigenous Peoples. We also look forward to welcoming Heather in the coming months, with an emphasis on the important role the Ford Foundation has played in supporting Indigenous Peoples, and to encourage a renewed commitment to funding Indigenous Peoples under her leadership.

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Members in the News

Welcome to our New Members!

Foundations for a Just Society has announced a leadership transition, following eight years of incredible leadership, CEO Nicky McIntyre is stepping down from her position at FJS at the end of August. IFIP expresses our deep appreciation to Nicky for the support she provided during her tenure to advance Indigenous Women philanthropy advocacy and for supporting her team on building closer relationships with IFIP by joining as a member, and for and partnering with us in advocating for Indigenous Women. Nicky's philanthropic leadership on the feminist, gender, and LGBTQ+ movement is widely recognized. We wish Nicky all the best with her future endeavors. We also celebrate and welcome continuing our partnership with FJS under the co-leadership of Maitri Morarji and Lisa North who are serving as Interim Co-CEOs.

NAIDOC Week 2025 marked its 50th anniversary with the theme "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," honoring the resilience, culture, and leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. IFIP member Community First Development joined in celebrating this milestone by highlighting the power of community-led work that uplifts young First Nations leaders. In a recent article in The Canberra Times, CEO Stephanie Harvey reflected on how the organization continues to support self-determined initiatives grounded in cultural knowledge and community priorities. This week served as a powerful reminder of the importance of truth-telling, solidarity, and walking alongside communities to create lasting change.

Learn more: NAIDOC Week 2025: learning from communities – [Community First Development](#) and [NAIDOC website](#).

Chirapaq Indigenous Film Festival

IFIP was proud to support CHIRAPAQ in organizing the Indigenous Film Festival in Peru—an event celebrating the voices, stories, and perspectives of Indigenous filmmakers from across the region. The festival highlighted themes of identity, cultural resilience, and connection to land and community. To get a glimpse of the festival, watch the official trailer here: Watch on [YouTube](#). Learn more about the festival and CHIRAPAQ's work at: chirapaq.org.pe

***Note we encourage our members to send your updates, call for proposals, and resources for highlighting within our Members Hub portal, Knowledge Hub on the website, and on the members newsletters. Send your updates to membership@internationalfunders.org**

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20 - 28 de Junio 2025
Lima, Perú

Welcome to Our New Members!

We are proud to welcome **five new IFIP members** to our growing network who are leading powerful and values-aligned work around the world. Join us in welcoming [Mannifera](#) and Oranges & Sardines based in Australia, the [Mas Foundation](#) in New Zealand, plus [Home Planet Fund](#) and [Beneficial Returns](#). Be sure to check them out online and welcome them in our community events!

Learn more about them here:

Beneficial Returns – [The Reciprocity Fund](#) - Created as a special mandate of Beneficial Returns, the Reciprocity Fund provides loans to enterprises that work to create economic opportunity and sustainable livelihoods for Indigenous communities in Latin America and Southeast Asia. We partner with Indigenous-led enterprises advancing their inherent rights, dignity, and self-determination while stewarding land, culture, and biocultural diversity. Using recoverable grants, we circulate philanthropic capital on favorable terms to Indigenous entrepreneurs working to protect ancestral lands and address challenges such as climate change and food insecurity. So far, we have funded over 50 enterprises including cooperatives and associations. We invite you to join us as an investor with your philanthropic dollars or to introduce us to Indigenous enterprises seeking affordable, aligned capital to grow their impact. [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#)

Home Planet Fund - supports Indigenous Peoples and local communities in remote and frontline regions to advance underfunded, nature-based climate solutions. A recent highlight includes micro-forests in Afghanistan that restores ecosystems, sequesters carbon, and supports food production. [Instagram](#) [Facebook](#) [LinkedIn](#)

Mannifera - is an Australian funder collective advancing a fair democracy and economy by investing in civil society and First Nations-led organisations while fostering collective action and shared learning, and we are committed to listening and learning from First Peoples as one of our core values. As part of this commitment Mannifera contributes at least 20 per cent of its grant funding to First Nations-led initiatives, with these grants being determined by a team of First Nations advisers.

