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# THE PEOPLE FIXING OUR FUTURE

**Case studies of innovation, determination and environmental stewardship**

## TXAI SURUÍ

**Advocating for rainforest protection and climate justice.**

### THE PROBLEM

While the Amazon plays a vital role in balancing our global climate, its ecosystems and traditional stewards face persistent pressures from unauthorised land use and resource extraction.

Frontline Indigenous communities often carry the heaviest burden of environmental changes while being underrepresented in global decision-making rooms, and aren't given the seat at the table they deserve.

### THE SOLUTION

Txai Suruí and the Movement of Indigenous Youth of Rondônia are actively transforming this narrative by uniting traditional ecological wisdom with modern technology.

Through international diplomacy, law and creative storytelling, they turn frontline challenges into powerful global action - ensuring Indigenous youth lead the way toward a balanced, climate-resilient future for everyone!



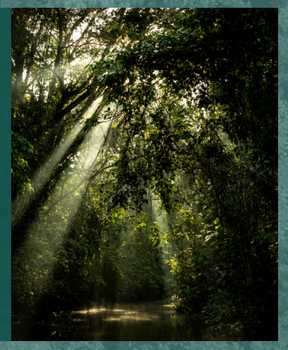
**TXAI SURUÍ** is a prominent Brazilian Indigenous climate activist, law student, and founder/coordinator of the Movement of Indigenous Youth of Rondônia. Belonging to the Paiter Suruí people in the southwestern Brazilian Amazon, Txai bridges Indigenous traditional knowledge, grassroots organising, legal action and global policy advocacy.

# THE PROBLEM:

## Indigenous exclusion in environmentalism

### FOREST ROOTS

Growing up in the Brazilian Amazon, Txai learned how to protect the rainforest from her family and ancestors. Moving to the city for school exposed her to severe racism, but it only fueled her drive to stand up for her heritage. She realised early on that saving the forest isn't just about the trees: it's about fighting for the people who call it home.



80% OF GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY IS LOCATED ON LAND STEWARDED BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, DESPITE THEM REPRESENTING ONLY ~6% OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION!

### CREATING THE MOVEMENT




Txai knew her generation needed to team up and work together, so she co-founded the She brought young people together across different territories to share ideas, learn digital activism and build a unified front. What started as local youth hangouts quickly turned into a powerhouse movement of young land defenders fighting to protect their homes!

"INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ARE ON THE FRONTLINES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY, SO WE MUST BE AT THE CENTER OF THE DECISIONS BEING MADE HERE."

– TXAI SURUÍ, ADVOCATING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE AT A UN SUMMIT




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### GROW2KNOW

To stop illegal land-grabbers, Txai helped pair old-school forest survival skills with tech. She trained young crew members to fly drones, map territories with GPS, and record high-res video proof of illegal activity. Now armed with technology, these young monitors could expose land invaders and send real evidence straight to authorities.



"IT IS A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE REPRESENTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES. WE ARE A LARGE AND DIVERSE GROUP, WITH DIFFERENT CULTURES AND REALITIES. SOME SUFFER WITH DEFORESTATION, OTHERS WITH ILLEGAL MINING. I SPEAK ABOUT THE AMAZON RAINFOREST BECAUSE IT IS THE PLACE I LIVE AND WAS BORN,"

TXAI SURUÍ AT THE WORLD LEADERS SUMMIT

### TAKING LEGAL ACTION

Txai went to law school to fight back in court and make change happen. She teamed up with five other young activists to sue the Brazilian government over backsliding on its climate promises and using policy loopholes. Her legal move proved that young people can take on powerful leaders and demand real accountability.



AT COP26 IN GLASGOW 24-YEAR-OLD TXAI WAS THE ONLY INDIGENOUS SPEAKER AT THE GLOBAL OPENING CEREMONY.

### THE TERRITORY




Txai then executive produced the award-winning National Geographic documentary "The Territory". The film put its audience right on the frontlines with young forest defenders, gaining major international acclaim and a Primetime Emmy Award! Today, Txai continues to amplify indigenous voices and show people worldwide that young people can change global history!

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