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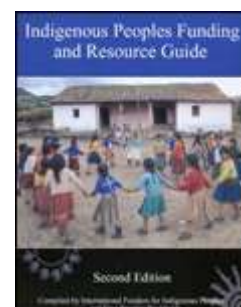
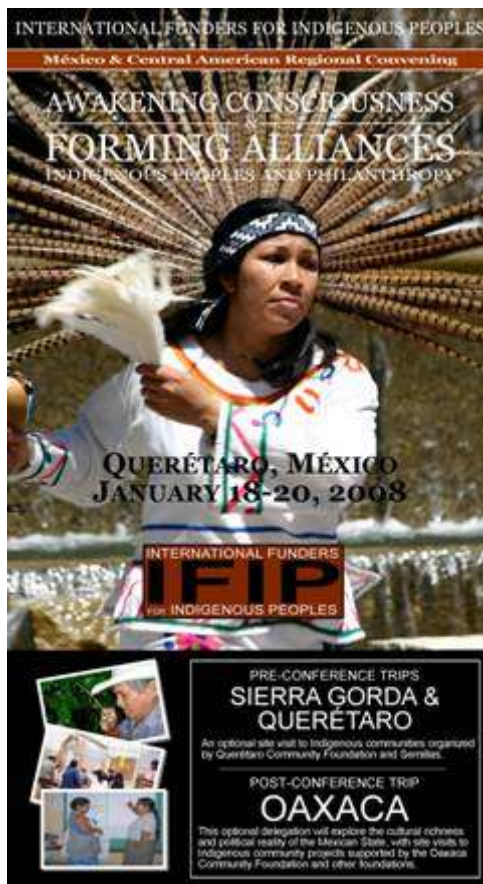
## Se:kon/Greetings IFIP Friends,

I hope that this message finds you in good health and strong spirit as we approach the fall season.

We appreciate your support of our work to build capacity and enhance funding opportunities that improve the lives of Indigenous Peoples around the world. We're excited to let you know about a new way to give and join our efforts. We've just added a new feature to our website enabling you to donate online, instantly! Our **DonateNow** button is a major step forward into the emerging arena of e-philanthropy and we're excited to provide this new option to you.

Click on the **DonateNow** button to begin, or continue, your support for Indigenous sustainable projects and communities globally. On the donation form you will be able to contribute an amount that you are comfortable with, as well as specify how your contribution is to be used. You may choose to support our leading conferences, travel initiatives, membership campaign, publications, or provide general support. You may also donate on behalf of an organization, individual, or in memory of loved one that has passed. And, donations can be made anonymously

IFIP is also pleased to announce that [registration](#) is now open for our first-ever regional convening scheduled to take place in Querétaro, Mexico, on January 18-20, 2008. Our inaugural international gathering, themed *Awakening Consciousness & Forming Alliances: Indigenous Peoples and Philanthropy*, which will bring donors and Indigenous leaders together to explore new ways to build true partnerships, provide real examples of best donor practices, and raise broader awareness of cultural, environmental and globalization issues in Mexico & Central



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## MEMBERSHIP

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Download Form ([PDF](#) or [WORD](#))

## IN THE NEWS

**Indigenous Congress Demands Teeth for UN Declaration**

(Bolivia) Indigenous leaders are holding a regional congress in Bolivia to discuss strategies to oblige governments to take on board as state policy the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 13. [read more...](#)

**Landless Farmers**

America. See [session description](#) and [conference agenda](#).

IFIP has is offering four optional pre-site visits to Queretaro community and Sierra Gorda. These have been organized by Semillas, Queretaro Community Foundation and Sierra Gorda. They include visits to Indigenous communities in [El Bothe](#), [Cadereyta](#), [Amealco](#) and [Sierra Gorda](#).

IFIP has worked with Appleton Foundation, Oaxaca Community Foundation and International Community Foundation in organizing a post optional site visit to [Oaxaca](#), this is a 2 or 4 day trip, see details.

IFIP has been very busy this fall with organizing an Institute at the Environmental Grantmakers Association (EGA) Fall Retreat that brought Phrang Roy of The Christensen Fund and Liz Hosken of Gaia Foundation to speak about how to collaborate and fund with Indigenous communities. IFIP also attended the Indigenous women's conference on biodiversity in Bogota Colombia, that Fundacion Natura organized, [see report here](#). IFIP also participated at the Amazon Alliance Forum and is pleased to announce its Annual Roundtable with be in conjunction with their Annual Forum to take place in DC May 8-9, please mark your calendars.

