

The Sharing Network

Connecting Communities - Sharing Knowledge - Building a Common Future



The Descendance Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Dance Theatre, an internationally known aboriginal dance company based in Australia, performed for the opening of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and at the IFIP Annual Conference held in New York City, New York. Click here to view the Spring/Summer 2006, The Sharing Circle.

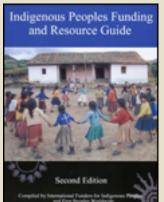
Dear IFIP Friends,

I have exciting news to share with you, IFIP has formally received approval from the Internal Revenue Service on its federal 501c3 designation. And, even more, IFIP will soon be relocating to a larger office space on the Akwesasne Mohawk Indian Reservation, a Native community that straddles the U.S.-Canadian international border in Northern New York State. Both of these are important developments as IFIP will be the only affinity group based on a reservation. It also helps strengthen the organization's mission to improve the effectiveness of philanthropic resources that support Indigenous Peoples around the world. There is no better way to understand the unique needs and concerns voiced by Indigenous Peoples than to understand them firsthand.

September 2006

Become an IFIP
Member or Renew
Your Membership.
Download our new
membership form,
click here.

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.



click here



GLOBAL PETITION

Global Petition on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples A strong and uplifting I am also delighted to report that the <u>Spring/Summer newsletter</u> is now available and reports on the Annual conference, the annual IFIP award, and IFIP's many network and collaborations. Pictures from the Annual conference can now be seen on our website at, <u>click here</u> to view.

IFIP has two articles that have been published, one is in Alliance Magazine, the leading magazine on philanthropy and social investment around the world <u>click here</u> to view, see magazine for full article. The second is called "Strengthening Partnerships For Indigenous Environments" and has been published in the summer edition of the Environmental Grantmakers Association's magazine.

IFIP also coordinated sessions to be held this fall at major donor conferences, one is called "Indigenous Approaches to Conservation and Territorial Defense" and will be held at the Environmental Grantmakers Association's Retreat in Pacific Grove, California, on October 9th click here for the program. Another will be called "Bridging and building indigenous focused philanthropy" held at the Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support that convenes in Bangkok, Thailand, on November 16th click here for the agenda. IFIP is also co-sponsoring the "Indigenous Peoples' Resistance to Economic Globalization" that will be held at Hunter College, NYC on Nov.18, click here for details.

IFIP is already starting the planning process for Linking Circles VI. You can become a planning committee member if you're an Esteemed or Sustaining member <u>click here</u> for membership form. Now more than ever, IFIP needs your support, become a member today and join the network.

Respectfully, Evelyn Arce-White IFIP Executive Director



REPORTS & ARTICLES

New Online Library for International Grantmakers

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

UN migration meeting opened new avenues for global cooperation - Assembly President

The President of the United Nations General Assembly today said the body's recent session on international migration served to underscore how today's integrated world can serve a positive engine of change. more

China Moves to Rapidly Integrate Resource-Rich Tibet

China has intensified its long-term quest to integrate the remote land and people of Tibet by building new infrastructure and drawing up plans to tap the Himalayan region's virgin water sources and its rich reserves of copper, gold and hydrocarbons. more

Closed Door for

The United States International Grantmaking (USIG) project has unveiled a new online library of reports, papers, books and other publications that contribute to the field of international grantmaking. read more more



Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations Vol.1

This 30 min.film highlights the difficult plight of Indigenous Peoples from around the world. You can view it here.



A Study of the Social and Economic Impacts of Industrial Tree Plantations in the KwaZulu-Natal Province of South Africa

This report highlights the social, cultural and economic impacts of industrial timber plantations and associated activities, on rural communities in the timber growing areas of South Africa. To request a copy , please contact the WRM International Secretariat at: bookswrm@wrm.org.uy



New Report to Help Foundations Better Understand Perceptions of Philanthropy in US

FoundationWorks' Philanthropy Awareness Project published the first volume in a series of research reports to help foundations better understand perceptions about philanthropy in the United States. "A Research Synthesis on Aspects of Foundations and Philanthropy: Operational Efficacy, Grantee Needs and Public Perceptions, 2000-2004," provides a detailed description of the types and outcomes of research the philanthropic sector has conducted on its own behalf. The report suggests that foundations have been inwardly focused, examining their operations and grantmaking effectiveness, rather than trying to understand external perceptions and attitudes. It also indicates that the philanthropic sector has been in a "reactive mode," since being challenged on its accountability by federal and state government entities. Download the report (PDF).

