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The pyramid, El Cerrito, is similar in size to the Pyramid of the Moon in [Teotihuacán](#). A visit to [El Cerrito](#) along with a Friendship Ceremony with the local Otomi people will be part of the agenda. Additional optional site visits include; [Sierra Gorda](#), [Amealco](#), [El Bothe](#), [Cadereyta](#) and [Oaxaca](#).

## Se:kon/Greetings IFIP Friends,

I trust that this month's e-newsletter, *The Sharing Network*, finds you in good health as we all prepare for the upcoming holiday season. It has been a busy and rewarding year for many of us. It's hard to believe that we are close to the end of another year and IFIP's first regional convening, [Awakening Consciousness & Forming Alliances: Indigenous Peoples and Philanthropy](#), is now less than two months away.

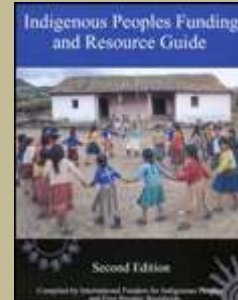
As many of you know, IFIP has once again been busy traveling during the past few months. IFIP shared the Mexico & Central American Conference info at the Centro Mexicano para la Filantropía ([CEMEFI](#)) Annual Conference, and at the first –ever session on Indigenous funding called “*Comunidades Indigenas: Espacio para la inversion social*,” held in Mexico City earlier this month, where nearly 30 Mexican foundations attended. The interest and excitement is building amongst Mexican and US donors for our groundbreaking event.

I look forward to seeing you in January at our [Mexico & Central American Regional Convening](#). If you haven't already registered, please take a few minutes to reserve your space today. Take this opportunity to complete the [registration form](#) to enjoy this historical event, as well as participate in the optional site visits to [Sierra Gorda](#), [Amealco](#), [El Bothe](#), [Cadereyta](#) or [Oaxaca](#). There will also be a musical performance, visit to the pyramid of El Cerrito, funders-only sessions and other exciting events.

Many wishes to you and your families for the holiday season!

Ske:nen/Peace,

Evelyn Arce-White, M.A.T.  
IFIP Executive Director



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## IN THE NEWS

### Biofuels Can Hurt the Poor

(Brussels) Oxfam has expressed unease about how poor farmers are being driven from the land to make way for biofuel plantations. In a recent report, it cited UN estimates that 60 million indigenous people are at risk of being uprooted.  
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### State Accused of Violating Rights of Rural Poor

(Paraguay) Civil Society

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groups are attempting to persuade a United Nations expert committee to investigate allegations of rights violations of peasant farmers and Indigenous Peoples. [more...](#)

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### Government Defies Indigenous Rights

(Melbourne) Australia's opposition to the UN General Assembly declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, passed in September, is indicative of the country's continued approach to domestic policies. [more...](#)

## 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 groundbreaking research to develop feminist agendas, and promotes global women's issues internationally.

For more information, [click here.](#)

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### Program Officer for Latin America/Caribbean The Global Fund for Children

(Washington, DC)

(Deadline--12/15/07)

GFC advances the dignity of young people around the world through its grantmaking program, which funds community-based organizations that serve the health, rights and development of children and youth.

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## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

### **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).

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### **Council on Foundations International Committee Call For Nominations** (Deadline—12/31/07)

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](#) at [Isabelle.Mack@cof.org](mailto:Isabelle.Mack@cof.org) or 202/467-0435 with questions.

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### **2008-2009 International King Baudouin Development Prize** (Deadline—2/1/08)

The King Baudouin Foundation will be accepting applications until **February 1, 2008** 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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## IFIP CONFERENCES & EVENTS

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### **Grants Administrator New Field Foundation** (San Francisco)

New Field Foundation contributes to the creation of a peaceful and equitable world by supporting women and their families to overcome poverty, violence, and injustice in their communities.

For more information,  
[click here](#).

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### **Membership Services Director Environmental Grantmakers Association** (New York)

Responsibilities include promoting EGA programming to members through communications and networking; strategizing and implementing member-initiated networking and peer-learning activities; and managing the creation of membership branding, communications and outreach materials.

For more information,  
[click here](#).

## SUBMISSIONS

### **Northwest Indigenous Film Festival** (Deadline—12/7/07)

Native American and worldwide indigenous film makers are invited to submit entries produced by or about indigenous peoples for the second annual



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

**January 18-19, 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 today to reserve your space!**

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.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

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**FOR FUNDERS ONLY**

**United Nations Climate Change Conference**

Northwest Indigenous Film Festival.

For more information, contact Susan Balbas, [sbalbas@earthlink.net](mailto:sbalbas@earthlink.net)

## FELLOWSHIPS

**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](#).

## **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).

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## **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](#).

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## **Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group**

### **Conference:**

*"Funding Impact: Partnerships, Networks, and Collaborations"*

**February 4-6, 2008**  
**Johannesburg, South Africa**

### **Annual Retreat:**

*"Working Together to Support Development Efforts in Africa"*

**February 7-8, 2008**  
**Johannesburg, South Africa**

In February 2008, AGAG will convene private funders for our Annual Retreat and sponsor an inaugural Conference that will reach out to a broader audience of public and private agencies and organizations involved in development funding in Africa.

Please join us for what promise to be two unique, exciting, and important gatherings. More information and how to register at [www.africagrantmakers.org](http://www.africagrantmakers.org).

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### **Change Action Partners Strategy Session**

**February 21, 2008  
New York City, New York**

Change Action Partners is a daylong strategy session that achieves diversity in philanthropy by building partnership/ collaborations between affinity groups that address structural funding inequities through intersectional approaches.

Change Action Partners encourages you to:

- bring your bright ideas, hopeful programs, and existing projects to the attention of your colleagues for possible collaboration and support,
- come and hear what others are doing and join their efforts,
- grow and generate new original partnerships onsite from our conversations.

We're looking for lively conversations that lead to tangible partnerships with a high return on investment in advancing diversity and inclusiveness in Philanthropy.

Please send questions or RSVP's to Pamela Strother at realChange Partners, [pamela@realchangepartners.com](mailto:pamela@realchangepartners.com) or 202-486-5990.

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**Council on Foundations**  
*Philanthropy's Vision: A Leadership Summit*



**May 4–7, 2008  
National Harbor, Maryland**

Join a gathering of philanthropic leaders unlike any the world has seen before. Whether you're brand new to philanthropy or have years of experience, from a small family foundation or a large corporate giving program, from a rural area or a big city—philanthropy needs your vision and your voice.

For more information, [click here](#).

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**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)

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