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Fiu Mataese Elisara is the Executive Director of Ole Siosiomaga Society Incorporated (OLSSI) in Samoa and is the Observer for Indigenous Peoples in the CIF with specific focus on Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR). As an indigenous Samoan and a Pacific Islander, Fiu has lived in Samoa all his life and represented the indigenous peoples in many of the global conferences since UNCED in 1992. He has committed more than 30 years of his life translating his years of knowledge on global conventions to tangible indigenous peoples and local communities outcomes. He helped provide leadership for the Pacific delegation to the first ever Summit on climate change for Indigenous Peoples held in Anchorage Alaska in 2009 and is a strong member of the Pacific region preparing for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples schedule for 2014. He has represented the Pacific Indigenous Peoples in a number of conferences and authored a number of critical critiques of these global processes receiving wide coverage in Samoan and Pacific media avenues.

Fiu is passionate about indigenous peoples issues, sustainable development and environmental concerns, and he welcomes his Observer role in PPCR as one where he closely integrates with PPCR sub-committee states representatives, CIF staff and World Bank in their collective responsibilities demonstrating how climate risk and resilience can be integrated into core development planning and implementation in not only the pilot countries but also successfully sharing the lessons with others.