

CSOs and NGOs working for Indigenous Peoples¹

Name of Organisation: Alliance of Indigenous Peoples of the Archipelago (AMAN)

Website of Organisation: <http://www.aman.or.id/>

Facebook of Organisation:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/160452592456/>

Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes



AMAN is an independent community organisation dedicated to addressing indigenous issues in Indonesia. AMAN advocates for over 2000 indigenous communities at the local, national and international level, emphasising indigenous sovereignty over land, cultural richness and customary institutions that form the backbone of their lifestyles. AMAN was founded in 1999 as part of a movement of indigenous resistance against development politics that threatened their traditional lifestyles. KMAN, the Congress of Indigenous Peoples established the organisation to address violations of human rights and to implement the Congress' decisions. AMAN provides a support network for indigenous peoples, providing a platform for them to exchange ideas and share their experiences in developing customary institutions and strengthening customary economic systems. AMAN also engages in legal advocacy and educational programs, promoting gender equality and education for indigenous youth.

AMAN goals:

- To protect and uphold the legal rights of indigenous people in Indonesia
- To lobby at the national and international level for regulations and agreements that recognise the rights of indigenous people
- To empower indigenous communities through education and economic development
- To assist indigenous community institutions and enterprises and promote sustainable lifestyles
- Encouraging indigenous political participation

On Wednesday 14th March 2018, AMAN held a workshop at Yosep Wanua Koha Building, Minahasa Regency to discuss its integrated data centre and monitoring system application, both of which will encourage the process of customary territory recognition and improve the work performance

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