Latin America Indigenous Funders Conference


Berta Cáceres

Lima, Peru

OCTOBER 24-27, 2016
Dedication

This conference is dedicated to the ultimate sacrifice of Indigenous activists for Mother Earth, for their own communities and for ours. We honor the memory of Berta Cáceres, who was assassinated this year for trying to save her people’s land from a dam project in Honduras. We hope this conference serves as a tribute to her lasting legacy.

In Honor of Berta Cáceres of COPINH and all Environmental Defenders
—Swift Foundation

Berta Cáceres founded the National Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH) to address the growing threats posed to Lenca communities by illegal logging, fight for their territorial rights, and improve their livelihoods.
We are delighted to welcome you to IFIP’s Latin America Regional Funders Conference in Lima, Peru.

This conference brings together a diverse array of leaders from Indigenous communities, ngos, and donor organizations to highlight why Indigenous Philanthropy offers a tremendous potential to strengthen the self-development of Indigenous communities. Our conference theme is **Buen Vivir: Supporting the Role of Indigenous Peoples in Bio-Cultural Diversity, Human Rights and Sustainable Economic Models.** This year for the first time we have expanded the conference concurrent sessions into four tracks to meet overwhelming interest in this theme and accommodate the excellent session proposals received. At the same time, the agenda will offer plenty of networking opportunities designed to provide a fulfilling conference experience. Our goal is to bring together stories, experiences and ideas for collaboration, as well as ways of learning about the different grantmaking approaches and how funders work in partnership with local communities, social movements, ngos, and others to advance Indigenous peoples’ well-being, security and rights.

It is our hope that, as you engage in the conference, you will take this opportunity to practice the “Four Rs of Indigenous Philanthropy”:

- **Reciprocity** in the give-and-take of listening and speaking. Please take advantage of the sharing and networking opportunities available here;
- **Respect** for new ideas and perspectives different from our own. There will be many best practices and experiences that can benefit your work;
- **Responsibility** to the mission of Conference: to cultivate new potential for collaboration with Indigenous communities; and
- **Relationships** – you stand with the vanguard of a growing movement in philanthropy.

This is an ideal time to get to know each other!

The Conference Planning Committee dedicates this conference to the late Lenca activist, Berta Cáceres of Honduras, and to other Indigenous leaders who tirelessly fight to protect their lands. Berta was the 2015 recipient of the Goldman Environmental Prize, honored for her environmental achievement. In order to catalyze concrete action for Indigenous communities standing in the line of fire, we organized our first workshop on Indigenous Well-Being and Security. The outcomes from this workshop, which will be held the day before the conference, will be shared in our opening plenary.

We extend our thanks to the sponsors for their support of this event, without it Indigenous participation at this conference would not be possible. We give special thanks to CHIRAPAQ for their tremendous support in the realization of this conference. Lastly, please join us in thanking the volunteers, speakers, and staff who have made the conference possible.

We welcome your active participation during the conference and look forward to helping you discover and cultivate ideas – and most of all, we invite you to make new connections.

Please feel free to share your feedback and ideas with IFIP’s board members and staff throughout this conference. We look forward to learning together over the next several days.

Bienvenidos y bienvenidas a Lima!

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OUR GRATITUDE

The International Funders of Indigenous Peoples sincerely thanks the following for their time, suggestions and efforts to make this conference a productive, memorable experience:

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Special thanks to our local partner, the Center for Indigenous Cultures of Peru, and in particular to Tarcila Rivera Zea, Néstor Casafranca, and Verónica Vargas
CONFERENCE REQUESTS, CONSIDERATIONS & INFORMATION

We would appreciate if everyone would allow tradition holders, elders and those with special needs to get in line first, especially for meals, transport or use of bathrooms.

It is important that we stay on schedule out of respect to speakers and performers, as well as fellow participants. Please be on time for sessions and discussion circles. We will notify participants when breaks are concluding.

The conference agenda is meant to provide a structure to initiate conversations and build connections. Please take care of yourself. Take the time you need to rest or to make new friends, even if this occurs during the program. As we gather this week to learn from and to get to know each another, we would appreciate if you stayed on site, with the exception that your accommodations are at another hotel.

To encourage deeper meaning and respect during group discussion times throughout the gathering, we invite you to:

• Feel free to ask any question—all questions are welcome and are often the best way to initiate dialogue;
• Let us know if you need any assistance for your comfort;
• Share honestly, from your personal experience;
• Listen first and then speak succinctly, so that others might also have a chance to speak or share

NO SOLICITATION POLICY

IFIP’s conference is intended as a space for grantmakers to engage in learning and networking. A strict "no solicitation" policy is enforced during the conference. Also, we ask you to be respectful and please refrain from mass mailing conference participants.
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SITE VISIT #1:
Pucallpa: Innovative Technology, Law, and Education in Shipibo Communities.

This trip is organized to give funders insight into how Indigenous communities in the Peruvian Amazon maintain traditional customs, fishing and agricultural practices, and use law and technology to protect their sustainable livelihoods from intensifying threats.

These two tropical forest Indigenous Shipibo communities live in traditional settlements in the Calleria River Basin, and work together to protect their forests along the border of the Sierra del Divisor National Park. Only accessible by boat from Pucallpa, these communities survive primarily on one-to-three hectare agricultural plots, river fish, and hunting and forest gathering. Both communities have small land titles, but they have been fighting since 2008 to expand them so they reflect their ancestral territories, and, more recently to evict migrants who illegally burn the rainforest to grow coca.

As many of the invaders enter through Patria Nueva, the community has built a control post, and is training local youth in cell phone mapping systems that coordinate deforestation data with the Ministry of Environment’s satellite monitoring systems. This is one the first native communities in Peru to verify real-time satellite deforestation data on the ground.

Monday October 24

10:30am–12:00pm
Indigenous Peoples Orientation

A rare opportunity for Indigenous peoples to become better acquainted with the world of philanthropy, grantmaking, and donor cultivation and relationships. This is an Indigenous peoples-only session.

1:30pm–4:30pm
Indigenous Peoples Security and Well-being Workshop

In light of the increasing violence against Indigenous activists, donors and Indigenous leaders are coming together to discuss support strategies at this crucial time. This session will feature first-hand accounts from those on the ground, as well as donors with experience in first-response and long-term logistical support. The meeting will conclude with a list of recommendations for the donor community and a Statement to be shared at the Conference Plenary. All are welcome to share your ideas on how funders can collaborate and unite to support those who defend the last vestiges of the Earth’s biodiversity.

