

Ford Foundation
May 16-17 2006
Linking Circles V
Strengthening Partnerships in Philanthropy:
Building Effective Grantmaking in Indigenous Communities

Agenda for Tuesday, May 16

8:30-9:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast at Ford Foundation**

9:00-10:00 am **Welcome, Introductions and Opening Prayer:**
Opening Prayer
Evelyn Arce - White, Executive Director of IFIP
Rebecca Adamson, Founder and President Emeritus of First Nations
Development Institute and President of First Peoples Worldwide
Ken Wilson Ph.D., Executive Director of The Christensen Fund

10:00-10:30 am **Keynote Speaker: (Invited) Noeli Pocaterra (*Wayuu*), National Indigenous
Council of Venezuela (CONIVE) and Member of Venezuelan Parliament.**

10:30-10:45 am **Morning Break**

BLOCK ONE

10:45-12:30 pm **A) Strategies for Strengthening the Protection of Indigenous Territories
and the Environment of the Amazon Basin and Central America Mosquitia**

- Moderator:** Peter Kostishack, Co-Director, Amazon Alliance
- Moi Enomenga (*Huaorani*), Vice President of the Huaorani Nation of Ecuador (ONHAE).
 - Osvaldo Munguía, Executive Director of Mopawi of Honduras
 - Jean La Rose, Amerindian Peoples' Association, Guyana
 - Brian Keane, Director of Land is Life
 - Kevin Healy, Grant Officer for Inter-American Foundation

Throughout the world, the titling and protection of Indigenous peoples' territories are central to protecting cultures, livelihoods and the natural environment. In South and Central America, several important developments are leading to greater protections for Indigenous lands. These include new legislation to promote demarcating and titling Indigenous lands, the revision of the Amerindian Act in Guyana, and the formation of a new international alliance dedicated to protecting the rights of Indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation. A panel of Indigenous leaders and foundation representatives will present these developments, discuss the challenges to protecting Indigenous territories, and highlight opportunities for funders and Indigenous organizations to collaborate on territorial and environmental protection.

B) Lessons from the Far North: Equitable Partnerships Between Indigenous and Environmental Groups

- **Moderator:** Anna Kerttula, Circumpolar Conservation Union
- Yana Dordina, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON)
- David Gordon, Executive Director of Pacific Environment

Siberia and the Russian Far East (across the Pacific from North America's western coast) have the densest populations of brown bears and salmon in the world. They live and spawn in giant watersheds that remind you of Alaska and British Columbia, but with just a fraction of the population. This region is laced with large mineral deposits, oil and gas, and conflict is brewing between local residents and pro-development forces. Indigenous peoples face immense challenges in their efforts to co-manage resources with the Russian government, yet if they organize effectively, they can have significant political power. Indigenous and environmental groups have worked together in the Russian Far East – sometimes effectively, and sometimes not. We will explore what's worked and what hasn't worked in these relationships.

12:30-1:30 pm

Lunch

BLOCK TWO

1:30-3:00 pm

A) Genetic Modification, Food Sovereignty, Traditional Knowledge and Critical Issues Facing Indigenous Peoples

- **Moderator:** Mililani B. Trask, Executive Director of Gibson Foundation and Indigenous World Association
- Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, Chair of UNPFII and Executive Director of Tebtebba Foundation in Philippines
- Carol Kalafatic, Community Development & Policy Consultant
- Priscilla Settee, Tenured faculty member and Director of the Indigenous Peoples Program, University of Saskatchewan.

In recent years the world's governments have utilized international treaties to access Indigenous knowledge as it pertains to agriculture, biodiversity, food and medicinal knowledge systems relating to cultivation, and to promote genetic modification and patenting of life forms. These efforts present major threats to biodiversity and to the subsistence and health of Indigenous peoples. Indigenous peoples have begun to address these concerns through traditional practices and cooperative efforts. Examples include the Wild Rice Campaign and the Kalo GMO campaign. This session will discuss the importance of understanding the link between genetic modification, traditional knowledge and biodiversity preservation. We will also discuss future challenges to the UN Draft

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by Indigenous women who have been part of the movement since the very beginning.

B) Indigenous Projects From Around The World

This session is designed to give an overview of many different projects being implemented from New Zealand to Brazil to Uganda. Each speaker will have five minutes to share. Projects range from education, conservation, spirituality, to children programs. This sampling is intended to stimulate follow-up conversations and information sharing.