Prisoners Galvanizes Mapuche Mobilization

The Mapuche people are once again preparing to mobilize within Chile and abroad to rally support for three imprisoned community members and one activist, following Senate rejection of a long-awaited measure that would have secured their conditional release.

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Mexican Tycoon to Give Away Part of Fortune

Mexican billionaire
Carlos Slim, the world's
third-richest man, will
give away a chunk of his
fortune by matching
donations to health,
education and social
programs in Mexico, a
close aide said on
Wednesday, more



EMPLOYMENT

Program Officer for the Greater Southwest

The Program Officer for the Greater Southwest is an existing position becoming vacant on September 1st, 2006, addressing opportunities to develop and support a significant portfolio of grantees in Northwest Mexico and the US Southwest around biocultural diversity issues. To apply please email a cover letter and CV. If you prefer to send your



GRANTS and AWARDS

Critical Impact Awards

The Council of Foundations is proud to announce the creation of its Critical Impact Awards. This non-competitive awards program will celebrate grantmaking at its finest: grantmaking that has changed lives and communities – perhaps even nations – for the better.

- Nominations for family foundation programs must be received by October 31 and will be recognized at the Family Foundation Conference (to be held in Baltimore, February 25-27, 2007).
- Nominations for programs funded by independent, public and operating foundations, as well as for international and corporate grantmaking programs, must be received by January 8, 2007, and will be recognized at the Annual Conference (to be held in Seattle, April 29-May 1, 2007).
- Nominations for community foundation programs must be received by May 24, 2007, and will be recognized at the Fall Conference for Community Foundations (to be held in San Francisco, September 17-19, 2007).

If you have questions, please contact Evelyn Gibson, director for Award Programs, at evelyn.gibson@cof.org or 202/467-0471.



The Equator Prize Deadline October 31, 2006

The Equator Prize is awarded to recognize and celebrate outstanding community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation of biodiversity. Five prize winners will receive international recognition for their work and an opportunity to help

application by post
please send to: Mayumi
Fujio Morrow, 394
University Avenue, Palo
Alto CA 94301, USA,
marked "Confidential Application." Applications
must be received by
Friday, September 15th,
2006.
Click here for full details.

Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is an officer of the corporation, has full responsibility for all aspects of financial management and reporting for the organization as a whole, including its subsidiaries and partners. The CFO establishes and oversees systems for accounting, reporting, budgeting, and analyzing the financial plans and performance of Forest Trends operations and its supporting organization: The Katoomba Group. The CFO also manages Forest Trends' relationships with the IRS and other regulatory governmental agencies, the CPA firm, the companies that provide employee payroll services, and Forest Trends' attorneys where issues relating to finance are concerned. Email resume and cover letter.

The SHARE
Foundation seeks
Grassroots
Outreach Program
Office (El Salvador)

The SHARE Foundation: Building a New El shape international policy and practice in the field, as well as a monetary award of US\$30,000 each. Eligible are community-based organizations and NGOs, biodiversity-based businesses, indigenous groups, and Initiatives associated with a UNESCO World Heritage site or other biological reserve; nominees must be based in the equatorial belt in a developing country. For more information see www.equatorinitiative.org. Deadline for nominations is Oct. 31, 2006.



International Activist Award Deadline November 3, 2006

The Gleitsman Foundation calls for nominations for the 2007 International Activist Award to honor individuals who have struggled to correct social injustice worldwide (excluding the United States, which is the focus of the Citizen Activist Award in alternate years). The honorees will share \$100,000 and will receive a specially commissioned sculpture. The award is not presented posthumously, nor is it given to groups or organizations. Deadline for nominations is 3 November 2006; honorees will be announced in the spring. For more information and to nominate please go to www.gleitsman.org.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

FOR FUNDERS ONLY

New CEOs Seminar

September 27–29, 2006

Indianapolis, IN

The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and the Council on Foundations are offering a three-day Seminar for New CEOs. New foundation chief executive officers can join their colleagues on September 27–29, 2006, in Indianapolis, to learn about key

Salvador Today, an international non-profit organization, supports grassroots communities in El Salvador in constructing sustainable solutions to poverty, under development and social injustice. The **Grassroots Outreach** Program Officer position is based in the San Salvador SHARE office. Interested candidates should email a resume, cover letter and a writing sample on a social or economic theme, in English or Spanish by October 4, 2006.