Moderator: Beverly Bell
Speakers: Laura Zuñiga Cáceres, Gloria Ushigua, Julio Cusurichi

8:00pm–10:00pm
INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL

Please join us to see films about and by Indigenous communities produced by many of your peers. There are few opportunities to see documentaries made in such close, respectful collaboration with Indigenous communities. We hope you can show solidarity and support their efforts and fill the room!

FEATURED FILMS / OCT. 24

The Living Flower

Since ancient times, our elders have practiced traditional medicine using the species of plants that nature offers to us. The Living Flower shares with us their knowledge about medicinal plants, their value, presence, and usage during our times. 9:50 minutes

Pelagia Gutiérrez Vega
Produced by: The Center for Indigenous Cultures of Peru, with the support of Oxfam and Wapikoni Mobile
Main Cast: Members of San Martín de Hercomarca community
Our Knowledge
In a small village in Peru, women gather to prepare the traditional drink, chicha de jora, as their mothers and ancestors have for at least a thousand years. 4:28 minutes
Directed by: Teodosia Gutiérrez Velapatiño
Produced by: The Center for Indigenous Cultures of Peru, with the support of Oxfam and Wapikoni Mobile
Main Cast: Members of Chanen community

The Thread that Keeps Us Warm
Waist loom weaving is how our ancestors made their clothing. Fortunata and Juan both practice this ancient technique, keeping up the tradition. We learn how they have come to master this disappearing art. Their testimony is a call to youth to keep it alive. 8:45 minutes
Directed by: Gertrudina Tenorio Rodríguez and Yonida Cayllahua Vásquez
Produced by: CHIRAPAQ, Center for Indigenous Cultures of Peru, with the support of Oxfam and Wapikoni Mobile
Main Cast: Members of San Juan de Chito community

Forgotten
Residents of the Santa Cruz de Pucaraccay community show the hardships they go through for access to water, electric power and education. They also share with us their dreams and wishes for the future, through the eyes of their youth. 8:39 mins.
Directed by: Sandy Palomino Gamboa and Riveth Zamora Gómez
Produced by: CHIRAPAQ, Center for Indigenous Cultures of Peru, with the support of Oxfam and Wapikoni Mobile
Main Cast: Members of Santa Cruz de Pucaraccay community

Braiding the Sacred
A short documentary about the relationship of Indigenous communities with corn. Focusing on Haudenausaunee and Pueblo corn growers in North America who have cultivated this crop for centuries, the film shows corn traditions that resist commodification and homogenization through biological and cultural diversity.
These ‘seed guardians’ fight imminent threats to biodiversity, including the corporate monopoly of GMO seeds and climate change, through Traditional Ecological Knowledge.
Directed by: Mateo Hinojosa
Produced by: Karen Swift and Kaylena Bray
Main Cast: Corn Producers of Turtle Island

SUNÚ
Seen through the eyes of small, midsize and large Mexican maize producers, SUNÚ knits together stories from a threatened rural world. It journeys deep into the heart of a country where people fight to stay free, cultivate their seeds, stay true to their cultures and forms of spirituality, in a modern world that both needs them and reviles them. It reveals how maize and everything it gives life to could be lost forever, and shares a generous tapestry of simple, heartfelt messages for the farmers of the world and the city dwellers who could lose the capability to make important choices—unless they act soon. 80 minutes
Directed by: Teresa Camou
Produced by: Teresa Camou
Main Cast: N/A
Tuesday, October 25
6:30am–9:00am
SUNRISE CEREMONY
We invite you to open to the spirit of the conference with a Sunrise Ceremony at an ancient ceremonial site around the corner from the hotel.

The Lima culture, an Indigenous civilization that preceded the Incas, constructed Huaca Pucllana around 1,600 years ago. Primarily used as ceremonial center, it is made almost entirely of handmade adobe bricks.

We will leave the lobby of the Jose Antonio Hotel at 6:30 am on Tuesday morning in order to board a bus and arrive promptly at 7:00am for the Sunrise Ceremony. We will then return to the hotel for the official Welcome and Opening Prayer.

8:30pm–10:30pm
INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL
Please show your support for your peers and film makers who bring neglected stories of inspiration and hope from the most remote Indigenous communities.

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In Defense of Life
This film follows the struggles and triumphs of four communities resisting large-scale mining projects in Colombia, the Philippines, South Africa and Romania.

Courageous environmental and human rights defenders from these communities describe how they have suffered and why they are standing firm to protect their families, land, water and life from destruction by mining.

Their inspiring David-and-Goliath stories demonstrate that when injustice and destruction become globalized, so does resistance.

A film by: The Gaia Foundation
Created by: Jess Phillimore
Cinematography by: Jess Phillimore and Jason Taylor
Edited by: James Hughes and Jess Phillimore

When Two Worlds Collide
Audiences are taken directly into the line of fire between powerful, opposing Peruvian leaders. On the one side is President Alan Garcia, who, eager to enter the world stage, begins aggressively extracting oil, minerals, and gas from untouched Indigenous Amazonian land. He is quickly met with staunch opposition from Indigenous leader Alberto Pizango, whose impassioned speeches against Garcia’s destructive actions prove a powerful rallying cry. When Garcia continues nonetheless, a tense war of words erupts into deadly violence. 103 minutes

Directed by: Heidi Brandenburg and Mathew Orzel
Produced by: Taira Akbar
Main Cast: Alberto Pizango

Divisadero: Tierra Nativa Rarámuri
Copper Canyon is a tourist destination, renowned for its beautiful landscapes in the Sierra Madre and for the native Tarahumara culture, also known as Raramuri. However, the Raramuri of the community of Mogotavo has no title to its territory, which includes the famous train station, Divisadero. As a result, the government and investors start to subdivide their terrain for construction of a mega-tourism development project with major hotels, golf courses and an adventure park. After threats of forced relocation, the Raramuri of Mogotavo fought back, demanding recognition of their rights and a future where tourists learn from them, not ‘about’ them. The survival of Mogotavo and hope for all Raramuri depend on the outcome of this historic legal battle. 23 minutes

Directed by: Randall Gingrich and Rene Mora
Produced by: Tierra Nativa A.C.
Main Cast: Miguel Cruz Moreno, Oscar Duran, Rosario Batista, Juan Rios, Miguel Parra, Makawi
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The Veil of Berta
The story of Pehuenches Indigenous families, particularly the women who since 1996 have defended their land, their river and their ancestors from invasion. Among them is Berta Quintremán, an elderly Pehuenche who stood in the way of the multi-million dollar Hydro-electric Project planned in Alto Bío Bío by the corporation Endesa. 73 minutes
Directed by: Esteban Larrain and Jeannette Paillan
Produced by: Piraña Producciones

Wednesday, October 26
IFIP DINNER AND AWARD CEREMONY
Please come to honor leaders in Indigenous Philanthropy.

