



Appreciation for your Generosity

On behalf of the Steering Committee of the Alliance for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for Conservation in Africa (AICA), I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your strategic support towards organizing the first-ever Africa Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Conservation Congress held in Windhoek, Namibia from 25 to 27 October 2023.

Your kind support, guidance and advice went a long way in enabling AICA to convene and engage with over 300 delegates from over 40 countries. This broad-based pan-African mobilization is a historic moment in conservation on the continent. The Congress enabled Africa's IPLCs to articulate their vision of rights-based and people-centered conservation, as well as to demonstrate the role that IPLCs play in conservation and the price they pay in sharing their space with wildlife. Above all, the Congress also helped IPLC delegates to deliberate on the rationale for, and endorsement of AICA as the self-organised platform for Africa's IPLCs on conservation and related issues.

Your contribution during the congress helped AICA take the first important step in galvanizing the collective and unified voice of Africa's IPLCs to address shared conservation-related challenges and opportunities. AICA is committed to strengthen further collaboration with you and we look forward to your continued support in implementing our strategy. Attached please find the communique and press release that we have just published. We will reach out to you for more dialogue to explore opportunities for collaboration. Once again, please receive our sincere gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

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