Mannifera has recently launched a co-funding initiative to amplify First Nations grantmaking and connect aligned funders to an incredible co-hort of First Nations-led organizations. They are advocating for other funders to prioritize First Nations-led granting and invite aligned member to reach out and join them. [LinkedIn](#)



Image: Mannifera Field Visit

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Image: Home Planet Fund - Cane Project

Mas Foundation - MAS Foundation is uniquely structured through a **Te Tiriti o Waitangi** partnership, sharing leadership between **Tangata Whenua** (Indigenous peoples of Aotearoa) and **Tangata Tiriti** (Treaty partners). This model ensures Māori knowledge, aspirations, and solutions are central, and drives a high-trust, relational grant-making approach grounded in the values of **kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui** (be bold, be brave, be steadfast) and tika, pono me te aroha (do what is right with integrity, fairness, and compassion). Believing enduring solutions come from within communities, MAS Foundation prioritizes co-designed, culturally grounded strategies to address inequities. As they say: “E fofō e le alamea le alamea.”

Their current strategy, **Te Tikitiki a Taranga – Supporting Whānau in the Early Years**, focuses on the first 2,000 days of a child’s life — from conception to age five — recognizing it as a critical window for lifelong wellbeing. Shaped by listening deeply to whānau and communities, this kaupapa invests in whānau-led initiatives that uphold cultural safety, autonomy, and intergenerational impact. MAS Foundation’s three priority areas are: 1) **Health & Wellbeing**, including maternal health and nutrition; 2) **Family Violence & Trauma Prevention**; and 3) **Early Learning & Whānau Empowerment**, which strengthens resilience and long-term capability. Follow them on [Facebook](#).

Oranges & Sardines Foundation - supports a safer, more equitable world where creativity fosters deeper understanding of life and the earth. The Foundation centers First Nations knowledges and experiences, actively works to end gender inequality, and embraces creativity as a force for collaboration and positive change. With a strong commitment to listening, learning, and collective action, it envisions a peaceful and prosperous future.

The Foundation dedicates **50% of its funding to First Nations-led initiatives**, partnering with movements and organizations such as Common Threads, Original Power, Seed, Waminda, and many more. It supports First Nations arts in all forms and promotes cultural development across the arts sector. As members of Mannifera and the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network, Oranges & Sardines funds both grassroots and large organizations without a public platform, choosing instead to uplift the voices and work of the communities it serves.

Marking 25 Years of Indigenous Philanthropy: Celebrations, Connections & Calls to Action

As part of IFIP's Anniversary goals we are actively entering and engaging in new spaces to promote Indigenous philanthropy and build relationships in new geographic regions - from inspiring gatherings at the PHILEA Forum in Lisbon to vibrant member receptions in New York City and San Francisco. Join us as we reflect on decades of advancing Indigenous-led philanthropy, share powerful stories of solidarity, and look ahead to expanding our collective impact. Explore the highlights, upcoming events, and learn how you can contribute to IFIP's ongoing journey of strengthening Indigenous leadership worldwide.



Image: IFIP Members Social Meet-Up in San Francisco, June 2025

Celebrating with our members and partners in New York and San Francisco

In April 2025, as part of our Anniversary celebrations, IFIP was pleased to welcome 60 attendees to a reception in New York City. With nearly all IFIP's Board Members in attendance for Board meetings and so many members and partners at the UNPFII meetings, we utilized this opportunity to convene and catch up with our members, partners and movement leaders. Our Board Co-Chair Alejandra Garduño and our Executive Director Lourdes Inga, shared words of welcome and inspiration about IFIP's Anniversary, and reaffirmed the importance of commitments to resource Indigenous priorities. The event was buzzing with energy and excitement, as new and old friends connected in shared purpose and solidarity.

In June, we gathered in San Francisco for a special IFIP Membership Reception with those in the Bay area to celebrate 25 years of advancing Indigenous led philanthropy. This intimate event was held in honor of our members—longtime collaborators and new partners alike—who continue to shape and strengthen our global community of funders dedicated to Indigenous rights, sovereignty, and self-determination.

We are grateful to everyone who joined us and made the space feel welcoming, relational, and rich with possibility.

As we reflect on 25 years of impact, we look forward to continuing this journey together—centering Indigenous leadership, fostering reciprocal relationships, and growing our collective power for generations to come.

IFIP ANNIVERSARY**Celebrating our Members****Expanding Indigenous Philanthropy in Community****IFIP Future Celebrations**

Expanding Indigenous Philanthropy in Community

Recently IFIP participated in the PHILEA Forum (Philanthropy Europe Association) from June 2-5, 2025, in Lisbon, Portugal. The theme of the event was “Power and Equality: A Balancing Act”, with more than 800 participants from Europe and around the world, it was an inspiring, timely and highly engaging experience. Several IFIP members and partners were also in attendance and many promising new connections were made.

