What Makes for Successful Collaboration with Indigenous People?

The peaceful existence of indigenous groups like the Mebêngôkre-Kayapó in Brazil is being threatened by profit-seeking entities invading their land.

Policies which promote activities that impact indigenous settlements

- Agriculture
- Resource extraction
- Infrastructure

How can education- or research-based international collaborations be maintained while protecting indigenous livelihoods?

Aruch's study of the Pinkaiti Partnership revealed the key features of a successful collaboration:

- Relationship building and feedback loops are incentivized
- Champions are legitimate, credible, and responsible
- Communication is effective and multilingual
- Participation and inclusion
- Utilization and value of diverse knowledge systems

- Community’s ethical consent is prioritized
- Individual and institutional goals are balanced
- Reunions are celebrated while maintaining distance
- Invisible work of stakeholders is acknowledged
- Failure is shared and success is celebrated with all stakeholders

These key factors can help foster more effective collaborations that protect indigenous livelihoods and lands.