



Special Session:

**YOUTH VOICES  
"EASTERN HIMALAYA-MEKONG  
CROSS-REGIONAL PANEL:  
INCLUSIVE ACTION FOR HUMAN  
SECURITY, PLANETARY HEALTH,  
AND OUR FUTURES"**



## PART 1: HUMAN SECURITY



For Indigenous youth, human security is more than freedom from violence. It's about the right to live on our ancestral lands, speak our languages, and practice our cultures without fear.



## BUT TODAY, MANY OF US FACE THREATS:



- Land grabbing and development projects force families to move.

- Discrimination in schools makes Indigenous children feel excluded.

- Many youth leave their communities because they feel they have no future at home.

**Without secure land, we cannot secure our future.  
Without cultural respect, we cannot build peace.**

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## \* PART 2: PLANETARY HEALTH



Indigenous knowledge teaches us that the health of people and the health of the planet are the same.

We care for forests, rivers, and animals not because it's a trend — but because it's who we are.

Young Indigenous people are already leading climate actions — protecting sacred sites, reviving traditional farming, and resisting destructive industries. But our voices are often missing in policy rooms.

We ask: Why are the protectors of nature not at the center of nature protection plans?

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## PART 3: OUR FUTURES – YOUTH AS LEADERS

Indigenous youth don't want to be passive participants. We want to be leaders, decision-makers, and change-makers.



Inclusive action means:

- Listening to youth from the grassroots, not only cities.
- Supporting youth-led initiatives with real funding.
- Respecting Indigenous knowledge as equal to scientific knowledge.

The future must not be built for us — it must be built with us.





LET'S NOT WAIT FOR TOMORROW TO INCLUDE INDIGENOUS YOUTH.  
WE ARE READY TODAY.  
WE ARE NOT JUST THE FUTURE – WE ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION NOW.

**Now**

**Today**

**In the future**



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