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FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

THE *Sharing Network*

**Connecting Communities • Sharing Knowledge • Building a Common Future**  
**November 2013**

*Dear IFIP Friends,*

In this enewsletter we are excited to share several highlights of our focus next year.

We would first like to continue to send our prayers to those affected by the typhoon in the Philippines. In an effort to bring support to Indigenous groups on the ground, we have reached out to several partners that work in that area. Please see the attached list of contacts that you can send support to.



**Figure 1 Damaged houses in the Tagbanua communities**

We are solidifying our plans for a NYC regional meeting in March 2014 in collaboration with Philanthropy New York. More information to follow soon.

We are also working closely with the organizers of the [World Conference on Indigenous Peoples](#) as we develop the theme of our annual conference, the **World Summit on Indigenous Philanthropy**, September 24 – 26, 2014 in NYC. Please save the dates.

IFIP is also working on the very first United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) toolkit for donors. It is designed to provide foundations with guidance as to how to engage



## **IFIP MEMBERSHIP**

***YES! I Want to  
Begin or Renew  
My Membership***

**Download Form ([PDF](#))**

*For all questions or immediate processing, call  
415-580-7982.*

**RFP**

First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) is now accepting proposals for its Native Agriculture & Food Systems Initiative (NAFSI). Through the generous support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, First Nations plans to distribute up to ten grant awards averaging \$37,500 to support projects that address food system control, food insecurity and increasing access to fresh and healthy foods in Native communities. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

Indigenous Peoples and include the implementation of the UNDRIP in the grantmaking process and other activities of foundations. Completion date is scheduled for Spring 2014.

We encourage your support for our critical work. If you are interested in becoming a [Member](#) or you are not a donor but still want to be part of the network, see our [Affiliate](#) level. With your generous grant membership, you stand shoulder-to-shoulder with visionary grant-makers and Indigenous leaders creating a new paradigm of giving.

**Thank you for your support!**

*Peace,  
Evelyn Arce, M.A.T.  
IFIP Executive Director*

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## IFIP NEWS



IFIP welcomes their new Executive Associate, Pei-Un Yee ([full bio](#)). Pei-Un has a background in nonprofit work focusing on advocacy in protection of underrepresented communities' rights and equal access to resources. She is excited to join the IFIP team and looks forward to working with IFIP supporters.

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### Interview with Governor Of Kogi Tribe

On August 19, Indigenous Peoples Day, IFIP had the rare opportunity to interview the Kogi leadership. [Hear](#) directly from the community.

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## MEMBER NEWS

### Swift New Board Member

Swift Foundation, a member of IFIP, announces their new board member, **Jeannette Armstrong**, Ph.D. of the Okanagan Nation, British Columbia, Canada. Jeannette has extraordinary expertise as an author, scholar, activist and Syilx Knowledge Keeper in her community and across the world. For more information about her work, read [here](#).

## INDIGENOUS NEWS

### Honduras grants Miskito Indians title to huge swath of coastal, border lands they occupy

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — The government announced Thursday that it has granted title to more than 1.6 million acres (655,000 hectares) along Honduras' border with Nicaragua and the Caribbean coast to the Miskito Indian communities that inhabit the area. Read more [here](#)

### Papua New Guinea Losing Independence: Investigation Blames the Modern Land Grab

Oakland, CA – Papua New Guinea (PNG) is the latest known victim in a modern era of land grabs orchestrated by foreign corporations according to an investigative report and a film, *On Our Land*, released today by the Oakland Institute and the Pacific Network on Globalisation (PANG). Read more [here](#)

### United Nations: Economic Development Agenda

#### Tom Goldtooth – Intervention by Indigenous Environmental Network

This intervention is not on behalf of the North American Caucus, but on behalf of the Indigenous Environmental Network. It is very important that the outcome document articulate the expression of Indigenous worldview that we all share, as Peoples of the Land, Waters, Oceans and noting our relatives of the Polar region...([continue reading](#))

### United Nations Human Rights

Opening remarks by Ms. Flavia Pansieri, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, to the Human Rights Council 24<sup>th</sup> session half-day panel discussion on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. Read [here](#)

## **ECOLOGIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FINDINGS**

### **New Learning on Fuel-Efficient Stoves in Guatemala**

IFIP member, EcoLogic, continually seeks to ensure that it is adapting to the local context and providing the best possible solutions for the challenges that rural communities and the nature around them face. Following a study they conducted on the fuel-efficient stoves they provided, EcoLogic attended a Guatemala stakeholder consultation and strategic planning workshop to better understand what has and has not been working for the local community. Read more about their findings in Guatemala [here](#).

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## **EVENTS**

### **Honor the Earth: A Donor Lunch Meeting December 10, 2013 – 12:30 to 1:30 1009 General Kennedy Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Presidio, San Francisco**

Winona La Duke will share about the non-violent spirit rides on Enbridge and KXL pipelines and a briefing on fracking. Lunch will be provided by IFG. RSVP to [margaret.m.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.m.campbell@gmail.com)

### **Violence Against Women Human Rights Defenders in Mesoamerica Convening January 31 - February 1, 2014 – Mexico City**

Organized by the Mesoamerican Women Human Rights Defenders Initiative, the convening will bring leading human rights activists and donors from around the world to explore strategies and models for protecting and supporting women human rights defenders. For more information, contact Natalia Escruceña at [+1.202.232.1211](tel:+1.202.232.1211).

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **IWGIA Publishes Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact**

This book offers a detailed insight into the situation of Indigenous Peoples in voluntary isolation in South America. It looks into the threats and challenges that

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Global Greengrants Fund**

The mission of Global Greengrants Fund is to strengthen grassroots environmental movements in developing countries by making small grants to groups striving for environmental sustainability within their own countries. They are currently seeking a Deputy Director of Programs. See posting [here](#)

### **Plan International**

Plan aims to achieve lasting improvements in the quality of life of deprived children in developing countries, through a process that unites people across cultures. They are recruiting for a Chief of Party Roster. See posting [here](#)

### **Earth House Center**

Based in Oakland, CA, Earth House Center focuses on building sustainable communities through education, training and multi-media communication tools. They work on issues around health, justice, education, legal services and metropolitan development. Earth House is currently seeking an Office and Project Manager. See posting [here](#)

Indigenous Peoples face and offers a rich source of demographic and ethnographic information regarding Indigenous Peoples in voluntary isolation and initial contact. Read more [here](#)

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**James Anaya – Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples Report to the Human Rights Council: *Study on Extractive Industries and Indigenous Peoples***

This report addresses the human rights concerns of Indigenous Peoples relating to extractive industries. Read more [here](#)

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