Programme Coordinator for CIS (Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Central Asia)

Transparency
International (TI) is the civil society organization leading the global fight against corruption. TI currently has more than 90 National Chapters around the world. Its International Secretariat is based in Berlin, Germany.
TI does not investigate or expose individual cases of corruption but

expose individual cases
of corruption but
advocates for reform by
focusing on systemic
improvement and by
building coalitions with
other anti-corruption
stakeholders, including
governments, the private
sector and civil society
organizations.
Main function:

Responsibility for country and regional work in CIS (Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Central Asia) Starting date: Nov 1, responsibilities of foundation CEOs and tools of the trade, and make important contacts. Sessions and events will be facilitated by foundation executives and center faculty. Register or read more click here.

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2006
Duration: Limited term
contract until Dec 31,
2007, with possibility for
extension
Location: TI-Secretariat,
Berlin, Germany; with
international travel. For
details email.

Please join the Africa Grantmakers Affinity Group for a conference call on:

January 2007 World Social Forum in Nairobi, Kenya: An Update for Funders

October 4, 2006 1:00pm - 2:30pm (EST)

Co-sponsored with the Funders Network on Trade and Globalization (FNTG)

For more information about this call contact Niamani Mutima, Director, Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group at 212-812-4212 or nmutima@agag.org or Mark Randazzo, Coordinator, Funders Network on Trade and Globalization at 415-642-6022 or mark@fntg.org.



Brown Bag lunch with Anne Firth Murray Founding President of the Global Fund for Women

October 4, 2006 12:30-1:30pm The Presidio San Francisco, CA

Sponsored by: Grantmakers Without Borders

Global problems seem insurmountable; poverty, injustice, and environmental decay demand attention. Nevertheless, hope persists. The beginning of change is the recognition that things can be different. Next comes a drive toward empowerment, an action plan, and the development of effective programs and organizations based on vision and principles. Join Grantmakers Without Borders for a discussion with Anne Firth Murray, author of *Paradigm Found: Leading and Managing for Positive Change*, Founding President of The Global Fund for Women, and Consulting Professor in Human Biology at Stanford. RSVP to Ana Maria at anamaria@gwob.net.



National Funder Conference Call: Building Progressive Alliances Nationwide and Globally through the US Social Forum

October 17, 2006 Noon Pacific, 3pm Eastern

To register for this call and to submit questions you might like to see addressed, please contact mark@fntg.org.



EGA 2006 Fall Retreat

October 7-11, 2006
Asilomar Conference Center
Pacific Grove, California

IFIP would like to present "Indigenous Approaches to Conservation and Territorial Defense" This session will include a cross-cultural panel of Latin American indigenous leaders that will discuss indigenous approaches to conservation and, with participants, explore ways in which funders and the international conservation community can better understand and support their environmental goals for their territories.

See www.ega.org for more details



Communities Unbound:
Claiming the Power of a Just Society

October 14 - 17, 2006 Loyola University Chicago, IL

In 2006 NNG will travel from the ancient and sacred traditions of the Coast Salish communities to urban Chicago cityscape. Join NNG at Loyola University Chicago, just off Chicago's Magnificent Mile to explore philanthropy with an inner city perspective. Conference

participants will put on a criminal justice lens in the 2006 analyses of our philanthropic roles and strategies. For more info <u>click here</u>.



Environmental Grantmakers Association Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders Health and Environment Funders Network

Two Midwest Funder Briefings

Green Chemistry and Sustainability Criteria for the Bio-Based Economy

November 14, 2006 9:00am - 3:00pm Courtyard by Marriot at The Depot Minneapolis, MN

To Register Today <u>click here</u>. Event will include dinner.