If you are not yet a member of IFIP, please [begin or renew your membership today](#) and support our efforts to increase support for Indigenous Peoples around the world. For Esteem level or higher, a new added benefit includes the addition of the *Cultural Survival* Quarterly Magazine. See the IFIP article, titled "[Convergence](#)," that was recently published in their magazine.

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




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## IFIP CONFERENCES & EVENTS

### Demand a Piece of the Action

(India) Landless labourers and socially marginalised groups marched into the capital by the thousand demanding a piece of the country's newfound prosperity. [read more...](#)

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### Landmark Indigenous Land Rights Victory

(Belize) In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court of Belize ruled in favor of the Mayan villages of Conejo and Santa Cruz, affirming the collective rights of the indigenous communities to land and resources. [read more...](#)

## GRANTS

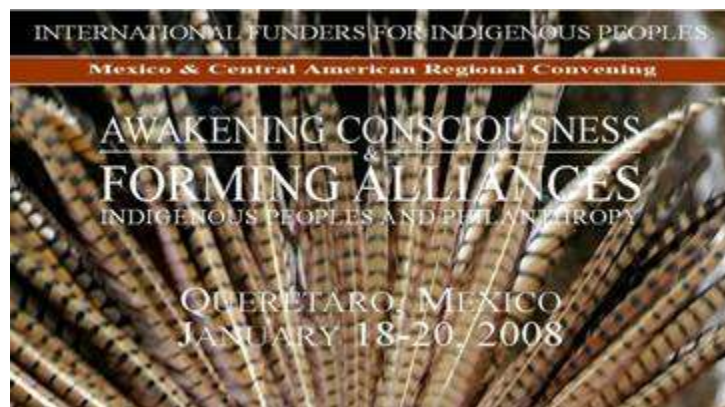
### NOVA Travel Fund (Deadline--12/1/07)

The NOVA Travel Fund (Fondo NOVA-Viajes) makes grants of up to \$1,500 to help base-level activists from Latin America and the Caribbean attend regional conferences and meetings. For more information, [click here](#) (Spanish).

## EMPLOYMENT

### Executive Director Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (Deadline--12/10/07)

UAF provides financial support to women's human rights defenders worldwide, supports



**Mexico and Central American Regional Convening**  
*Awakening Consciousness & Forming Alliances:  
 Indigenous Peoples & Philanthropy*

**January 18-20, 2008**  
**Querétaro, México**

International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) Invites you to our first international gathering! Join donors as we gather together with indigenous leaders to learn about current issues facing the region: immigration, local migration, cross-border issues, language, culture, preservation of traditions, bio-cultural diversity and more.

International Funders for Indigenous Peoples invites you to **REGISTER TODAY** for your opportunity to explore new ways to build true partnerships; discuss examples of best donor practices; and help increase awareness of the cultural, environmental and other important global issues Indigenous communities are experiencing throughout Mexico and Central America.

**Register before November 19th, 2007  
 to receive a discount!**

The regional convening will include three main tracks to better assist donors in learning about particular areas of interest. Tracks are designed to provide a deeper understanding and knowledge of Indigenous philanthropy on the following topics: **Methodologies and Effective Strategies, Cultural Identity and Globalization, and Indigenous Rights: Policy and Practice**. The event will also feature a **Funders-Only Session** that will provide specific recommendations and guidelines for donor portfolios, as well as **Optional Pre-Conference and Post-Conference Site Visits**. *Space is limited, so register early!* There will also be a movie night, cultural performances and other exciting events. [Register by November 19, 2007 to get the early bird discount](#)



groundbreaking research to develop feminist agendas, and promotes global women's issues internationally. For more information, [click here](#).

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**Manager of  
 Leadership  
 Program**

**Women's Funding  
 Network**

The Women's Funding Network provide services that support various organizational capacities of its members. Examples of capacities are grantmaking, communications, and fundraising. For more information, [click here](#).

**INTERNSHIP**

**2008 Summer  
 Diversity Intern  
 Program**

Inter-American  
 Development Bank  
[\(click here\)](#)

**FELLOWSHIP**

**Echoing Green  
 Fellowship**  
 (Deadline--12/3/07)

Echoing Green will award 20 two-year fellowships, up to \$90,000 each, to entrepreneurs in seed funding and technical support to turn their ideas into sustainable organizations. For more information, [click here](#).

