

Indigenous Peoples Advisory Forum





About ASI

The Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) is a global non-profit standards setting and Certification organisation.

Established in 2015, ASI brings together producers, users and stakeholders in the aluminium value chain with a commitment to maximise the contribution of aluminium to a sustainable society. Working together, we aim to collaboratively foster responsible production, sourcing and stewardship of aluminium.



Our community has not seen any benefits from mining up to now. Now we are engaged with ASI through IPAF, and through this engagement, have now received funding from the mining company for a project to improve the rehabilitation of our lands. We are also glad that we could get engaged with ASI so we can know and understand the experiences and situations of other participating Indigenous groups in other countries like Guinea and Ghana.

Louis Biswane
Suriname



What is IPAF?

ASI's Indigenous Peoples Advisory Forum (IPAF) is designed to be a communications and engagement platform between representatives of Indigenous Peoples and ASI.

It supports participation in the Standards Committee and Working Groups, engagement with the ASI Board, engagement with the ASI Complaints Mechanism, and – most importantly – engagement with each other. Outside of their engagement with ASI, IPAF participants are also free to communicate publicly on matters that concern them.

ASI's governance structure included the IPAF from the beginning. The IPAF is not a separate body or organisation, it is embedded in ASI's Constitution. ASI allocates resources for IPAF's activities, including translation needs, as part of its annual budget. ASI also aims to provide technical and other support to IPAF on issues related to the aluminium value chain.



I remember in Norway at the ASI Annual General Meeting, there were about 120 people from ASI Members from all over the world, and at this event, IPAF had the possibility to describe the situations we are experiencing in our communities to these companies. ASI provides the possibility for dialogue between the companies and the affected people, and we're grateful to ASI for facilitating this level of dialogue.

Father Nicholas Barla
India



WHO PARTICIPATES?

The IPAF includes representatives from Indigenous Peoples organisations and indigenous peoples' rights experts, both men and women, with a focus on people that have a connection to the aluminium value chain.

Both ASI and IPAF members make ongoing efforts to reach out to un-represented areas or indigenous groups. Together we aim to make sure that IPAF participation represents Indigenous peoples from territories in all parts of the world impacted by the primary aluminium supply chain. If you are interested in participating, please contact us.

WHAT DOES IPAF DO?

IPAF members can participate in – and provide input, advice and recommendations for – key areas of ASI's work for Indigenous Peoples.