Co-sponsored by:

The Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA)
The Health and Environmental Funders Network (HEFN)
The Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)

Midwest Policy Briefing: The Opportunity and Jeopardy of Biofuels

November 14, 2006 9:00am - 3:00pm Courtyard by Marriot at The Depot Minneapolis, MN

To Register Today click here.

Co-sponsored by:

The Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA)
The Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)



Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) c/o European Foundation Centre

November 16-18, 2006 Bangkok, Thailand

The WINGS network is getting ready for the landmark event that the network organizes every four years: the global WINGS *Forum*. After IMAG in Mexico in 1998 and WINGS *Forum* in Sydney in 2002, the third global meeting is scheduled for 16-18 November 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand. It will convene approximately 200 people from organizations in Europe, the Americas, Asia Pacific and Africa. For details click here.

Barry Gaberman Lecture on Global Philanthropy Initiative, which will be inaugurated later this year at WINGS Forum 2006 in Bangkok and then organized each time WINGS Forum is held: each lecture will be by a world leader in the development of philanthropy, beginning with Barry himself. We believe this is a perfect way to honour Barry's role in founding WINGS, andto provide an occasion to reflect on his long and important career in the field. To contribute, please click here.



The Bellagio Forum for Sustainable Development

December 11-13 Salzburg, Austria

The Bellagio Forum for Sustainable Development (BFSD) is an international network of grant-providing institutions striving to attain environmental balance, economic stability and social progress. The Forum brings together individuals from foundations and businesses to build trust, dialogue and effective partnerships.

The next meeting of the Bellagio Forum will take place December 11-13 in Salzburg, Austria. The meeting is by invitation only. Contact info@bfsd.org to learn if you are eligible to receive an invitation.



Joint Affinity Groups (JAG) Unity Summit

February 6-7, 2007
California Endowment Center for Healthy Communities
Los Angeles, CA

On-Line Registration will open in just a few weeks! Participation is limited to 300 and we expect to fill up quickly. Early-bird registration fee and discounted hotel rates available for early registrants!

Keep an eye on your inbox for a mid-September email launching the new JAG web site and announcing open registration!



OPEN TO ALL

Celebration of the Independence of Chile

September 17, 2006 11am - 5pm Westland Middle School 5511 Massachusetts Ave. Bethesda, MD

This is a festive event with lots of Chilean food and entertainment. You can also buy a variety of arts and crafts, including Chol-Chol weaving and textile as well as silver jewelry. This is a great chance to purchase Holiday presents that come from guaranteed Fair Trade artisans!



Exhibit of Woven Chilean Artwork

September 19 through September 26, 2006 Embassy of Chile 1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC

The Embassy has generously offered our weavers their lovely gallery space in which to display the museum quality woven textiles of Chol-Chol beneficiaries. The gallery is open daily during normal business hours on a walk-in basis. This is a great lunch hour stop! My apologies to any Chol-Chol friends and supporters who do not live in the Washington area. Please feel free to forward this email on

to friends in the area who might like to see Chol-Chol woven goods. Also, if you might like me to help you set up a special Chol-Chol exhibit in your area or home, please call me at 703-405-0795 or email me at mlschilken@yahoo.com to talk about these details.



Border Summit

September 29 through October 1, 2006 San Xavier District Cultural Center Tucson, AZ

The three day Border Summit will be facilitated with assistance from M.C., Dennis Banks, and Bill Means. Speakers on these and other concerns are yet to be confirmed. A Film "Crossing Arizona" will be viewed on Saturday. Directed by Joseph Mathew and Dan De Vivo, is an up-to-the-moment look at the hotly debated issues of illegal immigration and border security on the US/Mexico border. Floyd Red Crow Westerman—artist, actor, and songwriter—will be on hand for an evening concert in solidarity with Nations along la Frontera!

At present at least eight tribes/nations on the U.S./Mexico border between California and Texas are directly affected by migrations across their reservation lands; the Kumeyaay, Cocopah, Tohono O'odham, Yaqui, Gila River, Pima, Yavapai, Ysleta del Sur (Tigua) and Kickapoo nations.

Issues to be discussed include: environmental threats, human rights violations, cultural rights, treaty rights, and sovereignty for Indigenous peoples and Nations, in particular those divided by international borders between Canada and the United States and Mexico and the United States.