A Celebration of Evelyn Arce-Erickson
We kick off the evening recognizing the legacy of former IFIP Executive Director Evelyn Arce-Erickson. Under Evelyn’s leadership, IFIP grew to more than 50 members and affiliates, and united funders, NGOs, and Indigenous leaders who give voice to the critical issues and challenges faced by Indigenous communities across the globe. Through conference organizing, webinars, events, research and publications, Evelyn cultivated a community of best practice and positioned IFIP as a key catalyst for new funding. Please come to thank Evelyn for her dedication to Indigenous peoples. She will be joining us via video conference.

IFIP Award for Indigenous Grantmaking
The IFIP Award for Indigenous Grantmaking honors exemplary donors forging the new path we call Indigenous philanthropy. The distinguished roster of past recipients includes Kalliopeia Foundation, The Christensen Fund and JR McKenzie Trust. This year IFIP proudly presents the award to the International Indigenous Women’s Forum (FIMI) for its leadership in Indigenous-led philanthropy and participatory practices.

The International Indigenous Women’s Forum is a global network that brings together Indigenous women leaders and human rights activists from all over the world to coordinate agendas, build capacities, develop leadership and increase women’s roles in decision-making processes.

A key accomplishment is their AYNI fund, which has raised a total of $692,000 for 63 grassroots projects in 31 countries in three regions of the world. FIMI’s Global Leadership School of Indigenous Women trained 24 Indigenous women leaders from 19 countries; and implemented ten advocacy plans designed by 151 Indigenous women from diverse communities that span the globe.
Sacred Fire Wisdom Fellowship Award

Sacred Fire Foundation works to support Indigenous peoples worldwide through its grant program. Its educational programs bring traditional wisdom into industrialized cultures for meaningful cultural change.

The Wisdom Fellowship Award is presented annually to honor the work of an Indigenous elder who has demonstrated lifelong achievement in bringing wisdom, leadership and learning to their people and community. Indigenous elders are the keepers of tradition, of a deep relationship with the living world and the sacred. By acknowledging and honoring them, we raise awareness of the critical importance and relevance of ancient wisdom for our times.

Past recipients include Chief Oren Lyons (Onondaga Nation), Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche (Bön, Tibet), Tarcila Rivera Zea (Quechua, Perú) and Chief Caleen Sisk (Winnemem Wintu, USA).

This year we present the Wisdom Fellowship Award to Marcos Terena, a Xané leader who has devoted his life to Indigenous peoples and Mother Earth. In 1977, Terena founded the first Indigenous political movement in Brazil, the Union of Indigenous Nations. In 1992 he organized a landmark event in the struggle for Indigenous peoples' rights, the World Conference of Indigenous Peoples on Territories, Environment and Development. Marcos is also a founding member of the Inter-Tribal Committee, Land is Life, the International Alliance of Indigenous-Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests, the Brazilian Indigenous Institute for Intellectual Property, the World Indigenous Games Festival, and the Call of the Earth Circle.
Thursday, October 27
8:00am – 12:00pm
Investing in Indigenous Women’s Empowerment
In 2012, the UN Commission on the Status of Women asked the world to recognize “the distinct and crucial contribution of Indigenous women, their knowledge and their vital roles in diverse economies to poverty eradication, food security and sustainable development.” This half-day event, organized by the International Indigenous Women’s Forum, will highlight the vital roles of Indigenous women and how philanthropists can support them. The session will conclude with an Executive Summary of the best practices identified and the suggested next steps.
Moderator: Dr. Myrna Cunningham
Speakers: Tarcila Rivera Zea, Sonja Swift, Natasha K. Hale, Teresa Zapeta.

1:00pm – 3:00pm
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ SHARING SESSION
This is a rare opportunity to learn about promising work being done in communities directly from the leading Indigenous organizers in the region—in concise, three-minute summaries. The goal of this session is not solicitation but inspiration, cross-pollination, and information. Think of it as the most cost-effective, multi-country site visit ever imagined.

October 28 – November 3
SITE VISIT #2:
Cusco, Sacred Education and Agriculture
This trip is organized to provide donors insight into how Indigenous communities apply traditional wisdom and practices for food security and endogenous development. This is a unique opportunity to experience three projects of the KusiKawsay Association in Pisac and the Sacred Valley of the Inca in Peru.
KusiKawsay (Happy Life) is a non-profit Andean educational institution located in Pisac. The school provides exceptional education rooted in Andean culture with culturally appropriate curriculum that addresses the reality and needs of students from families with few resources. Kusi Nan (Happy Path) is based in Andean agriculture. The school’s organic garden preserves the local seeds and cultivates healthy foods. Nawpa Nan (Ancient Path) is strongly rooted in the traditional music, dance and ceremonial practices that are still practiced throughout the Andean calendar.
For more information on KusiKawsay, check out their website at www.kusikawsay.org

A Special Night of Indigenous Hip Hop
The Awards Dinner will ‘wrap up’ with a special performance by Liberado Kani, a Quechua artist from the Peruvian hip hop underground. Kani’s cultural fusion rap mixes social protest with spoken poetry in Quechua and Spanish, breathing new life into the words of the elders.

Hip Hop Artist and Performer for Wednesday Evening Award Ceremony and Gala
# Monday, October 24 • Pre-Conference

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 • DAY 3**

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### Pre- and Post-Conference Site Visits

| Oct 19 - Oct 23 | Pucallpa, Peru | Site Visit Pucallpa: Innovative Technology, Law, and Education in Shipibo Communities (Recommended flight Oct. 19 for site visit starting Oct. 20) |
| Oct 19 - Oct 23 | Cusco, Peru    | Site Visit Cusco: Sacred Education and Agriculture (Recommended flight Oct. 28 for site visit starting Oct 29.) |
“How Many More?”
Plenary Session on Security Issues

As demand intensifies for the Earth’s remaining resources, the violence against those who defend them is expected to escalate, particularly in Latin America. According to Global Witness, around the world “on average two people are killed every week defending their land, forests, and waterways against the expansion of large-scale agriculture, dams, mining, logging and other threats.”

