

LOCAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

WINNERS OF THE EQUATOR PRIZE 2021

The UN Development Programme (UNDP) and partners have announced the [10 winners of the Equator Prize 2021](#), recognizing local and indigenous communities from around the world. The winning organizations showcase local, innovative, nature-based solutions for tackling biodiversity loss and climate change, and achieving their local development goals even during a pandemic.



The Equator Initiative website presents the summaries on each project of the Equator Prize 2021 winners. The website of each of the winning organizations, highlighted in the summary sheets, allows to know more about the approach and results of the practices in progress.

- [BIO-KG Federation of Organic Development. Kyrgyzstan.](#)
- [Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda IAP. Mexico.](#)
- [Tropical Forest and Rural Development. Cameroon.](#)
- [CoopCerrado – Cooperativa Mista de Agricultores Familiares, Extrativistas, Pescadores, Vazanteiros, Assentados e Guias turísticos do Cerrado. Brazil.](#)
- [Farmer Union Maddaben of Falwel and Farmer Union Hareyben of Tera, members of the Fédération des Unions de Groupements Paysans du Niger \(FUGPN\) MOORIBEN. Niger.](#)
- [Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company Limited. India](#)
- [Snehakunja Trust. India.](#)
- [Asociación de Mujeres Indígenas del Territorio Cabécar Kábata Kónana. Costa Rica.](#)
- [Asociación de Jóvenes Reforestadores en Acción \(AJORA\). Bolivia.](#)
- [Pueblo Originario Kichwa de Sarayaku. Ecuador.](#)

The winners of the 12th Equator Prize were selected from a pool of over 600 nominations from 126 countries by an independent Technical Advisory Committee of internationally renowned experts. The selection was based on community-based approaches that provide a blueprint for replicating and scaling solutions to address biodiversity crisis.

The Equator Initiative highlights that, for years, Equator Prize winners



representing indigenous communities have been urging to adopt a more indigenous-inspired way of coexisting with nature, acknowledging and respecting the connection between human and planetary health. Their approaches exemplify what actions can be taken to protect crucial ecosystems and biodiversity for generations to come.

[The Equator Initiative is a multi-sector partnership](#) that brings together the United Nations system, governments, civil society, and grassroots organizations. The Equator Prize, organized by the Equator Initiative within the United Nations Development Programme, is awarded to recognize outstanding community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The sustainable community initiatives showcased by the Prize are laying the foundation for a global movement of local successes that are collectively making a contribution to achieving the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#). As local and indigenous groups demonstrate and exemplify sustainable development, the Equator Prize shines a spotlight on their efforts by celebrating them on an international stage.

Equator Prize 2021 winners were celebrated in an Award Ceremony on 4 October 2021, receiving US\$10,000 and the opportunity to take part in a series of special virtual events associated with the UN General Assembly.

The 2021 Equator Prize winners will join a network of 255 communities from over 80 countries that have received the Equator Prize since its inception in 2002.

To know more

[Winners of the Equator Prize 2021](#)

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