For more info contact: International Indian Treaty Council (415) 641-4482 www.treatycouncil.org

American Indian Movement (612) 721-3914 www.aimovement.org



"Rainforest Alliance and Sustainable Tourism" Speaker: Ronald Sanabria Director, Sustainable Tourism, Rainforest Alliance

8:30-10:30am (talk starts at 9am)
October 6, 2006
Rainforest Alliance
665 Broadway, Suite 500
New York, NY 10012
tel: (212)-677-1900

Sponsored by:The Mitsubishi International Corporation Foundation Please RSVP by email, or for more info, please call Ms. Rie Yano at (212) 605-2327



Symposium for Sustainable Food and Seed Sovereignty Food & Communities, Our Health, Our Choice

October 6 - 7, 2006
Tesuque Pueblo Inter-Generational Center
Santa Fe, New Mexico

For additional information call: 505- 983-2667 or e-mail: msanchez@pueblooftesuque.org

<u>Download</u> the Registration Form.



Amazon Watch 10th year Anniversary Indigenous Peoples Day

October 12, 2006 12:00pm - 1:30pm Gallery One San Francisco One Embarcadero Center San Francisco, CA

Space is limited! Please reserve your seat today. RSVP to: 415 487 9600 ext. 21 or email elisa@amazonwatch.org. Lunch will be served. There is no charge to attend. A funding request will be

made. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution, you may donate online at www.amazonwatch.org. For event details click here.



Bioneers Conference

October 20-22 San Rafael, CA

The Annual Bioneers Conference is a hub of practical solutions for restoring the Earth and people. It's a thriving network of visionary innovators who are working with nature to heal nature. The bioneers draw from four billion years of evolutionary intelligence and apply nature's operating instructions in practical ways to serve human ends harmlessly. They herald a dawning age of interdependence founded in nature's principles of diversity, kinship, community, cooperation, and reciprocity. To register, and for more information, click here.



Young Women's Institute on Money and Movements

November 5 - 7, 2006 Oaxaca, Mexico

Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) is bringing together 35 young feminist activists, primarily from the Global South and Eastern Europe who have experience with either youth organizations or women's rights organizations. This meeting is a key follow-up to AWID's action-research initiative, "Where's the money for women's rights? has found that funding has shrunk in the past 10 years for women's rights. As such women's and feminists movements need to reenergize their collective strategies to increase the amount and quality of funding. At this meeting, AWID will engage young feminists around their strategies for movement-building, organizational strengthening and resource mobilization. A web-based application form is available here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2006. For more info contact info email: Rushana Du Toit of Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) rdutoit@awid.org Website: www.awid.org



The Pachamama Alliance's Annual Fundraising Luncheon

Wednesday, November 15th 12:00pm to 1:30 pm Festival Pavilion Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA

Come find out about the unique work of Pachamama both in the rainforest and here at home, and what you can do to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling,and socially just human presence on this planet. Space is limited; reserve your place early by calling 415-561-4522 or reply to this message - info@pachamama.org. If you would like information on how to become a Table Captain or volunteer, please contact Natalie Doel at 415-561-4522 x109 or natalie@pachamama.org.



International Forum on Globalization
Announces a Major Teach-in on
Indigenous Peoples' Resistance to Economic Globalization:
A Celebration of Victories, Rights and Cultures

November 18, 2006 11am - 10pm Hunter College New York City, NY

The International Forum on Globalization (IFG) and the Tebtebba Foundation are pleased to announce a public Teach-In celebrating major milestones in the rising resistance and political power of indigenous peoples against the invasions of corporate globalization.

The event will feature about 30 Indigenous and other experts and will be held on November 18, 2006, at the Hunter College Auditorium, 69th Street (between Park and Lexington Avenue), in New York City, from 11 AM to 10 PM. Click here for details.



November 30 - December 3, 2006 NMAI's Film + Video Center New York City, New York

The NMAI's Film + Video Center announces the 13th Native American Film and Video Festival, to be held November 30 - December 3, 2006, in New York City. The 2006 Festival will feature outstanding Native independent and community productions in film, video, radio, and new media, produced after May 2003. The Festival also marks the celebration of the Film + Video Center's 25th Anniversary.

To see who attended opening night of the 2003 Native American Film + Video Festival, click here.



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