While Indigenous projects help donors reach program goals, the question this plenary will address is how the philanthropic community can reciprocate with comprehensive strategies for the frontline communities who risk their lives defending the environment.

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Myrna Cunningham**

Myrna is an Indigenous Miskita and a former member of the National Assembly of Nicaragua where she also served in the Ministry of Health and as Governor of the autonomous North Atlantic Coast region (RAAN). She founded the University of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua and has served as the General Secretary of the Inter-American Indigenous Institute. In 2002, she received the Pan American Health Organization’s Public Health Heroine of the Americas Award. She has extensive experience on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, also as Secretary General of the Indigenous Inter-American Institute, and she has served on the board of several organizations to promote the rights of Indigenous women, including the International Indigenous Women’s Forum (FIMI). She is a past chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
The Conference Planning Committee carefully crafted the Four Tracks and their supporting sessions so that they would truly reflect the overall theme of "Buen Vivir" or how we can all live well. The descriptions below provide guidance on each Track, followed by complete Session listings. For complete information on each session speaker, please refer to the Speaker Biographies Section, which is organized by Track and Session.

**TRACK 1**

**Investing in Indigenous Models of Sustainable Development**

This track will explore holistic ways to work with Indigenous communities, promoting alternative models that are culturally appropriate and include elements of Indigenous economies and local social practices. In the current framework, Indigenous peoples are forced to function mostly in an economic and political scheme that differs greatly from their reality. This poses many challenges to their struggle to preserve their livelihoods, health, spirituality, food security, and sovereignty. Donors, on the other hand, need to understand how to adapt their requirements and expectations in order to facilitate the inclusion of Indigenous communities in their grantee pool, while being sensitive to the Indigenous worldview.

Session topics covered in this track cover environmentally and socially acceptable economic models for Indigenous communities, power dynamics in Indigenous grantmaking, and Corporate Social Responsibility and how it supports Indigenous peoples’ rights.
TRACK 2
Protecting Ancestral Territories and Indigenous Rights

More than 370 million strong in over 90 countries, Indigenous peoples constitute the largest minority in the world and are frequently among the most marginalized and vulnerable segments of the population. Despite significant advances in creating international treaties and national legislation, they still face enormous obstacles to asserting and claiming their rights. Their economic, social and legal status often limits their ability to defend their rights, interests and territories. At the same time, Indigenous peoples’ survival depends on the fate of their territory and natural resources. In line with their traditional practices, they seek an integrated approach to defending their rights and managing their territories that simultaneously includes spiritual, social, economic, and cultural dimensions, an approach that needs to be taken into consideration in the grantmaking process as well.

Sessions under this track cover: self-determination models; defending and exercising collective rights, tools and technology for protecting land rights; strategies for strengthening the protection of Indigenous territories and the environment; economic and cultural barriers Indigenous peoples face; access to information; and the post-Millennium Development Goals 2015 agenda.
TRACK 3
Walking in Two Worlds: Why Indigenous Wisdom Will Be Vital to Our Future

Intergenerational relations in Indigenous communities encompass sharing traditional knowledge, passing on cultural norms and beliefs, as well as reciprocal care and support among generations. With the unavoidable penetration of modern world elements even in the remotest communities, Indigenous communities are suffering demographic modifications and changes in family structures. The generation gap is widening, and the essential link between younger and older generations is weakening. There is a strong interdependence between generations, and a meaningful relationship between generations is key for societal and cultural cohesion.

Sessions can cover: looking at strategies to bridge the intergenerational gap in Indigenous communities; nurturing cultural dialogue with the elders; preserving stories fundamental to protecting Indigenous control of land and resources; increasing intergenerational solutions for language revitalization as part of bilingual education; and how technology can be used to recover and preserve culture.
TRACK 4

The How to: Strategies for Support

This track focuses on how funders collaborate with and bring support to Indigenous communities. The main goal is to show successful donor strategies, as well as lessons learned on how funders, ngos and Indigenous peoples can work effectively toward common goals, such as increasing biodiversity, food sovereignty, conservation efforts, and advancing human rights among other important issues. Funders employ a wide variety of strategies to support Indigenous peoples, including direct giving, working through intermediaries, long-term investments, and supporting Indigenous control of philanthropic resources.

Sessions can share stories about the philanthropic journey to collaborating with Indigenous peoples and explore the opportunities and challenges in creating deep, reciprocal and collaborative partnerships, along with larger inter-alliances on policy, programming, and advocacy efforts.
**Session 1**


As global corporations seek to invest in large renewable energy projects, Indigenous communities are fighting for their rights to secure their land title and maintain access to their natural resources. In this rapidly growing industry, a culture clash is developing on the ground while investors remain unaware of human rights violations.

In this panel, we will hear from Indigenous leaders from Mexico and Kenya who are fighting projects and proposing alternatives. We will also hear from organizations accompanying Indigenous communities in their struggles and the critical role that philanthropists as donors and investors must play in building a just energy transition. What are the controversies surrounding standards, safeguards and FPIC protocols? Come learn and join in the debate. What role can your foundation play in ensuring that Indigenous people are not a casualty of green impact investing?

**Facilitator:** Jennifer Astone, Swift Foundation

**Panelists:**
- Nashieeli Valencia, Zapotec Community of Ixtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico
- Bettina Cruz Velázquez, The Assembly of Indigenous Peoples of the Isthmus of Tehantepec in Defense of Land and Territory, Mexico
- Sergio Oceransky, Yansa CIC, Mexico
- Soledad Mills, Equitable Origin
- Leonardo Crippa, Senior Attorney, Indian Law Resource Center
- Abdikadir Kurewa and Makambo Lotorobo, The Sarima Indigenous Peoples’ Land Forum

**Session 2**

**Leveraging Indigenous Rights and Co-investments to Transform Indigenous Enterprises in the Andean Amazon and the Mexican Sierra Madre**

Across Latin America, Indigenous peoples are pursuing their own models of Indigenous-led enterprise. Although communities face difficult challenges to instituting these models—from destructive mega-development to an absence of start-up investment—there is transformative potential for eco-enterprise in activities like tourism, harvest of non-timber forest products, agroforestry, and aquaculture. The Tarahumara, Sapara, and Tacana peoples will share their stories of overcoming challenges to develop eco-enterprise. Panel moderator Mark Moroge will draw out early lessons from these experiences and facilitate a brainstorming session about future investment opportunities in Indigenous eco-enterprise in the region.

