



Membership Application Process FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES (IPLCS)

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What is a PFP Member?

According to PFP bylaws, PFP Members are legal entities, informal/de facto organizations, civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' organizations, private sector companies, foundations, and others that support the mission of the Peoples Forests Partnership.

The processes and procedures for membership application, membership renewal, and ensuring Members meet the PFP Principles and Membership Criteria differ by type of Member. This document sets out PFP membership processes and procedures for:

1. Companies, project developers, and investors (includes NGOs that work on carbon projects).
2. Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities
3. NGOs and other organizations

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Membership processes and procedures for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities do not follow the phased membership process required for companies, project developers, and investors. Processes and procedures for IPLCs, detailed below, allow information sharing, consultation, collaborative learning opportunities, and support. PFP will also set up a working group that can support and train IPLCs that would like to understand how carbon markets work.

PFP recognizes and respects the identities and different governance mechanisms and cosmologies of various Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and makes all efforts to clarify and respect these differences.

PFP seeks IPLC organizations with the following profile:

- Second- or third-level organizations.
- Organizations formed by territorial-based organizations or traditional governance institutions.
- Organizations able to designate a representative to attend and participate in PFP agendas.
- Organizations with capacity to train, advise, and support other indigenous organizations in their activities with carbon projects.

Application Process:

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities should submit an application by email to the PFP Secretariat at ccardenas@forest-trends.org. The application must contain the following documents and information:

- Application form for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.
- Letter describing:
 - The type of organization: community, indigenous, de facto organization, or other.
 - Commitment to participate in the PFP and follow the Principles and Membership Criteria.
 - Explanation of experience with carbon projects, compensation mechanisms, and other incentives for ecosystem services, if applicable.

The Executive Committee will respond to the applicant within 28 working days.



Send via email



Application form for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities



Letter signed by representative describing:

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