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Maleya Foundation is an indigenous peoples’ organization based in Dhaka, Bangladesh. It is the secretariat of Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples’ Network on Climate Change and Biodiversity (BIPNet-CCBD). It is also a member organization of the Indigenous Peoples’ Global Network on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (IPCCSD) led by Tebtebba Foundation based in the Philippines. Maleya also is engaged in working with Forrest Peoples Programme, UK; International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), Copenhagen, Denmark; Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), based in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Maleya’s main partner organization is EED/ Bread for the World, based in Berlin, Germany.

Maleya’s main focus areas are Indigenous Peoples Rights. Research and Capacity building and awareness raising of indigenous leaders are the main activities related to climate change. Mrinal Kanti Tripura has been engaged in development activities and indigenous peoples’ rights issues since 1999. He has been following the climate change issues since COP14 and the main partner is Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education). Tebtebba Foundation has vast experiences in this field.

“Climate change should be dealt with human rights based and holistic approach,” he says. “So far, CIF is the process of effective involvement/engagement of the indigenous peoples.”