**ASI
Standards**

**Certification
processes**

**Complaints
Mechanism**

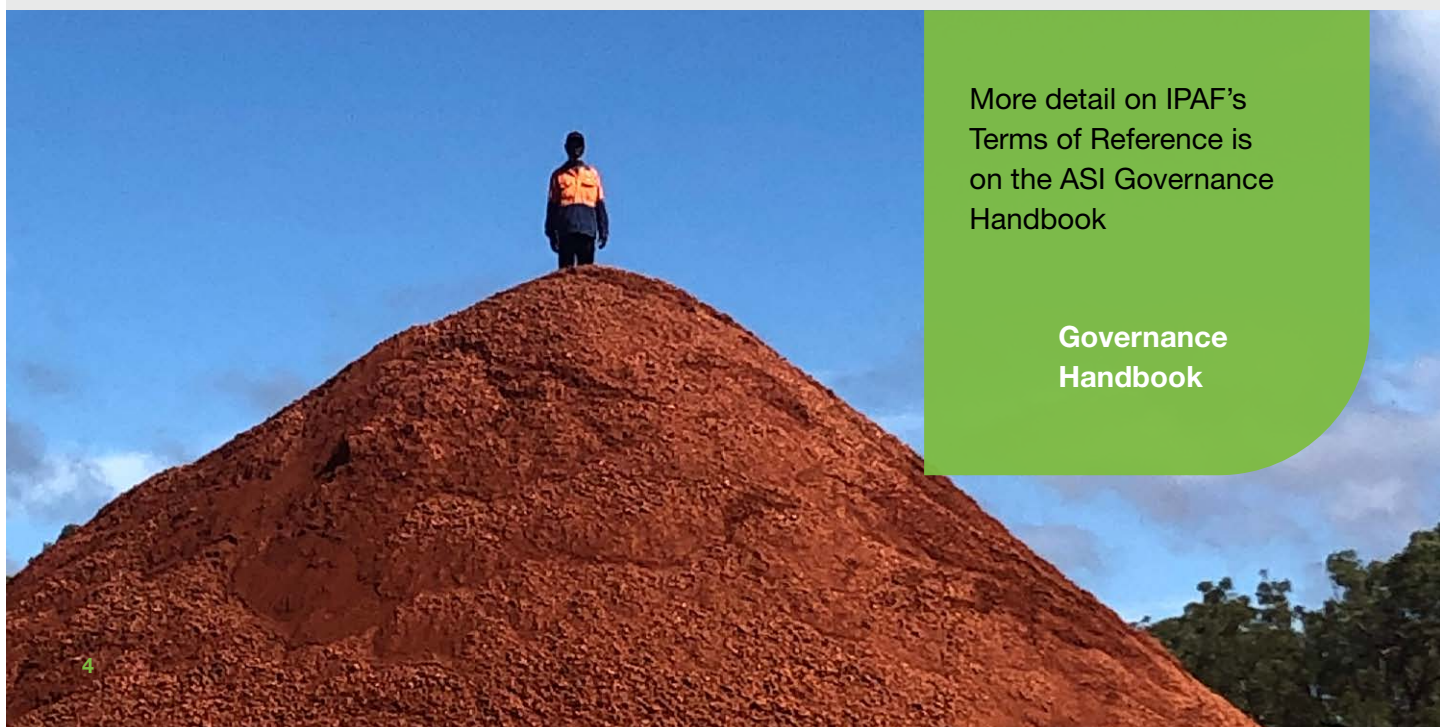
**Community
engagement**

**Meetings and
workshops**

**Impact and
improvements**

More detail on IPAF's
Terms of Reference is
on the ASI Governance
Handbook

**Governance
Handbook**



IPAF MEETINGS

IPAF and ASI representatives organise regular teleconferences and video calls to share information on activities and progress.

These are an opportunity for community representatives from across the world to connect, share experiences or ideas and establish networks that may provide support for their communities.

IPAF and ASI representatives also aim to hold at least one face-to-face ordinary meeting annually (subject to Covid or similar travel restrictions and risks). This is usually supported by a host community in a location relevant to the aluminium value chain. ASI provides travel support for participants, including arranging flights and other transport and travel needs. The number of international participants for an IPAF Meeting will vary on location and capacity of the host organisation and the meeting agenda. Additional participation and engagement with local community representatives is encouraged.

ASI STANDARDS COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION AND OTHER ENGAGEMENT

Two IPAF members are nominated by IPAF as their representatives on the ASI Standards Committee, to ensure that Indigenous peoples' rights, concerns, and recommendations are considered.

They serve a two (2) year term with possibility for re-nomination. The IPAF are also encouraged to nominate representatives to ASI Working Groups, which address topics such as human rights, biodiversity and climate change issues.

The IPAF representatives on the Standards Committee engage directly with the ASI Board at least once a year. This is an opportunity to discuss issues and progress related to IPAF activities and general concerns and recommendations from Indigenous peoples.

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The affected communities in Guinea welcomed the revision team in the hope that IPAF and ASI would help them reduce the negative impacts and suffering they face from the mining operations; that ASI can influence the mining operations to follow the ASI Standards' criteria.

Aboubacar Diallo
Guinea

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Become involved

The IPAF Network is open to any Indigenous person, community or organisation, and support groups and individuals, based on interest to be engaged.

You should be interested in providing input or connecting with support based on your experience, particularly related to extractive industries – such as bauxite mining, alumina refining, aluminium smelting – or other supply chain issues. We welcome women and men of all ages to participate.

Please reach out to Mark Annandale, IPAF Adviser (mark@aluminium-stewardship.org) to find out more. If you would like to become involved in IPAF, please fill out the following details to share with ASI.

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Most indigenous people especially women feel unseen during negotiations and decision making time. Despite women being 51% of the population in Ghana and bearing the brunt of the negative impact of mining, they have largely been underrepresented at the decision table. They hope IPAF through the ASI will help bridge this yawning gap. Certainly, ASI presence will definitely be a game changer for indigenous peoples of Ghana to live a dignified life.

Abu Karimu
Settle Ghana, Ghana

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ABOUT YOU

Name:

Ms/Mr:

Email:

Phone

Tribe/Indigenous Community/Local community:

Country:

Region:

State:

Village or Town:

Name of Indigenous Organisation:

Name of the Support Group / NGO (Non IPAF):

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE

How you are impacted by the Aluminium supply chain (bauxite mining, hydroelectric dam, smelter, refinery, processing)

Do you have experience with the industry

Do you have experience with sustainability standards

By completing this membership form, you will receive public ASI communications, as well as IPAF-related communications from ASI. You can unsubscribe from these at any time.

Resignations from IPAF can also be tendered to ASI, and contact information will be removed from ASI's database.

All IPAF participants are expected to abide by the ASI Code of Conduct.

Signature (Click the box to upload an e-signature):

If the signature does not upload, please print and sign the signature page and send along with the application.

Date:



Contact Us

Visit the ASI website or contact us to find out more about our work in progress and how you can join us:

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