**Resolution: Convention on Climate Change, False Solutions and Indigenous Peoples Rights in Manipur, Manipur Press Club, 10 November 2014, organized by Centre for Research and Advocacy, Manipur**

The participants hereby adopted the following resolution:

1. Express concern with worsening climate changes in Manipur, frequent flood, drought, species loss etc and impact on indigenous peoples’ cultures, traditions and their survival.

1. Expresses concern with aggressive pursuance of development processes, especially large scale mega development processes in Manipur with serious climate change implications, viz, mega dams, oil exploration and drilling, etc, which destroyed peoples’ land, forest, wetlands etc.
2. Concerned with Government of Manipur’s MoU’s with corporate bodies for mega dams and to drill oil and gas in Manipur. The colossal forest area submergence of these mega dams, including 27,000 hectares, by the planned 1500 MW Tipaimukh dam etc will aggravate climate crisis.
3. Express concern with the increased agriculture land grabbing by mega projects such as the Film Institute, Sports University, Trans Asian Highway and railway etc. Loss of Agriculture land will deepen climate crisis and undermine food sovereignty of Manipur.
4. Concern with increased investment of International Financial Institutions, viz, Asian Development Bank for mega infrastructure projects such as Imphal Town Ring Road without detailed impact assessment, option assessment and consent of communities.
5. Further concerned with the Manipur State Action Plan on Climate Change that prioritized false solutions to climate change, such as mega dams and REDD+ that will lead to negative impacts on indigenous peoples. All MoUs on Mega dams should be revoked and policies that facilitate such projects, viz, the Manipur Hydro Power Policy, 2012 and Manipur State Action Plan on Climate Change etc should be repealed.
6. The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation should cease all efforts to seek carbon credits and additional profits from the Clean Development Mechanism by classifying the controversial 105 MW Loktak Project in Manipur as clean and renewable energy project.
7. Express concern with the non recognition of indigenous peoples rights in forging out appropriate solutions in really mitigating climate change and in adapting to climate crisis.
8. There should be moratorium on large scale destructive unsustainable development projects in Manipur, primarily mega dams’ construction, oil exploration, large infrastructure projects, which will destroy our forest, wetlands, agriculture land etc. Review Mapithel dam construction.
9. Alternative energies, indigenous peoples’ traditional knowledge and practices such as diversified agriculture; community-based adaptation etc should be promoted in Manipur.
10. The upcoming climate change negotiations in 20 COP at Lima Peru should ensure recognition of indigenous peoples self determined rights and development. The emphasis accorded on Private sector financing as solution to climate crisis in International climate negotiations should end urgently.
11. The process of tackling global climate change has unfortunately been considered as an opportunity for economic benefits. Climate crisis cannot be resolved within the framework of “market solutions.” States should abandon all false solutions to climate changes that negate Indigenous Peoples’ rights.