

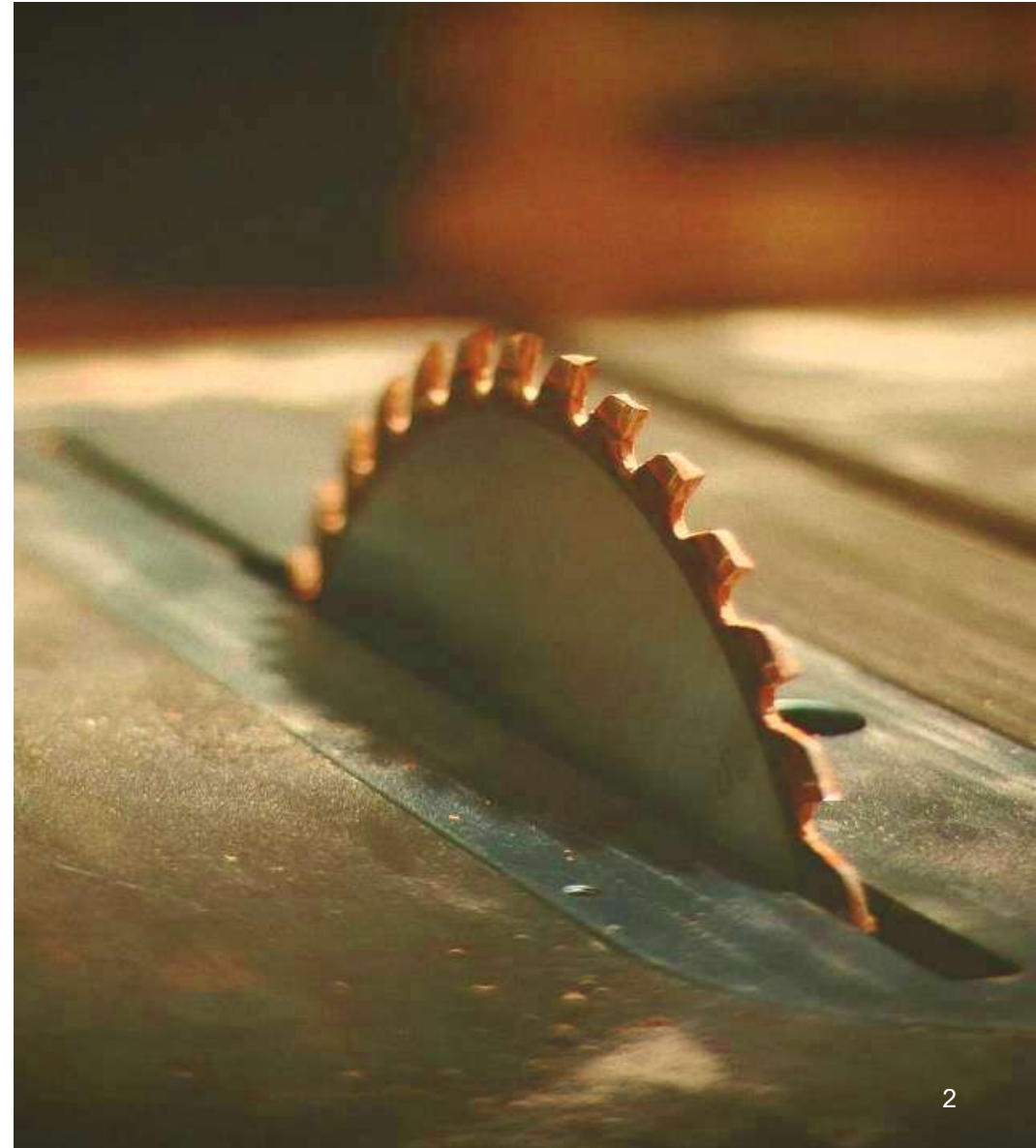
# Presentation of the Indigenous Peoples Organisations of Guyana on the EU FLEGT VPA

Pre-JMRC technical session, 26 October 2022

Location: Georgetown, Guyana

# List of organisations represented

1. **APA: Amerindian Peoples Association**
2. **GOIP: Guyanese Organisation of Indigenous Peoples**
3. **TAAMOG: The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana**
4. **NADF: National Amerindian Development Foundation**



A close-up photograph of tree bark, showing various shades of brown, tan, and orange. The bark has a rough, textured appearance with deep grooves and ridges. A dark blue rectangular box is overlaid in the center, containing the text "Concerns and Recommendations" in white serif font.

# Concerns and Recommendations



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1. The allocation process for logging concessions must be more transparent and participatory for Indigenous stakeholders
2. There is lack of dedicated resources available to Indigenous organisations to engage and respond to Indigenous Peoples observations, needs and priorities

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# RECOMMENDATIONS





# Recommendations

The VPA must provide direct support for the technical and financial needs of Indigenous Peoples' organisations so that they may enhance the representation, effective participation and inclusion of indigenous communities throughout the process. Recommended support may include (but is not limited to):

1. Continuous independent outreaches to raise awareness in the communities involved in logging and which are impacted by logging
2. Lend coordination and facilitation support to address grievances
3. Participatory discussions and agreements outlining what the definition of "traditional rights" mean to Indigenous Peoples and how this can be respected by different sectors in Guyana

# Recommendations cont'd

4. Support the development of an independent monitoring body of Indigenous civil society
5. Participation of Indigenous stakeholders in the Impact Assessment of the VPA
6. Development of a Communication and Engagement Strategy focused on and relevant to Indigenous Peoples
7. Provide dedicated staff and office space to support coordination, communications and other technical areas for the NIWG Indigenous Peoples representatives' active participation and engagement throughout the process.



Thank you.