**REPORTS**

*"Holding the United  
 States Accountable*

## FOR FUNDERS ONLY

### Conference of Southwest Foundation 59th Annual Conference

November 1-3, 2007  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

For more information, contact Dawn Townsend, Tel: (214) 740-1787, email: [dawn@c-s-f.org](mailto:dawn@c-s-f.org), or [click here](#).



### Strategic Giving For Young People Of Color With Wealth Workshop

November 2-3, 2007  
New York City, New York

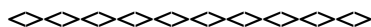
This workshop is for young people of color with financial wealth who want to increase the impact of their resources in furthering social justice. For more information, [click here](#).



### 2007 Southern California Grantmakers Annual Conference and Members Meeting *Making America Work: Philanthropy & the Economy*

November 8, 2007  
Los Angeles, California

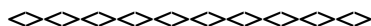
A special opportunity for new grantmakers to learn from seasoned professionals and their peers. The program is scheduled for three Fridays in a row and there is also a two-hour visit to a grantmakers' office. For more information, contact Jan Kern, Tel: (213) 680-8866, email: [jan@socalgrantmakers.org](mailto:jan@socalgrantmakers.org), or [click here](#).



### San Diego Grantmakers Annual Conference *Strategic Grantmaking-Inspiration to Implementation*

November 8, 2007  
San Diego, California

For more information, contact Nancy Jamison, Tel: (619)744-2180, email: [nancy@sdgrantmakers](mailto:nancy@sdgrantmakers), or [click here](#).



### Philanthropy Roundtable 2007 Annual Meeting

*for Racism and  
Racial Discrimination  
in the  
United States and  
around the World"*  
--International Indian  
Treaty Council  
([click to download](#))

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*"Philanthropy at  
its Best"*  
--National Committee  
for Responsive  
Philanthropy  
([order information](#))

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*"Third International  
Seminar on  
Indigenous Women  
and Global  
Warming"*  
--Fundacion Natura  
Colombia  
([Report / Pics](#))

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**Environmental  
Grantmakers  
Association  
Magazine:  
Spring 2008 Issue  
(Proposal Deadline--  
11/5/07)**

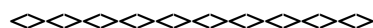
EGA is accepting submissions for the Spring 2008 issue of *EGA Journal*, whose theme will be "Global Climate Change." For submission forms, contact Eric Waters, [ewaters@ega.org](mailto:ewaters@ega.org) or call 646-747-2655.



*Inspiring the Philanthropic Imagination*

**November 8-10, 2007**  
**Dana Point, California**

The Philanthropy Roundtable's 2007 Annual Meeting will provide attendees with a highly interactive, rigorously intellectual environment to discuss the most recent innovative and inspirational philanthropic endeavors. For more information, email: [annualmeeting@philanthropyroundtable.org](mailto:annualmeeting@philanthropyroundtable.org), or [click here](#).

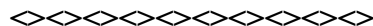


**Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations  
 and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)  
 36th Annual Conference**

*The Global Pursuit of Social Justice:  
 Challenges to Nonprofits & Civil Society*

**November 15-17, 2007**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

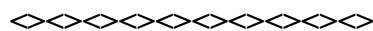
ARNOVA's annual conference brings together researchers, scholars, and practitioners from around the world to present and discuss research on issues in nonprofit studies, voluntary action, and philanthropy. The annual conference will be an opportunity to discuss the latest research on nonprofit organizations and philanthropy. For more information, Tel: (317) 684-2120, email: [information@arnova.org](mailto:information@arnova.org), or [click here](#).



**Donors Forum: Strengthening Illinois Philanthropy and  
 the Nonprofit Community Annual Reception**

**November 28, 2007**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

The Annual Reception is a networking event for Donors Forum Members, Associate Members and Forum Partners. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Marilou Jones, Tel: (:312) 327-8942, email: [mjones@donorsforum.org](mailto:mjones@donorsforum.org), or [click here](#).

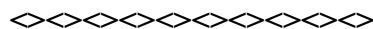


**United Nations Climate Change Conference  
 Funders Delegation**

**December 9-14, 2007**  
**Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia**

This delegation will offer funders concerned about climate change and about sustainable development a unique opportunity to observe negotiations on a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, to meet with key government and non-government officials involved

in these debates, and to deepen their relationships with other philanthropists concerned with these crucial issues. For more information, contact Denise Lee, Tel: +44 (207) 399-4970, or email: [d.lee@khemkafoundation.org](mailto:d.lee@khemkafoundation.org). Or, contact Mark Randazzo, Tel: (415) 642-6022 or email: [mark@fntg.org](mailto:mark@fntg.org).