**Facilitators:**
- Mark Moroge, Rainforest Alliance
- Randall Gingrich, Tierra Nativa

**Panelists:**
- Juan Rios Vega, Tepehuan, Tierra Nativa
- Marcos Teran, ACEAA, Bolivia
- Rolando Justiniano, Tacana community, Bolivia
- Eliot Logan-Hines, Runa Foundation, Ecuador-US

**Session 3**

**Facilitating investment in Indigenous-led Businesses in Mexico and Peru**

Indigenous communities developing sustainable enterprises in keeping with their cultural values face challenges within the “Western” business ecosystem. This session will examine lessons learned from experiences effectively adapting community, business and investor needs with approaches that seek to shape and redefine the business ecosystem to better reflect Indigenous cultural values. We will discuss challenges and innovative solutions in obtaining capital for businesses led by and serving Indigenous communities. Interactive presentations and discussion will examine Ejido Verde ‘resin orchards,’ a partnership between the Purepecha people and the Mexican pine chemicals industry to establish communally owned native pine resin plantations. This session will also feature how Indigenous communities and small-scale producers work with a Peruvian entrepreneur to process and sell organic, nutrient-rich foods and the vital roles of the Agora Accelerator program and Kiva crowdfunding.

**Facilitator:** Shaun Paul, Reinventure Capital, Ejido Verde

**Panelists:**
- Fredo Arias King, T&R Chemicals, National Resin Union of Mexico
- Angel Chapin, Council of Communal Assets, Cheran, Michoacan
- Rosa Cruz Rimachi, Cruz Campo Perú SAC
Session 4
Re-imagining investing in sustainable economies in the service of Buen Vivir: Experience from Indigenous communities in Peru, Guatemala and Mexico

In this session we will explore new models for grant-making and investment designed specifically to support Indigenous-led economic initiatives for buen vivir. Supporting innovations that strengthen local livelihoods, encourage conservation of biodiversity, and foster community well-being requires approaches that challenge the dominant practices and assumptions of conventional grant-making and impact investing. These strategies may rely on thoughtfully designed philanthropic investment at the outset, as well as on access to new forms of investment capital. This session will explore these questions by looking at two initiatives. In 2016, IDEX/Thousand Currents launched the Buen Vivir Fund, which provides investment through a model that was co-designed by a founding circle of progressive investors and Indigenous-led grassroots organizations in Latin America, Asia and Africa innovating groundbreaking models for generating wealth and well-being in their communities. In the Peruvian Amazon, the New England Biolabs Foundation is supporting collaborations with Indigenous communities to create sustainable livelihoods based on handicrafts, essential oils, fish farming, and bee keeping. Presentations and facilitated discussion will explore how these approaches have worked, how they might be adapted in other settings, and the importance of developing projects in a holistic context of community well-being.

Facilitators:
Jessica Brown, New England Biolabs Foundation
Joanna Levitt Cea, International Development Exchange (IDEX)

Panelists:
Campbell Plowden, Center for Amazon Community Ecology
Eliana Elias, Minga Peru
Romero Rios, FECONAMAI, a Federation of Four Majuna communities from the Rio Napo region
Milvian Aspuac, Women’s Association for the Development of Sacatepéquez

Session 5
The Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Context of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development

After the agenda 2030 had been approved by the UN General Assembly in September 2015, its declared Sustainable Development Goals will be determining for the political orientation of international cooperation. The agenda has laid a strong focus on the reduction of inequalities and many of its goals are relevant for Indigenous rights. It also refers to Indigenous peoples as key actors in the implementation of the agenda and is calling on the international community to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. But: what does it request of international agencies, governments, Indigenous peoples, and other involved actors to make sense of the agenda 2030 working together towards the implementation of Indigenous rights? What are the risks, but also the opportunities of the agenda concerning Indigenous rights? The regional program on Strengthening Indigenous Organizations in Latin America (ProIndigena) of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), invites you to explore these and other key questions in this interactive and dynamic session.

Facilitators:
Elvira Raffo, GIZ

Panelists:
Jorge Agurto, Services on Intercultural Communication (SERVINDI)
Antolín Huascar Flores, the National Agrarian Confederation (CNA)
Galina Angarova, Swift Foundation

TRACK 2 Sessions

Session 1
The River is Life: Risks to Indigenous Peoples’ Use and Management of Water Resources and What We Can Do About It

Indigenous peoples across the globe struggle to maintain rights and access to their water resources. Particularly in the Amazon, waterways have been the lifeblood of communities, providing food, hygiene, transport, and important spiritual and cultural rituals. Today, Amazonian peoples are using traditional management and modern technology to be the region’s leading water stewards, facing the menaces of climate change, mega-dams, and mining pollution. With partners, some communities have sought existing legal recourse, with varying degrees of success. Others are exploring new policies and protections that could preserve water access and rights over generations. This session consists of short panel presentations, followed by a moderated discussion with session participants of key challenges and promising solutions for Indigenous peoples, partners, and funders to consider.

Facilitator:
Traci Romine, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Panelists:
Bel Juruna, Juruna people
Walter Quertehuari, Amarakaeri Communal Reserve, Madre de Dios, Peru
Maria Jose Veramendi Villa, AIDA
Monti Aguirre, International Rivers
Session 2
How Legal Strategies Are Advancing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Nature: Cases from Ecuador, Mexico and Brazil

This session highlights three important collective rights cases to show how funding strategies in resourcing legal actions can have broader positive implications for policy changes and protection of Indigenous peoples’ rights and territories. Lawsuits will include the following: 1) successful struggles led by a Munduruku people against large infrastructure projects in the Brazilian Amazon; 2) the first rights of Nature case in Ecuador, and the world, in which two ancestral communities (an Indigenous and an Afro-Ecuadorian), together with Nature, filed suit against two oil palm companies in the northwest coastal rainforest, the Chocó; and 3) an alliance of 53 plaintiffs, including Indigenous organizations, taking a monumental stance against genetically modified maize in Mexico. This session will spotlight the decision-making processes and lessons of several funders who are resourcing legal actions as part of their grant-making strategies to support the rights of Indigenous peoples and Nature, as well as efforts to create accountable, responsive institutions and sound public policies that will protect communities and their surrounding ecologies.

