

TRACK 1

Cultural Identity and Globalization

FRIDAY, January 18, 2008

<p>11:00 am - 12:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Indigenous Community Radio Stations and the Revival of Cultural Identity</i></p> <p>In recent years, the number of indigenous community radio stations has grown impressively (168 in Guatemala alone). Utilizing micro-transmitters and at a minimal cost, these stations transmit programs in dozens of indigenous languages. This growth reflects the key role of the stations in defending indigenous cultures and in informing listeners about the threats of corporate-led globalization. In an inter-active workshop, panelists will share their experience with such radio networks in Guatemala and Oaxaca. It will be a two-way dialogue in which workshop participants will be invited to share their experience with IFIP as the radio producer panelists gather material during the workshop (and throughout the conference) for later broadcast.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Mark Camp, Cultural Survival</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francisco Macú González (Guatemala) • Alfred Landa Gomez, Network of Indigenous Community Radio Stations of Southeastern Mexico
<p>2:00 pm - 3:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moving an Elephant: No to NAFTA, Yes to Indigenous Development</i></p> <p>Indigenous peoples' organizations have long opposed the corporate-led model of economic globalization exemplified by NAFTA. They seek just, responsible alternatives to a Mexican economy powered by global trade. Come participate in an insiders' discussion of trade advocacy with indigenous leaders. How do indigenous organizations, often in remote locations, educate their members about NAFTA and take advocacy actions? What alliances have they sought to build power for change? What alternatives can restore economic power to indigenous communities?</p>	<p>Facilitator: Daniel Moss, Grassroots International</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlos Beas, UCIZONI • Olegario Carrillo Meza, UNORCA
<p>4:00 pm - 5:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Traditional Knowledge as Basis for Indigenous Governability</i></p> <p>Through inter-cultural dialogue, facilitated by Gaia Amazonas, a governance model is being constructed that articulates ancestral laws with national policies. This has enabled the transfer of traditional knowledge, indigenous cultural practices and the practical application of legal rights, to be strengthened. The session will have the following components: (i) Colombian Amazon: geographic and cultural context; (ii) indigenous rights in Colombia: from revindication to implementation; (iii) grassroots indigenous organizations and Gaia Amazon: building together a model of Amazon sustainable development; and (iv) the organizational process of the Pirá Paraná (Vaupés region, Colombia): endogenous research as a tool for Local governance.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Natalia Hernández, Gaia Amazonas (Colombia)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Marín Noreña, Indigenous leader, Pirá Paraná River, Colombian Amazon • Martín von Hildebrand, Director of Gaia Amazonas

SATURDAY, January 19, 2008

<p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Putting Brakes on a Moving Train: Indigenous Alternatives to Genetically Modified Corn</i></p> <p>In 2001, UC Berkeley professor Ignacio Chapela discovered wind-blown genetically modified corn in Calpulapan, Oaxaca despite a moratorium on its planting. The implications were frightening. Thousands of years of biodiversity in maize cultivation would be lost and seed dependency on biotech giants like Novartis would take its place. In the majority-indigenous state of Oaxaca, small farmers' livelihoods were threatened. Come find out what indigenous and peasant organizations are doing to resist GM expansion in Mexico and how they are promoting food sovereignty and agroecological, sustainable alternatives to biotech farming.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Daniel Moss, Grassroots International</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veronica Villa, ETC Group • Aldo Gonzales, UNOSJO
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TRACK 2