**International Human Rights Funders Group**  
**Semi-Annual Meeting**  
*Human Rights and Natural Resources*

**January 28-29, 2008**  
**San Francisco, California**

The ability to exercise human rights depends in part on the availability of finite resources. As privatization of natural resources increases, questions of ownership and access have become crucial. Strategies for economic development clash with human rights values. The failure of governments to provide access to land and natural resources often leads to war, migration, poverty and sickness. The denial of access to land and natural resources almost always disproportionately impacts women and indigenous communities. For more information, Catherine Townsend, Tel: (212) 609-2631, email: [info@ihrfg.org](mailto:info@ihrfg.org), or [click here](#).



**Grantmakers Without Borders**  
**8th Annual Conference**  
*Just Giving: Global Social Change Philanthropy*

**June 8-10, 2008**  
**San Francisco, California**

As in years past, the bulk of workshops at Gw/oB's annual conference will be selected through a competitive **Call for Sessions**. This year, Gw/oB is looking for quality workshops falling under two broad categories:

1. Grantmaking Practice
2. Social Justice Issues as They Relate to Climate Change and Natural Resource Depletion.

Global grantmakers and their partners and grantees have much to teach and share. We warmly encourage you to consider submitting a workshop proposal for Gw/oB's 2008 conference.

The deadline for workshop submissions is December 3rd. Click here for the [Call for Sessions](#) (MS Word file)



## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

### Council on Foundations Awards Program

The Council on Foundations Awards Program honor the achievements and the professional contributions of the best in philanthropy. These special recognitions by the Council enhance the personal growth and accomplishment of our members, provide members with role models, and strengthen the image of philanthropy.

#### Critical Impact Awards

The [Critical Impact Awards](#) celebrate grantmaking at its finest: grantmaking that has changed lives and communities - perhaps even nations - for the better. Foundations have supported innovative - and often bold - solutions to societal issues, enhancing the common good in every corner of the world. The Council on Foundations believes that extraordinary efforts deserve widespread recognition.

#### Distinguished Grantmaker Award

The [Distinguished Grantmaker Award](#) honors an individual who has made significant lifetime contributions to the field of philanthropy. First presented in 1984, this award celebrates those who personify the values and practices that the Council attempts to promote and encourage.

#### Robert Scrivner Award

The [Robert W. Scrivner Award for Creative Grantmaking](#) was established in 1984 to recognize a grantmaker who has demonstrated outstanding creativity. It honors grantmakers who, with a combination of vision, principle and personal commitment, are making a critical difference in a creative way. The award was created as a memorial to the late Robert Winston Scrivner, former staff associate of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and first executive director of the Rockefeller Family Fund, by a number of his friends and colleagues.

#### Wilmer Shields Rich Awards

The [Wilmer Shields Rich Awards](#) program showcases the ways foundations and corporate giving programs use communications strategies and techniques to advance the goals of their grantmaking. Through the "Wilmers", the program seeks to educate grantmakers about creative and strategic communications. For more information about the Council Awards programs, please call 202/466-6512.

#### Call For Nominations: Council's International Committee

The Council on Foundations seeks nominations to fill soon-to-be vacant positions on its International Committee. The committee

seeks members who are committed to its goals of assisting the Council in building and extending the field of international philanthropy and increasing the field's effectiveness. Self-nominations are welcome. The committee meets twice a year. New committee members will begin their two-year terms on July 1, 2008. The terms are renewable once. Deadline for nominations is December 31. [Download a nomination form](#) [word] or contact [Isabelle Mack](mailto:Isabelle.Mack@cof.org) at [Isabelle.Mack@cof.org](mailto:Isabelle.Mack@cof.org) or 202/467-0435 with questions.



### **2008-2009 International King Baudouin Development Prize**

The King Baudouin Foundation will be accepting applications between October 15 and February 1 for the 2008-2009 King Baudouin International Development Prize. Created in 1978, the prize is awarded every other year to acknowledge positive examples of development. Beyond its actual financial value of 150,000 euros, the prize gives winners international visibility and publicity before the United Nations, the World Bank, the European Union, bilateral development agencies, foundations, and international NGOs. For more information, [click here](#).



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