

## Indigenous Peoples Commitments

We, the indigenous people from Africa, having met and deliberated on our current and future roles and responsibilities in the implementation of the Sendai Framework and other related development agenda of this continent, including challenges and solutions for future activities, hereby agreed as follows;

- We affirm that, with rights come responsibilities. We therefore as indigenous peoples will become advocates of indigenous knowledge, among other ways, which contribute to developing preparedness plans, risk reduction strategies, and supporting policies which foster sustainable solutions to disaster risk in our communities.
- To be committed to the conservation and application of our ancestral knowledge systems, cultural, spiritual and social beliefs useful for the safety and resilience of indigenous communities as we have done for generations before;
- To strengthen the implementation of the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction and its foundation by bringing into action our indigenous experience, ancestral knowledge to improve on the culture of resilience of communities at local, regional and global level;
- To collaborate with UNISDR, African Union and concerned institutions and governments to seek solutions to challenges limiting indigenous people's ability to contribute to DRR such as health hazards resulting from pesticides and extractive industries, malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, pollution and depletion of our land and natural resources including forced displacement from original habitats;
- To integrate risk sensitive indigenous concepts and practices into science and education and facilitate indigenous peoples understanding and contribution to the Sendai monitoring system, the Sendai Seven Targets and SDGs goal 1 – 11 – 13;
- To initiate and facilitate ideas, programs and actions that close the gap between indigenous peoples and communities and other peoples in society especially by seeking solutions to infrastructure deficit that make indigenous communities most vulnerable to agents of mortality and effects of hazards;
- To work together with indigenous women, youths, people with disabilities and ageing populations to implement DRR inclusive solutions based on traditional technologies and science in a meaningful way that it delivers on the Sendai Framework, SDGs, Paris Agreement (Agenda2063 etc check if contextually relevant);