Facilitator:
Maria Amalia Souza, CASA Socio-Environmental Fund

Panelists:
Alessandra Munduruku, Pariri Munduruku Association
Katherine Zavala, International Development Exchange (IDEX)
Felipe Cujiboy Pascal, The Federation of Awá Centers of Ecuador
Traci Romine, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Julianne Hazlewood, The Cultural Conservancy

Session 3
Drones, Life Plans, and Alliances for Natural Resource Management: Innovative Community-led Models for Long-term Protection of Ancestral Lands and Cultures

Protecting ancestral territories requires a multitude of tools and models that respond to emerging threats to the long term visions of Indigenous communities. Donors often impose project objectives, benchmarks and time-frames without understanding those visions. This disconnect can cause projects to fail and communities to lose interest. Participants in this section will detail three exciting success stories protecting Indigenous territories in Peru, Panama and Guatemala.

In the Peruvian Amazon and Panama’s Darien forest, Indigenous communities have leveraged small funds to use cutting-edge cell phone, drone, and GIS technologies to document oil spills and illegal logging, map large illegal gold mining areas, and illegal land clearing in Panama. These technologies have greatly empowered these communities, and, significantly, caused the government to respond and is leading to greater protection of their natural resources. This session will demonstrate how communities came to use these technologies, the impact it has had on forest protection and political empowerment, and the potential to expand its use in the future. Also from Peru, we will present the horizontal, bottom-up approach to long-term natural resource management and development that Indigenous communities take through the creation of their customary ‘Life Plans.’ From Guatemala we will showcase how the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), a responsive funder, supports its partners who have decided to work together to protect ancestral territories and Indigenous rights. We will show how local partners have joined their expertise to ensure that Q’eqchi’ communities can lawfully manage their natural resources according to their ancestral traditions.

Facilitators:
Tom Bewick, Rainforest Foundation US
Jose Toasa, Inter-American Foundation (IAF)

Panelists:
Fermin Chimati, Harakbut
Carlos Doviaza, COONAPIP
Ernesto Tzi, Asociación Aproba Sank
Cristian Otzin, Association of Maya Lawyers and Notaries of Guatemala
Diana Rios, Asheninka Leader, Saweto, Peru
Alicia Lopez, The Political Association of Maya Women

Session 4
Confronting Criminalization, Intimidation and Gender Violence Experienced by Indigenous Activists

Throughout Latin America Indigenous peoples' rights are being threatened by state, non-state actors and by companies through legal reforms that close the participation of civil society and enable foreign investment with minimum control, by protecting companies’ interests through private and public security forces in Indigenous peoples’ territories and by repressive practices that aim at silencing their dissent. The result has been a steep rise in criminalization, threats, violence and dispossession, with particular effects on Indigenous women. This session will present a general overview of the situation of Indigenous activists and environmental defenders in the region; will give special attention to the testimony and reflections of Indigenous women who have been threatened due to their gender; and will share alternatives to confront this situation.

Gender dimensions of criminalization will be explored through a discussion with prominent Indigenous women
activists from the Andes and Mesoamerica. Latin American funders will share funding strategies and practices to support Indigenous leaders and communities at risk and address the underlying drivers of growing repression. Participants will also reflect on the role of funders in assuring the integral protection and safety of Indigenous activists and environmental defenders, and on the factors at stake in order to guarantee the vitality of Indigenous movements.

**Facilitator:**
Cesar Padilla, Global Greengrants Fund Andes Regional

**Panelists:**
Alicia Cahuiya, Waorani de Ecuador and member of Saramanta Warmikuna
Claudia Samcam, Central American Women's Fund
Tatiana Cordero, Urgent Action Fund Latin America
Guadalupe Martinez Perez, Alliance of Indigenous Women of Central America and Mexico

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**Session 5**

**How to Contribute to Strengthening the Indigenous Movement in Brazil to Broaden Indigenous Land Rights**

A dialogue between representatives from two Brazilian funds that have important work on supporting the Indigenous movement in the country. The discussion will be focused on the importance and relevance of strengthening local groups. One Indigenous leader, who is also a member of the Brazil Human Rights Fund Board of Trustees, will share his analysis of the current national situation, which is characterized by backtracking on their territorial rights previously recognized by the National Congress.

**Facilitator:**
Ana Valéria Araújo, Brazil Human Rights Fund

**Panelists:**
Gersem Baniwa, Brazil Human Rights Board of Trustees
Maria Amália Souza, CASA Socio-Environmental Fund

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**TRACK 3 Sessions**

**Session 1**

**Indigenous Food Sovereignty Stories**

In this interactive storytelling session, Indigenous food sovereignty stories will be shared from communities around the world: community based organizations from Tzimbuto in Ecuador’s central Andes accompanied by Ecuadorian NGO EkoRural; the Mayan NGO Qachuu Aloom from the Baja Verapaz region of Guatemala; Maori tribes in Aotearoa/New Zealand; Quechua communities from Peru; and Pottawatomi Indians from Michigan in the U.S. Speakers will illustrate how Indigenous worldviews and good living philosophies are guiding their work towards greater food sovereignty locally as well as advancing food sovereignty movements globally. Examples will include the revitalization of cultural practices, strengthening of self-sufficiency, recovering, producing and selling of native seeds, agroecology as a farming practice, science and social movement, the recovery of local markets and revival of Indigenous economies of well being/Buen Vivir.

