

Acknowledgement

As in many undertakings, we realized that hosting a consultation is not a small errand. We would not have been able to pull everything off without a great deal of help from many supporters. At this time, we would like to acknowledge the many contributions that led to the success of the 3rd ICBE consultation. This took many forms be it in talents, time and treasures. BIBAK Switzerland is very grateful for all the valuable support they received since the planning until the post conference time. There are so many people to thank and acknowledge. If we have left anyone out, please know that it is not because we appreciate you less but it is because we are overwhelmed by your contributions and support.

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To the youth group, **thank you very much** for your participation. Even if it was more of a getting to know-each-other meeting, we hope the bonding continues and the gains from the interaction will enhance your interest in promoting our Igorot cause. While certain topics were geared towards the first generation and others were towards migrant issues, you were attentive to the topics. In the end, we believe we all benefited from the interactions.

To our new attendees, **many thanks too** for your presence. We hope the impressions you had from this first attendance will encourage you to join future ICBE Consultations. For all of us, there is always the first time. Let it be it known that our consultations are not only reserved for experienced speakers but also for those who want to be heard. Your participation added weight and meaning to our meeting.

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See you all in Ireland. Long Live Everybody! Long Live ICBE!