



Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim

As an indigenous woman from Mbororo pastoralist community of Chad, **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim** advocate since more than 15 years for the rights of indigenous peoples and the protection of the environment. She is leading a community-based organisation in Chad, AFPAT, which is active in most of SDG fields, such as education, health, climate change and biodiversity. She lead several concrete projects that improved access to basic need of indigenous peoples, while promoting their unique contribution to the protection of the environment. 3D participatory mapping, for instance, helps to prevent resources-based conflicts in one of the poorest and most vulnerable region of the world.

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim has also been participating for over a decade in high-level international policy discussions advocating for environmental protection for indigenous peoples through the Biodiversity, Climate Change and Desertification Conventions. She was co-chairing the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) and coordinator of the world indigenous peoples' initiative and pavilion for COP21, COP22 and COP23. In 2016, she was selected to be the speaker representing civil society at the 2016 signing ceremony of the historic Paris agreement.

Hindou is an expert in adaptation of indigenous peoples to and mitigation of climate change, traditional knowledge on the adaptation of pastoralists in Africa, as well as indigenous women empowerment. She is very active in various forum and network to advocate for the cause of indigenous peoples. In 2016, she has been recognized as a National Geographic Explorer. Since 2018, she is Senior Indigenous Fellow for Conservation International.

Quote: "since centuries, indigenous peoples have protected the environment, which provides them food, medicine and so much more. Now it's time to protect their unique traditional knowledges that can bring concrete solution to implement sustainable development goals and fight climate change"