Indigenous Rights: Policy and Practice

FRIDAY, January 18, 2008

<p>11:00 am - 12:30 pm</p> <p><i>Strengthening Indigenous Autonomy and Institutional Capacities</i></p> <p>There is no doubt that indigenous organizations around the world are in need of support if they are to preserve their cultures and natural resource bases, while adapting successfully to the new era of globalization. The question is, how can we assure that the support being provided is effective in helping them deal with the wide array of problems they are facing? On the one hand there exist numerous donor organizations around the world with a genuine interest in supporting indigenous organizations in a wide array of projects. On the other hand many indigenous organizations lack the capacity to participate effectively in the planning and implementation of these projects, not to mention managing the projects autonomously.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Steve Cornelius, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaime Levy, ALTROPICO Foundation (Ecuador) • Randy Borman, Cofan Survival Fund • Olindo Nastacuaz, Awa Federation • Cesar Lucitante, Cofan Survival Fund
<p>2:00 pm - 3:30 pm</p> <p><i>Indigenous Land Rights: Global to Local</i></p> <p>Indigenous people across the world are facing threats to their traditional homelands as a result of a number of factors including extractive resource industries, misguided international development projects, population pressures and government policies. Asserting rights over traditional land is a key area where indigenous people are demanding recognition of their right to self-determination. Dr. Marcus Colchester will provide a global survey of where the indigenous battle for land rights has set legal precedent. This will segue into a discussion of a local Sierra Madre land rights case study of the Tarahumara Indians in Choraechi that could set a precedent for the region. This session will provide a basis for a funders land rights working group.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Lori Udall, The Sacharuna Foundation</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcus Colchester, Forest Peoples • Jesús Manuel Palma Aguirre, Tarahumara • Ernesto Palencia Gomez, Choraechi lawyer
<p>4:00 pm - 5:30 pm</p> <p><i>Fighting for Her Rights: Young Indigenous Leaders in Central America</i></p> <p>This session will provide an in-depth perspective on current efforts to defend and promote indigenous women's human rights, with a special emphasis on young women leaders in Central America. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with dynamic leaders: the coordinator of the International Indigenous Women's Forum who has been part of successful advocacy effort to pass the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; a young indigenous woman from Guatemala who is leading Mojomayas; and the Program Director for the Central American Women's Fund which is strategizing about movement building across borders.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Katrín Wilde, Channel Foundation</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mónica Alemán, International Indigenous Women's Forum (Nicaragua) • Carla López, Central American Women's Fund (Nicaragua) • María Rosenda Poyón Cúmez, Mojomayas

SATURDAY, January 19, 2008

<p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p><i>Turning Victory into Law: Capitalizing on the UN Declaration, The Case of El Estor</i></p> <p>The UN Declaration presents an opportunity to enhance the rights of indigenous people. Now we must work to enshrine its principles into law. This session explores the Declaration, examining its strengths and weaknesses, examines how international agreements can promote human rights, examines how that process might begin by exploring its potential application in El Estor, Guatemala where mining interests threaten the Maya Q'eqchi, and examines the role of philanthropy in building support for the Declaration.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Todd Cox, Ford Foundation</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armstrong Wiggins, Indian Law Resource Center • Arnoldo Yat, Defensoría Q'eqchi
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TRACK 3