**Facilitator:**
Sonja Swift, Swift Foundation

**Panelists:**
Mariaelena Huambachano, The University of Auckland in the School of Management and International Business
Rachel Wolfgramm, The University of Auckland in the School of Management and International Business
Kyle Whyte, Michigan State University
Rosalia Asig, the Qachuu Aloom “Mother Earth”
Steve Brescia, Groundswell International
Ross Mary Borja, EkoRural
María del Carmen Tenelema, New Generation Association, Tzimbuto
**Session 3**

**Marginalized in the Community: Indigenous Persons with Disabilities and LGBTQ Speak Out**

This panel will explore the funding landscapes on rights of Indigenous persons with disabilities and Indigenous persons from the LGBTQI community and hear examples of how funding cross-movement collaboration has been successful in advancing inclusion from an intersectional approach. The session will also highlight learning from Indigenous activists from the disability movement and the LGBTQI movement to hear about the rights issues they face and learn from their collaborative efforts to bring rights movements together to tackle discrimination. Participants will learn about the struggles Indigenous persons with disabilities and LGBTQI persons have faced within their own communities and what successful examples of change they have advanced. We also hope funders in the group can learn how to address intersectional rights issues within Indigenous rights work to ensure that the rights of all Indigenous peoples are advanced collectively without leaving anyone behind.

**Facilitator:**
Myrna Cunningham, Global Advisory Panel for Disability Rights Fund

**Panelists:**
Olga Montufar, Paso a Paso
Amaranta Gomez Regalado, Binni Laanu Collective
Angela Martinez, American Jewish World Service

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**Session 4**

**The Mayan Forest: Sustainable Forms of Life and the Comprehensive Defense of Territory**

The Mayan communities of Mexico are an example of how by organizing communities and networks people can defend themselves in the face of mega-projects whose externalities can destroy centuries of identity, negatively affect the population, and damage the natural environment. This has been possible in recent years thanks to the leadership of Mayan women and men and an extensive inter-sectoral alliance that includes communities, NGOs, the private sector, research centers, and international funders. Discussion leaders, including two Mayan leaders, a donor, and an international expert, will also share lessons learned about relations between communities and donors, relations characterized by interculturality, follow-up, and feedback.

**Facilitator:**
Xavier Moya, The United Nations Development Programme

**Panelists:**
Leydi Araceli Pech, Koolel-kab Muuchkambal Collective
Gustavo Huchín Maas, Collective Apícola Chenes
Alejandra Garduño, W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Ivana Ferztiger, Ford Foundation

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**Session 5**

**Traditional and Technical Tools to Address Large-scale Pollution on Indigenous Territory**

Indigenous communities around the world face contamination of their territories and sacred cultural sites. A critical question facing funders is how best to help them remediate polluted lands and waters and prevent future contamination. Example cases can help illuminate answers to this question. In the Sierra Nevada, the Arhuaca people successfully partnered with Sierra Viva to control their solid waste.

In Peru, Indigenous federations are currently battling to clean up 45 years of oil pollution with the technical help of E-Tech International. This session will examine successes and obstacles in addressing these urgent issues to provide insights to other Indigenous communities and funders struggling with similar problems globally.

**Facilitator:**
Mabel Janneth Sanchez Henao, Sierra Viva

**Panelists:**
Carolina Castelblanco, Corporacion Horizontes, Sierra Viva
Saul Mindiola, Sierra Viva
Aurelio Chino Dahua, FEDIQUEP
Julia Justo Soto, Peruvian National Environmental Fund
Dick Kamp, E-Tech International

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**Session 1**

**Knowledge Dialogue on Sustainable Development**

In this session we will discuss collaboration and the social construction of knowledge to respond to productive issues and territory management from three perspectives: Indigenous people from the Bolivian highlands and the Peruvian lowlands, NGOs that collaborate with them, and the donors that support these processes. Indigenous people from the highlands of Bolivia and lowland of Peru, for many generations, have managed life in their territories using technologies, strategies, and local knowledge to manage their agrobiodiversity, soil, water and forests in time, space and harmony with the natural elements of Mother Earth. Many of these contexts are considered by outsiders (NGOs and donors) as under-developed populations and territories in need of technology and standardizes processes. At the intersection of these two perspectives, arises the complexity of how to approach the questions of development in the communities without external collaborators imposing their ways of working. In this session Indigenous leaders from the Bolivian highlands and Peruvian lowlands will provide stories on their perspective of what sustainable development means for them and how outside organizations and donors
interact with those worldviews. NGOs that work closely with Indigenous groups will also discuss their journeys to achieve meaningful co-creation and social construction of knowledge and knowing. Donors will be present for questions and short reflections on how processes and incentives can facilitate both desirable and undesirable change for various actors. Participants can expect to discuss and reflect on these issues with the presenters.

**Facilitator:**
Claire Nicklin, McKnight Foundation

**Panelists:**
Lidia Mamani, Yapuchiri
María Quispe, Prosuco
Don Miguel Ortega, Yapuchiri
Paulina G. Arroyo, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
Alberto Bermeo, Institute for Social Welfare in Peru

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### Session 2

**Building and Stewarding Dynamic Relationships: Indigenous Alliances and Learning Communities**

Indigenous communities are developing increasingly diverse and dynamic relationships of solidarity with each other, neighboring communities, local NGOs, and INGOs to create regenerative livelihoods, preserve cultural heritage, and protect native lands. This session will examine two successful examples of the interplay between members of these solidarity movements, and how actors within each movement have learned to stay flexible and play different roles depending on circumstances and opportunities. Near and across the Guatemala-Belize border, a matrix of Maya K’iche’, Garifuna, and Ladino communities and supporting organizations work together toward mutual goals of natural resource conservation and Indigenous self-determination. From Turtle Island in the North, to Central and South America and the Pacific, The Cultural Conservancy’s (TCC) Mino Niibi Fund for Indigenous Cultures has been supporting Indigenous-led organizations who revitalize cultural sovereignty. These grantee partners form Te Ha: An Alliance for Indigenous Solidarity, for inter-cultural support and mutual learning. In Maori “Te Ha” means “breathe of life that we all share.” Through these adaptable relationships, not only has impact grown, but both the Indigenous and international NGOs have learned from each other, refined strategies, and demonstrated what effective, respectful inter-cultural collaboration looks like.

**Facilitators:**
Mark Camp, Cultural Survival
Melissa Nelson, The Cultural Conservancy

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### Session 3

**Applying Effective Donor Strategies to Indigenous Philanthropy: Highlighting Three Impactful Donor Reports**

Presenters will share findings, reflections and recommendations from three ground-breaking reports that highlight strategies for supporting Indigenous communities around the world, in the US and in Colombia.

Speakers will share lessons learned and best practices, including some of the most innovative aspects of their work. You will have the opportunity to listen to two Indigenous leaders from different cultures of Colombia that will offer their reflections on the findings, and will share remarkable stories on how their relationship-building approach with donors has made their projects a success.

