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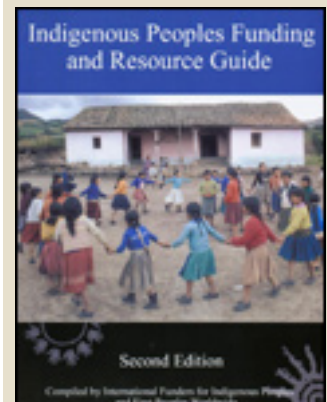
We are also looking for additional sponsors, see our [Sponsorship form](#) for benefits. IFIP would like to announce our current sponsors: Levi Strauss Foundation, The Christensen Fund, Kalliopeia Foundation, Livingry Fund, Tides Foundation, Ford Foundation, Mitsubishi International Corporation Foundation and The Mailman Foundation. We are also opening the conference to twenty Indigenous Representatives that can apply. If you are an Indigenous Representative that would like to attend, please complete the [Indigenous Application](#) to attend by April 1st.

Become an IFIP Member or Renew Your Membership.

Download our new membership form, [PDF WORD](#)

Looking for ways to help your grantees become successful grantseekers?

Order copies of the "Indigenous Peoples Funding and Resource Guide." IFIP Members receive a 30% discount.



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**GLOBAL
PETITION**

Global Petition on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

A strong and uplifting



IFIP is thrilled to announce the addition of a new staff to our organization. Jessica Cree-Alvarez, St. Regis Mohawk, has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with over seven years of administrative support and has been appointed the new IFIP Office Manager.

Through her university career she worked at the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and upon completion of her degree she was named the Public Information Officer for the Tribe. Feel free to [contact Jessica](#) with any questions. Click to see her [full bio](#).

I want to remind you that now is the perfect time to become an [IFIP Member](#) and take advantage of this unique opportunity to join our exciting network of International Funders for Indigenous Peoples.

Ske:nen/Peace,
Evelyn Arce-White, M.A.T.
IFIP Executive Director



REPORTS & ARTICLES

Corporate Contributions Rise Again

Total corporate contributions in the U.S. and abroad (among 211 corporations and foundations) amounted to \$9.8 billion in 2005, The Conference Board reports today in its annual survey of corporate giving to worthy causes. [more](#)



Study of the Problem of Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations

Final report submitted by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. José Martínez Cobo. View the report [here](#).

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is urgently needed to establish minimum international standards to inspire and urge states and others to respect and uphold the rights of Indigenous peoples without discrimination. [Click here](#) for details.



IN THE NEWS

Guatemalan Peace Activist to Run for President

Rigoberta Menchu, the Nobel Peace Prize winner and Maya Indian who has long been a symbol of indigenous pride and defiance, has announced that she will be a candidate in Guatemala's presidential election.

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Building a Global Think Tank

The MacArthur Foundation is providing \$5 million to support the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in its transformation from a traditional think tank to a multi-national and, ultimately, global think tank.

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Canada: Native Land Treaty 13 Years in the Making

The British Columbia provincial government in Canada is starting to make real headway on



Facing Goliath: Challenging the Impacts of Retail Consolidation on our Local Economies, Communities, and Food Security

The Policy Brief teases out the architecture of change in the food supply chain, outlines some of the key impacts on local communities, and suggests strategies for bringing balance back to the food retail landscape, including:

- Developing successful and innovative regional distribution and retail models;
- Re-creating real retail diversity that includes both locally-owned outlets that source a majority of their products locally and products that are direct marketed by producers;
- Fostering locally-owned and operated retail outlets in low-income communities;
- Working to balance the public subsidy and support system, which currently disproportionately favors large supermarket chains over independent markets;
- Raising public awareness about the social, economic and environmental benefits of locally owned and operated grocery stores.

View the report [here](#).



New World Bank Report: Economic Opportunities Elusive for Latin America’s Indigenous Peoples

Despite Latin America’s significant progress in reducing poverty in recent years, more than 80 percent of the region’s indigenous peoples are still living in abject poverty, a trend that has changed little since the early 1990s, says a new World Bank report launched today. The report— “Economic Opportunities for Indigenous Peoples in Latin America”— examines why even with better education, job training, and other skills, the majority of Latin America’s 28 million

aboriginal land claims agreements after years of costly negotiations and inter-governmental deadlock.

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Recuperating Indigenous Languages

With the aim of strengthening linguistic diversity in Argentina, the University of Buenos Aires language school has launched a successful programme providing instruction in the country’s most widely-spoken indigenous languages.

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EMPLOYMENT

Executive Director of Tides Center & VP of Tides Network, San Francisco, CA

Tides Center is a management support organization serving a national audience of progressive social innovators. As the largest fiscal sponsor in the country, the Center provides projects with the legal infrastructure of a 501(c)(3) entity, as well as financial services, human resources management, and capacity building support.

Interested individuals should contact: Rachel Williams via [email](#) or call: 510-647-1015.