One of the highlights was the [opening plenary speech of Françoise Moudouthe](#), CEO, African Women's Development Fund, who powerfully reminded attendees, that the time is now to meet this moment. She challenged philanthropy to think like a feminist and center justice and reminded us that when the goal is justice, you must center those that are best placed to make justice happen - the movements, and that philanthropy must fund their agenda to just be and do. Her closing words were to fund like a feminist – to be responsive not reactive. To transform philanthropy so that philanthropy can in turn transform the world, to look to the movements for inspiration as it is time to re-strategize, it is not the time to freeze... as delays are deadly in this time, and she closed with sharing the most important lesson she learned from African feminists, it's to keep going!

See the summary of the PHILEA Forum takeaways here:
<https://philea.eu/event/philea-forum/philea-forum-2025/>



IFIP's Storytelling Celebration and Future Events

As IFIP marks our 25th Anniversary, we invite our members to send us your reflections and media on what IFIP has meant to you, and to share highlights about your journey with us. Your contributions may be utilized in documenting our history and in our communications during our anniversary celebrations.

IFIP is Going Places! Look for us at upcoming events this September including the Innovations in International Philanthropy Symposium hosted by NEID September 18-19, along with an IFIP delegation visit to the United Kingdom and Europe. In October we will be at Encuentro, and COP30 in November. Stay tuned for more gatherings and opportunities to connect across the globe and promote Indigenous Philanthropy.

Your Invitation: If you are interested to help us build aligned connections, contribute to the storytelling of our history, or explore partnered programming, email us at membership@internationalfunders.org. Our membership team will be happy to help and connect you with the relevant IFIP staff.



Image: Lourdes and Members of the Indigenous and Ancestral Midwives of the Americas at the IFIP NYC Reception, April 2025

MEMBERSHIP

SAVE the DATE and Join the Conversation: Upcoming Members Call and Resources & Opportunities on the IFIP Membership Hub.

IFIP's Membership Hub continues to grow as a vibrant space for connection, collaboration, and shared learning. In this update, discover new ways to engage with peers, share resources, and take part in upcoming gatherings that strengthen our collective work. Don't miss our upcoming Membership Call—an opportunity to connect directly with your fellow members, exchange insights, and shape our shared priorities.

MEMBERSHIP

Join the Member Call: IFIP Sturgeon Moon Global Community Call

REGISTER NOW

Join IFIP on August 27 & 28, 2025, for a special opportunity to connect with fellow IFIP members in a facilitated dialogue. Within the call IFIP will share important news & updates, with the bulk of the program focused on you our members, to discuss emerging needs across regions and strategies to strengthen our collective impact. Together, we will reflect, share, and co-create a vision for more aligned, values-driven philanthropy rooted in reciprocity, solidarity, and Indigenous leadership.

Save the Date/Time that works best for you

Africa/Europe/Americas

Tuesday, August 27 at 08:00 AM PDT

11:00 AM EDT / 16:00 PM BST London / 18:00 PM EAT Nairobi

Zoom registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/cEKHX9n-Sl-wspXZyrvnXQ>

Asia/Pacific/Australia

Tuesday, August 27 at 20:00 PM PDT

Wednesday, August 28 in Asia-Pacific region

11:00 AM Manila / 13:00 PM Sydney / 15:00 PM Auckland

Zoom registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/F-5FcziXQG2MMuoZvp_NXA

IFIP Membership Highlights: Join the Conversation on the IFIP Membership Hub

As we celebrate 25 years of Indigenous-led philanthropy, we invite you—our valued members—to deepen your engagement through the IFIP Membership Hub, our private digital gathering space exclusively for member organizations.

The Hub is more than a platform—it's a growing, living network where IFIP members including funders, Indigenous-led organizations, and philanthropic allies come together to share resources, co-create solutions, and amplify one another's work. Whether you're looking to post a funding or career opportunity, connect with others in your region, or stay updated on IFIP's working groups and events, the Hub is your go-to space.

Benefits of Engaging on the Hub:

Share and discover grant opportunities, events, and member highlights

- Join conversations around Indigenous-led funds, women's leadership, and land defense
- Stay informed with real-time updates from IFIP and fellow members
- Be featured through member spotlights, working group updates, and story-sharing threads

Need help getting started?

Check out our step-by-step [How-To Guide for the Membership Hub](#) to set up your profile. We look forward to seeing you on the [Hub](#).

Any questions or concerns email us at membership@internationalfunders.org

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