The session will end with an overview of funding trends for Indigenous communities both nationally and internationally.

**Facilitator:**
Carolina Suárez, Association of Corporate and Family Foundations of Colombia

**Panelists:**
Julia Mendez, Foundation Center
Sarah Eagle Heart, Native Americans in Philanthropy
Mabel Sanchez, Grupo Familia Foundation
Aníbal Bubú, Principal of the Departmental Indigenous Community Primary School of Florida, Valle del Cauca
Saúl Mindiola, Sierra Viva Project

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### Session 4

**Indigenous Proposals for Territorial Protection: Partnering with Donors and Allies to Secure Rights**

Territory has always been central to Indigenous peoples’ survival.

Increasingly, the rest of humanity is recognizing this, along with the direct connection between Indigenous territorial security, protection of biocultural landscapes, and mitigation of climate change. Indigenous peoples around the world are partnering with donors and ally organizations to secure those rights in very different political contexts. This session will feature Indigenous perspectives from three countries, including Indigenous proposals for territorial protection like
Sarayaku’s Kawsak Sacha (Living Forest) in Ecuador, the Wounaan’s protection of their Collective Lands in Panama, and a strategy to expand Indigenous land titles in the Peruvian Amazon.

**Facilitators:**
Suzanne Pelletier, Rainforest Foundation USA  
Leila Salazar, Amazon Watch

**Panelists:**
Tricia Stevens, LUSH Fresh Handmade Cosmetics  
Chenier Carpio Opua, National Congress of the Wounaan People  
Felix Santi, Kichwa people of Sarayaku  
Lizardo Cauper Pezo, Regional Organization of AIDESEP-Ucayali

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**Session 5**

**Indigenous-led Philanthropy**

During this session we will learn about the grantmaking approach known as Indigenous-led philanthropy. We will explore lessons learned and strategies from two exemplary funders of Indigenous philanthropy that are drawing on this approach to improve their grantmaking practices: the International Indigenous Women’s Forum (FIMI) and the Na’ah Illahee Fund. FIMI brings together Indigenous women leaders and human rights activist from different parts of the world to coordinate agendas, build capacity for sustainability and growth, and develop leadership roles. The Na’ah Illahee Fund builds the leadership of Indigenous women through a giving circle model that coalesces around priorities of need for Indigenous communities in the northwest region of the United States.

The discussion will explore how these models are creating a new paradigm of giving that exemplify the Four Rs of Indigenous Philanthropy: Respect, Responsibility, Reciprocity and Relationships.

**Facilitator:**
Julieta Mendez, Foundation Center

**Panelists:**
Susan Balbas, Na’ah Illahee Fund  
Teresa Zapeta, International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI)
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SPEAKER DESCRIPTIONS

TRACK ONE: Session One

**Sergio Oceransky**

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**Soledad Mills**

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**TRACK FOUR: Session One**

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TRACK FOUR: Session Two

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Saul Tobias Mindiola Romo—see Speaker Description Section: Track 3, Session Five

Mabel Sanchez—see Speaker Description Section: Track 3, Session Five

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**TRACK FOUR: Session Three**

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**TRACK FOUR: Session Four**

**Teresa Zapeta**

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**Julieta Mendez**—see Speaker Description Section: Track Four, Session Three

**TRACK FOUR: Session Five**

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SUSTAINING AND BUILDING IFIP
International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP), an affinity group of the Council on Foundations, serves grantmakers committed to sharing knowledge, building coalitions, and increasing funding to Indigenous peoples.

IFIP is a growing network of grantmakers working to improve the quantity and quality of support available to Indigenous peoples worldwide. IFIP mobilizes donors, especially from small foundations, to participate in IFIP’s annual conference, join IFIP as a member, participate in other IFIP-sponsored events and foster collaboration among IFIP members.

CORE VISION, MISSION & VALUES

IFIP’S VISION
We envision funding for indigenous issues becoming a meaningful component of philanthropy globally through facilitating imaginative and respectful partnerships with Indigenous peoples.

IFIP’S MISSION
IFIP convenes and educates donors to build capacity and enhance funding partnerships to improve the lives of Indigenous peoples and address the challenges of our times.

IFIP’S VALUES
Our values are fundamental to IFIP and to our members. They define who we are and how we work. They underlie our vision of the future. They guide our strategies, decisions, actions and behaviors. Four core values are at the heart of IFIP. These four values are linked. IFIP works with philanthropic organizations that are committed to these values:

RECIPIROCITY
Embrace the idea that giving and receiving connect people, beliefs and actions. It is not all about money, and funders also need to be open to receiving. Giving and receiving from the Earth’s endowments is also part of a virtuous circle of healing.

RESPECT
Honor traditions and respect the ideas of Indigenous peoples. Respect diverse ways, and use processes and approaches that are transparent, open, adaptable, and flexible. Work directly with communities to gain understanding and knowledge about the community, issues and solutions. Go beyond just making grants and think about building long-term relationships and self-reliant communities.

RESPONSIBILITY
Recognize that Indigenous peoples should speak for themselves and be responsible for their own voice in meetings, negotiations and on issues. Be familiar with the principles articulated in the UN Declaration of Rights for Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and seek to uphold and advance these principles when working with Indigenous peoples.

RELATIONSHIPS
Engage with Indigenous communities by understanding the nature of relationships among ancestral cultures, natural resources and spirituality. Engaging in this way requires long-term commitments and mutual learning. Relationships based on mutual respect eliminate the tendency to exert power over another.
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**IFIP’s Vision:** We envision funding for indigenous issues becoming a meaningful component of philanthropy globally through facilitating imaginative and respectful partnerships with Indigenous Peoples.

Our strategy is to provide capacity building for both Indigenous communities seeking support and donors interested in highly effective impact philanthropy. We bring them together to learn from each other and to plant the seeds for future collaboration. We also publish research on best practices in this highly neglected field of philanthropy.

After more than a decade of experience, 30 international donors recognized IFIP as the “organization best suited to advance relations between donors and Indigenous peoples.”

We now stand at a pivotal juncture: While the global issues and crises of the day underscore the urgency for greater collaboration with Indigenous peoples, there is little guidance for interested philanthropies on how to proceed. IFIP provides a community of support for both donors and Indigenous peoples.