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indigenous peoples are not able to convert these skills into higher earnings and boost their living standards on a par with non-indigenous populations. [more](#)



AWARDS

The Global Fund for Community Foundations

The Global Fund for Community Foundations is a new WINGS programme created to promote the growth and sustainability of community foundations in developing and transitioning countries. The programme will provide grants primarily to community foundations, though in some instances support organisations will also be eligible. The aim is to progressively build organisational capacity and the leadership skills necessary for the development of strong and sustainable community foundations, and the encouragement of local giving. [more](#)



Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Now Accepting Nominations for the 2007 Human Rights Award

Deadline: April 15, 2007

The annual Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award seeks to draw the world's attention to the work of brave individuals who make great personal sacrifices, often risking their lives, to promote respect for the human rights of all people. The Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award seeks to identify and honor these people who embody Robert Kennedy's belief in the power of individual efforts to overcome injustice. For more, go to www.rfkmemorial.org.



GWOB Member and Donor Services Coordinator, San Francisco, CA

Grantmakers Without Borders (Gw/oB), a philanthropic network, is dedicated to increasing funding for international social justice and environmental sustainability and to improving the practice of international grantmaking. Members include private foundations, grantmaking public charities, individual major donors, and philanthropic support organizations. Gw/oB provides capacity-building support to international grantmakers both novice and experienced. Full-time. Salary: \$47-\$57K, DOE. Full range of benefits. Some travel required. To apply, email (Attention: "Hiring Committee") a cover letter and résumé, in Word, to gwob@gwob.net. Please do not send zipped files. We strongly advise you to clearly summarize your qualifications as they relate to this position in your cover letter or at the beginning of your résumé. No calls, please. Visit www.gwob.net for more information on Grantmakers Without Borders. [more](#)

The Pachamama Alliance Development Associate

The Pachamama Alliance seeks an

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

IFIP CONFERENCE EVENTS

**International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) Presents:
"Food Sovereignty, Indigenous People and The Future of
Agriculture: Opportunities for New Partnerships"**

**April 29, 2007
9:30-11:00 am**

**Room 201
Washington State Trade & Conference Center
Seattle, WA**

A Pre-Conference event at the Annual Council of Foundations

Foundations globally are re-engaging in agricultural development as the world's food systems once again appear increasingly precarious, and there is a rapid increase in grantmaking around healthier food systems. Indigenous agricultural systems are therefore becoming increasingly important, both as reservoirs for the remaining agrobiodiversity globally (heirloom varieties and minor crops not currently in vogue) and as models for ways human beings have found work for sustaining bountiful agricultural landscapes over long periods of time. This session explores ways to work with Indigenous People in North America and globally to support the vibrancy of their traditional agricultural systems and foodways even as these communities adapt to the changing global society.

Moderator: Ken Wilson PhD, Executive Director of The Christensen Fund

Speakers:

Phrang Roy, Program Officer at The Christensen Fund

Winona LaDuke, Honor the Earth

Slow Food International Representative

For COF's full program [click here](#).



experienced, highly organized, passionate, self-motivated and energetic individual to join our team in the San Francisco office. We are looking for a candidate whose life purpose is deeply aligned with our mission and vision.

The Pachamama Alliance is a not-for-profit organization that was born out of a unique partnership with indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin in Ecuador. Salary range for this full-time position is \$40,000 to \$48,000, depending on experience. Benefits included. Please submit resume and cover letter by March 9th via [email](#).

President Forest Stewardship Council-US

The Board of Directors of the Forest Stewardship Council-US is seeking applicants for the role of President, to direct the operations of the organization, headquartered in Washington, DC.

The Forest Stewardship Council-US, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is the U.S. component of FSC International, the global leader in the independent certification of forests managed to exemplary standards covering environmental, social and economic issues. FSC promotes responsible forest management through a third-party certification program that is used as a

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This year's conference will be a special event as IFIP celebrates and embarks on its leading work as a newly recognized and independent organization. The theme for our sixth annual conference, "Weaving a New Path in Philanthropy," was chosen to symbolize the interrelatedness of our work and how we must all work together to achieve our goals. The act of weaving represents strands that cross over and under each other, it not only produces beautiful, well-woven textiles, but in some Indigenous communities, the patterns mirror the social and economic history of the community and the weaver's life experiences. It best depicts the universal view of many Indigenous communities how all things are interconnected. To register click here or see our website: www.internationalfunders.org



FOR FUNDERS ONLY

**Wallace Global Fund and Tides Foundation Present
Climate Change, Economic Change and Political Change**

**Tuesday, March 6
9:30- 11:00 am
Wallace Global Fund
1990 M Street, NW, Suite 250**

market-base tool for ensuring that the world's forests are protected for future generations. There are currently more than 67 million acres of FSC-certified forest lands in North America and more than 200 million acres globally. For further information about the organization, see www.fscus.org

[fscus.org](#)
[more](#)

**Women Donors
Network Director of
Programs**

The Women Donors Network (WDN) seeks a Director of Programs based in California. S/he will be a highly motivated self-starter who works well and interacts effortlessly with diverse women, groups, and organizations, but who can also work independently and creatively, demonstrating leadership.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, salary history, and salary expectations and four references with contact information by [email](#). No calls please.