Methodologies and Effective Strategies

FRIDAY, January 18, 2008

<p>11:00 am - 12:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Redefining Wealth and Progress: Evaluation in Indigenous Communities</i></p> <p>Pressures on US foundations to prove “impact”—from trustees, media, IRS and the public—are mounting. But a fixation on oversimplified measurables and outcomes risks a dumbing down of social change. US-imposed metrics are often at odds with how Indigenous communities define wealth and progress. This workshop will explore the many sides of the evaluation game and seek to find common ground on evaluation of programs and projects in Indigenous communities.</p>	<p>Facilitator: John Harvey, Grantmakers Without Borders</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
<p>2:00 pm - 3:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Building Trans-Community Solidarity: Strengthening Indigenous Philanthropy</i></p> <p>This interactive discussion explores how building trans-community solidarity and bridges between communities strengthens indigenous grantmaking. Experience from Greengrants Alliance of Funds will be examined, highlighting Fondo Accion Solidaria (Mexico) and the Samdhana Institute (Southeast Asia). Cross-sectoral and regional alliances are stressed as key for movement building and long-term social change. The creation of funds for indigenous peoples is also considered for building independent approaches to ownership over resources and their future.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Julie Rinard, Seva Foundation Scott Dupree, GlobalGreengrants Fund</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susana Sainz Gonzales, Cucapa • Laura Martinez Rios Del Rio, FASOL • Nelson Escobar, Seva Foundation • Ernesto Vasquez, Tamariz
<p>4:00 pm - 5:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Valuing Nature and the Nature of Values: Co-Modification or Conservation?</i></p> <p>International funders seeking to protect critical ecosystems and support local livelihoods can find their ideas at odds with local values. When EcoLogic approached its Guatemalan partner Ulew Che’ Ja’ with a proposal to sell carbon credits to finance existing reforestation efforts, it politely but firmly declined. Mayan healers in Chiapas have opposed internationally-financed projects to create government-protected nature reserves, basing plans on indigenous practices instead. This session explores perceptions informing experiences of local organizations supported by EcoLogic and IDEX.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Sebastián Charchalac, EcoLogic Development Fund</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arturo Gomez, COMPTICH) • Antonio Geovanni Garcia Tzoc, Ulew Che Ja • Enrique Juan Cuá Ixcaquic, CEEI

SATURDAY, January 19, 2008

<p>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Funding Indigenous Peoples and Benefit Payments for Ecosystem Services</i></p> <p>Market-based mechanisms for conservation and local community development have gained considerable interest. Compensation for ecosystem services promise to enhance the livelihoods of local communities, particularly indigenous peoples around the world. However, environmental markets in carbon, water and biodiversity have largely bypassed indigenous peoples. While there is a growing interest on the part of indigenous peoples’ organizations to participate in these markets as providers of ecosystem services, there is still a pressing need for mechanisms to aggregate transactions, provide transaction information, increase deal-flow, increase local and institutional capacity building, better information services and more sophisticated market infrastructure surrounding payments for ecosystem services in these regions.</p>	<p>Facilitator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beto Borges, Forest Trends <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pati Ruiz Corso, Grupo Ecológico Sierra Gorda (Querétaro, México) • Javier Mendez, Acicafoc (Costa Rica)
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FUNDERS-ONLY SESSION

SATURDAY, January 19, 2008

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Tracking the Field of Environmental Grantmaking and Indigenous Peoples

The Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA) and International Funders for Indigenous Peoples have recently released a joint report looking at the findings of the data from "Tracking the Field Report" which indicates that just 1% or \$8,439,000 of the Association's combined \$587 million in grantmaking targets indigenous peoples and cultural preservation. Yet, the link between the environment and the future of indigenous communities is inextricably tied. This session will further delve into the research and data analysis while touching upon other issue areas of importance to those who fund indigenous peoples. We will also explore other philanthropic strategies such as the growing field of mission related investing as a means to drive dollars to these issue areas. This session will also share findings from a recent meeting of donors and Indigenous leaders and will give recommendations on funding in Indigenous communities and will provide a different perspective from Mexican Foundations that are supporting Indigenous initiatives.

Facilitator:

Dana Lanza, Executive Director
Environmental Grantmakers Association

Panelists:

- Evelyn Arce- White, International Funders for Indigenous Peoples
- Ana Luisa Liguori, Ford Foundation
- David Kaimowitz, Ford Foundation
- Trevor Stevenson, Amazon Alliance
- Doug Bauer, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors

NON-FUNDERS SESSION

SATURDAY, January 19, 2008

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Becoming a More Effective Grantseeker

This session will give an overview of the current trend of Indigenous Philanthropy and also offer some helpful strategies for more effective ways to become a better grantseeker.

Facilitator:

Emilienne De Leon, Semillas

Panelists:

- Aketzalli Hernandez, IFIP Indigenous Outreach Advisor
- Linda Velarde
- Jose Malvido, Seva Foundation