

Call For Sessions

Due February 15, 2006



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Linking Circles V
*Strengthening Partnerships in Philanthropy: Building Effective
Grantmaking in Indigenous Communities*

May 16-17, 2006
Ford Foundation
New York City, New York

Indigenous Peoples constitute more than 370 million of the world's population, and make up approximately 90 percent of the world's linguistic diversity. They also inhabit most of the world's areas with the highest amount of biodiversity. Indigenous peoples recognize the reality of a global society, and bring their own perspectives to development, which are based on principles of long-term sustainability, interdependence with this world, and efficient and effective utilization of natural resources.

Join us and other members of the philanthropic community on May 16th and May 17th at Ford Foundation where donors will have an opportunity to speak directly with "neutral" (non-grantee) representatives from Indigenous communities on specific concerns. We will look at ways in which philanthropists can partner to support locally driven community development and will feature partnerships with donors, international organizations, and Indigenous communities.

The second morning will be a "Funders Only" meeting to discuss lessons learned and will provide specific recommendations and guidelines for the donor's portfolio. We will then walk to the United Nations Headquarters for an IFIP session during the Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues. The Permanent Forum brings together some 1,500 Indigenous leaders and representatives, this year's Forum is focusing on Indigenous Peoples and the Millennium Development Goals specifically promoting gender equality and reducing child mortality.

Louise Frechette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations said "the Permanent Forum plays a catalytic role in forging partnerships between Indigenous Peoples, governments and the United Nations system, and the appointment of a Special Rapporteur for human rights and fundamental freedoms of Indigenous People had strengthened protection mechanisms available to Indigenous

Peoples. However, Indigenous Peoples had continued to be among the poorest and the most marginalized in many nations, and their communities were often disproportionately victimized by the effects of armed conflict.”

This is a call for session proposals at the IFIP’s May 2006 Conference.

Complete formal session proposal below and send to ifip@internationalfunders.org by Feb. 15, 2006.

Call for Session Proposals Form-Deadline-Feb 15, 2006

1. Proposed Session Title

2. Session Objectives

What do you want the participants to achieve by being involved in your session? _____

3. Session Description

Please write a concise, informative, action-oriented description that provides important facts and generates excitement about your session, keeping your session objectives in mind.

4. Proposed Session Discussion Leaders

The maximum number of speakers per session is three to give time for dialogue and discussion. IFIP encourages Indigenous participation in panel discussions.

Facilitator: _____ Email: _____

Speaker One: _____ Email: _____

Speaker Two: _____ Email: _____

Submitted by:

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Other organizers: _____

Financial Commitment:

*****Please note that IFIP can only commit to pay for the cost of conference registration and lodging and for one speaker for the dates of May 15 and May 16 at the New York Hemsley Hotel. Speakers will be sharing rooms with other speakers.***