

Indigenous Partners

The Climate Alliance, together with its communities, supports educational establishments and businesses of the indigenous people at Rio Negro in Brazil with the preservation of the rainforest.

Based on the common concern about the preservation of the rainforests and the protection of the world climate, the Climate Alliance had entered into an alliance with the FOIRN (Federation of the Indigenous [People] of Rio Negro) as early as the 90s.

The Central Elements of the Partnership are:

- Land and Resource Protection
- Promotion of Democracy and Human Rights
- Food Security
- Resource Management
- Political Codetermination

The Achievements of a Partnership of More than 15 Years

- Recognition/Validation/Acceptance of the indigenous area of settlement of more than 11 million hectare
- Today, the FOIRN comprises the strongest representatives of Indian people and their interests in the Amazon
- Successful cultivation of fish and forest
- Development of an education model for the indigenous through the introduction of intercultural, multilingual schools in 81 villages.
- Marketing of cultural products (baskets, benches, pepper)
- Growing participation of indigenous women in political and economic activity
- Election of the first indigenous mayor

Johann Kandler coins/mints at Climate Alliance Austria the developmental collaboration and offers several lectures about recent topics and activities of the FOIRN. He worked from 1972 until 1992 in Brazil where he fought together with the local population for the preservation of the rainforest and the rights of the locals. In the southwest Amazon, he cofounded the CPT (Comissão Pastoral da Terra) and was their long-time leader in the states of Acre and Minas Gerais.