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Washington, DC

Join Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope and Blue Green Alliance Director Dave Foster, in Conversation with Jim English, Secretary-Treasurer, United Steelworkers.

2006 was the year when the American public - and politicians on both sides of the aisle-finally "got" the reality of global warming. Will 2007 be the year for effective action to stabilize climate and create a new, clean, green, sustainable economy?

To make sure that the answer to that question is a resounding YES, the United Steelworkers of America and the Sierra Club have launched the Blue Green Alliance (BGA,) a long-term partnership between these two vast national membership organizations. BGA seeks to transform politics and social action by advancing a broad strategy for labor and human rights and environmental protection in a global economy. Its goal is to organize a new environmental movement that engages "unusual suspects" --including members of the nation's largest manufacturing union. It aims to expand the debate on global warming to encompass economic justice, advancing a vision of a new energy economy as a vehicle for addressing the growing inequality in the US and between the global North and South. BGA's message is that today's environmental challenges are opportunities to create a new, sustainable prosperity, healthy communities and good jobs.

Join Carl Pope, Dave Foster, and Jim English on March 6 to learn more about BGA and its implications for environmental, economic and political change in Washington and around the nation.

Hosted by Wallace Global Fund and Tides Foundation. RSVP to Jane Lin: jlin@tides.org 415-561-7810.



Peace and Security Funders Federal Policy Briefing

**March 7-8, 2007
Washington, DC**

The Federal Policy Briefing is less than a month away. They are convening at an exciting time as Congress is re-asserting its right to a voice in U.S. foreign and military policy and challenges are mounting to current policies. Some highlights: Sen. Leahy will speak about plans for revisiting "war on terror" legislation. Former Special

envoy to Afghanistan, Sudan, Kosovo and Somalia, Jim Dobbins, will discuss peacekeeping and peace building efforts. For more information see: www.peaceandsecurity.org.



Women's Funding Network Annual Meeting

April 26-28, 2007
Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Tower 1400 6th Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Presented by the Women's Funding Network. Contact: www.wfnet.org.



Council on Foundations Annual Conference **Philanthropy and the Challenges of Our Time: Making a** **Difference at Home and Around the Globe**

April 29-May 1, 2007
Washington State Trade & Conference Center
Seattle, Washington

Presented by the Council on Foundations. Contact: www.cof.org.



Latin American Migrant Community Summit

May 9-13, 2007
Morelia, Mexico

The first-ever Latin American Migrant Community Summit will bring together hundreds of migrant leaders from the United States, Europe and Latin America for cutting-edge discussions on issues related to migration and development. Funders are invited by Summit organizers to attend this important gathering, through a delegation being jointly organized by FNTG, the Chicago Global Donors Network, and Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees. For complete information about the context, program,

costs and registration details, please [click here](#).



**The Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers presents
"Strengthening Philanthropy through
Collaboration and Connections"**

**February 28 - March 2, 2007
Hamilton Crowne Plaza
Washington, DC**

Join your colleagues from across the nation at the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers' 2007 winter conference! This event will provide networking opportunities, celebrate leadership, and continue the discussion about collaboration among grantmaker associations. For more info click [here](#).



OPEN TO ALL

**The Girl Child in Indigenous Communities
*Violence, Vulnerability, And a Constructive Way Forward***

**March 01, 2007
2:00 -3:00 pm
Hardin Room 11th Floor of the Church Center
777 UN Plaza
New York, NY**

The panel of Speakers:

Arlindo Dias Pereira, a Brazilian Divine Word Missionary and a member of VIVAT International, has worked among the street people of the Metropolitan City of Sao Paulo, Brazil. He has worked among the marginalized in Sao Paulo since the early 1980s.

Mekdes Assefa is a young lady from Ethiopia. She works at her high school with the HIV Club and the Charity Club. She is actively

involve among the elders of her community assisting them in their health and hygiene. She is familiar with the reality of early marriage practice in Ethiopia which brings a range of problems for the girl child. Mekdes will also include in her sharing some realities of abduction and female genital mutilation.

Mary Simat is a Maasai from Kenya. She is the Chairwoman of the Maasai Women for Education and Economic Development {MAWEED}, which works for the rights of Maasai women and girls. Mary is also a member of the Indigenous People of Africa Coordinating Committee, a cooperative network of indigenous peoples from the entire continent.

Kevin Dance, the moderator of the event, is the Director of Passionists International.



Native Philanthropy Institute & Emerging Leaders Summit

**April 3-5, 2007
Fort McDowell Resort
Scottsdale, AZ**

Native Americans in Philanthropy announces the 2nd Annual Native Philanthropy Institute and Emerging Leaders Summit on April 3-5, 2007. The event will gather Native people from across the nation in sharing and receiving knowledge on giving, communications, fundraising, emerging leadership with special opportunities to experience the Indigenous cultures and tradition of giving throughout Arizona and the Phoenix/Scottsdale area. Members will receive a discounted rate.

A more detailed program agenda will be available when Registration opens on January 1, 2007. Watch your email for more information which will come out soon! [Click here](#) for more info.



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