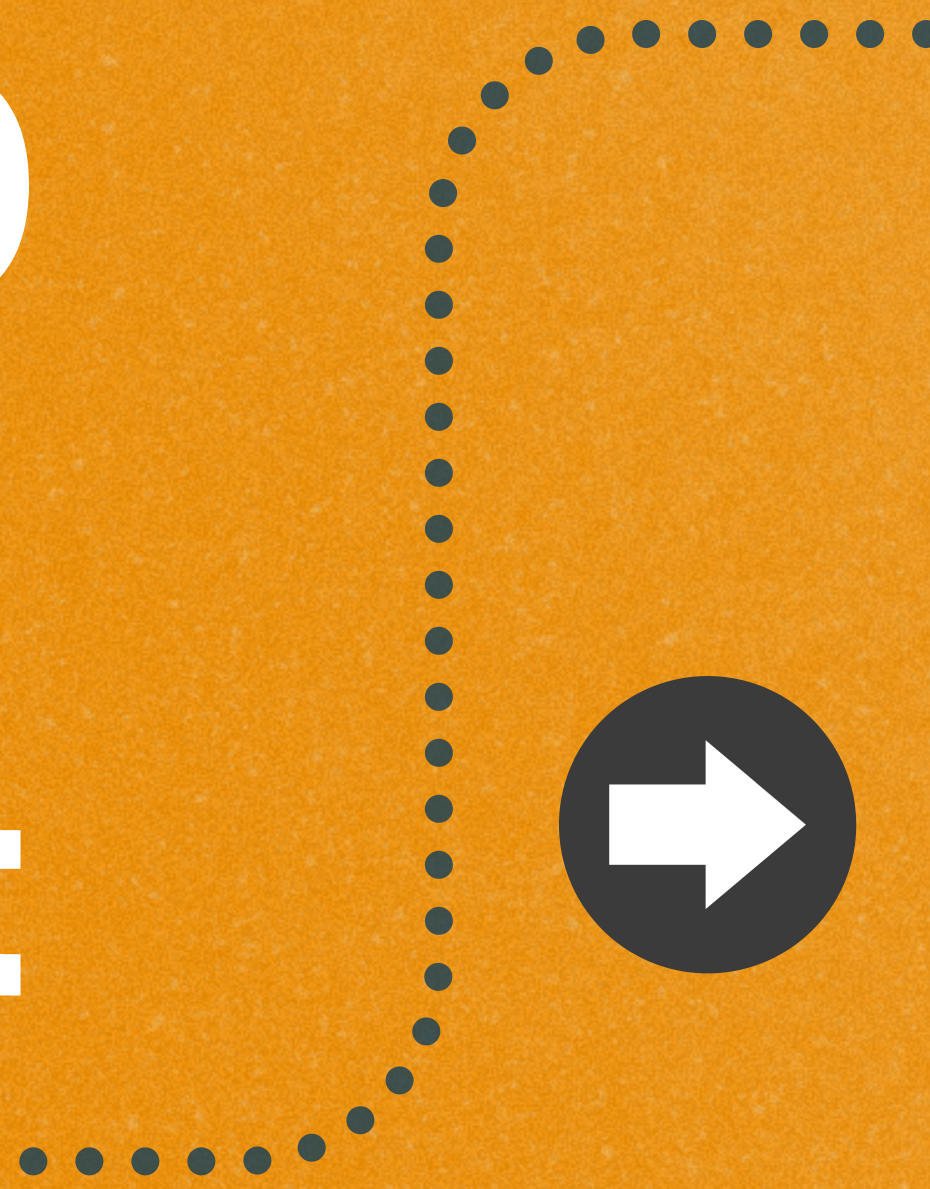


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How to Protect EHRDs



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATES, CORPORATIONS,
CIVIL SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS
DEFENDERS



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- Mandate corporate human rights and environmental due diligence, with risk assessments on EHRDs.
- **Develop and implement national protection programs & risk analysis frameworks for HRDs, adopting a gender-just, psychosocial and collective protection lens.**
- Legally recognise, demarcate, and title land rights and territories of Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLCs)



PROTECTION
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- Enshrine Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) into national law.
- Train judges and prosecutors on environmental & human rights law, and the specific challenges faced by EHRDs.
- Establish formal, safe, and confidential communication channels for EHRD networks with key state protection institutions.



PROTECTION
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CORPORATIONS

- Integrate collective, gender-just EHRD protection into corporate human rights and environmental due diligence.
- **Adopt and implement zero-tolerance policies for reprisals against EHRDs across supply chains and operations.**



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CORPORATIONS

- Establish accessible, effective non-judicial grievance mechanisms to address individual and collective harm complaints and provide genuine redress.
- Uphold FPIC as the minimum standard for all projects potentially affecting IPLCs: go beyond consultation.



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CIVIL SOCIETY

- Fund & facilitate meaningful participation of grassroots EHRDs and IPLC representatives in key international and regional fora.
- **Build alliances between human rights and environmental organisations to launch joint advocacy campaigns and legal support initiatives.**



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- Fund internal collective strengthening for EHRD collectives (e.g. leadership training, inclusive decision-making, internal conflict resolution).
- Develop workshops for EHRDs on narrative development and digital storytelling.



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ENVIRONMENTAL HRDS

- Foster collective care and psychosocial support; protection without care is incomplete.
- **Show the "We Are":**
 - Disseminate positive stories of defenders' dignity, courage, and commitment to counter stereotypes.
 - **Develop community communication plans to combat isolation and deter aggressors through increased visibility.**



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ENVIRONMENTAL HRDS

- SLAPPs:
 - Document environmental harm, threats, and attacks.
 - Mobilise legal defense, media and solidarity campaigns with allies during lawsuits.
- Build a "dense web of relationships" with external actors and allies - establish network protocols for rapid access to emergency help, alerts, and advice (legal, psychosocial).



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