- Tashka Yawanawa, Chief of the Yawanawa Tribe, Brazilian Amazon
- Nilo Cayuqueo, The Abya Yala Nexus, Argentina
- Elmer H. Herrera-Quiroga, Jach'a Uru - Indigenous Organization, Bolivia
- Trevor Moeke, World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium, New Zealand
- Bijaya Kumar, Center for Conservation of Environment & Wildlife, Nepal
- Bernard Kibirige, SAPH, Executive Director of Integrated Training Center, Uganda
- Mike Lynskey, Executive Producer, Croc Festival, Australia
- Teddy Twinesy, Projects Officer, Tanzania Gatsby Trust, Tanzania

BLOCK THREE

3:00-3:15 pm

Afternoon Break

3:15-4:45 pm

A) Striking a Balance: International Funders and Grassroots Organizations Meet the Challenge of Conducting Advocacy and Providing Services for Indigenous, Tribal and Ethnic Communities

- **Moderator:** Jenna Capeci, Program Officer for Asia, America Jewish World Service
- Htoo Paw, Karen Women's Organization of Thailand/Burma
- Indavi Tulpule, Vana Niketan of India
- Gregoria Flores, OFRANEH of Honduras

Local non- governmental organizations conducting development work focus on education, health care, livelihoods and agriculture tend to design their projects based on an intimate understanding of the dire situations of the poor. At the same time, many also base their work on an understanding that long-term solutions to these problems require broad changes at the social/political level. They have learned through extensive first-hand experience that good development necessitates parallel pursuits of civil/political and social/economic human rights. This session will bring together three grassroots activists working for development and human rights in Indigenous, tribal and/or ethnic minority communities in Honduras, Thailand/Burma and India. Panelists will share

concrete examples of how their organizations strive to balance service delivery to address the immediate needs of their communities with policy advocacy that advances the goals of national or international Indigenous movements. We will also discuss the challenges of conducting and securing funds for advocacy and human rights work and offer diverse opinions on the role that international donors play in supporting these activities.

B) Indigenous Stewardship: Protection and Production

- **Moderator:** Jeff Campbell, Senior Program Officer, Ford Foundation.
- Lauro Vivente Guailas, Dirigencia Nacional de la Federación Plurinacional de Turismo Comunitario del Ecuador – FEPTCE and Jatún Kawsay Foundation
- Annie Vanderwyk, The International Ecotourism Society (TIES) and Center on Ecotourism and Sustainable Development
- Mililani B. Trask, Executive Director of Gibson Foundation and Indigenous World Association

Tourism is one of the world's largest industries and it is growing significantly. Indigenous Peoples face growing pressure to turn their lands, territories and traditions into commodities for tourism. Ecotourism has been promoted as a means for indigenous peoples to generate economic growth while protecting fragile natural resources and endangered lifeways. A central tenet of ecotourism is that it should be an instrument for the protection of indigenous communities, preservation of cultural diversity, and a tool for poverty alleviation. Yet setting standards for the interaction between the tourism industry and local communities remains one of the most complex and contentious issues within the field of ecotourism. This session will discuss the promoting of ecologically and socially responsible best practices for tourism in Indigenous Communities.

4:45- 5:00 pm

Closing Prayer

7:00 – 10:00 pm

**Dinner at the New York Hemsley Hotel / IFIP Annual Award Ceremony/
Australian Descendance Dance Theatre Performance**

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Agenda for Wednesday, May 17th

9:00 - 9:30am **Registration and Continental Breakfast at Ford Foundation**

9:30-11:30 am **Funders Only Informal Discussion**

- Facilitators: Ken Wilson, Executive Director of The Christensen Fund
- Trish Burrow, Director of The Foundation for Young Australians
- Tanya Hosch, Board Member of Foundation for Young Australians
- Rebecca Adamson, Founder and President Emeritus of First Nations Development Institute and President of First Peoples Worldwide

Discuss lessons learned and hear specific recommendations and guidelines for donor's portfolio. This informal discussion will also include examining internal strategies for working with Indigenous peoples, as well as achievements and obstacles to developing grantmaking processes.

11:30-12:30 pm **Lunch and walk to United Nations Headquarters**

1:15-2:45 pm **Special Event At the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues: Identifying Opportunities to Build Capacity within Indigenous Communities**

- **Moderator:** Vicky Tauli-Corpuz, Chair UNPFII and Executive Director of Tebtebba Foundation in Philippines
- Rebecca Adamson, Founder and President Emeritus of First Nations Development Institute and President of First Peoples Worldwide
- (Tentative: Jeff Campbell, Ford Foundation)
- Phrang Roy, Assistant President on Special Assignment for Indigenous and Tribal Issues of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Ken Wilson, Executive Director of The Christensen Fund
- Barbara Sargent, Founder and Executive Director of Kalliopeia Foundation and Co-founder and Board President of New Field Foundation

This panel discussion will explore the importance of working collaboratively with governments and foundations to help build capacity and work in partnership with Indigenous Peoples. Join this workshop to explore ways that Indigenous communities and international grantmakers can work together to better relay project information to increase the chances of securing funding. We will also be presenting the Indigenous Peoples Funding and Resource Guide, a manual that can be instrumental in building the capacity for Indigenous communities.

6:30-8:30 pm **Closing Reception at the New York Hemsley Hotel**