The Launch of the Global Alliance of Indigenous Led Funds

The Global Alliance of Indigenous Led Funds was Launched on 21 February 2023 during the 3rd Indigenous Led Funds Global Gathering held in Merida, Mexico.

IFIP hosted its Global conference between February 22 and 24, 2023 in Merida, Mexico. This presented an opportunity to invite Indigenous Led Funds (ILFs) to come together for a third time. Three years have passed since IFIP hosted the first two global gatherings bringing together for the first time Indigenous organizations who are leading the way in Indigenous-led giving and philanthropy. This gathering brought together 23 Indigenous Led Funds from different regions and included both IFIP members and members of IFIP’s wider network.

The first two gatherings were historic in marking the first-time representatives of ILFs met to build relationships leading to the creation of the IFIP Indigenous Led Funds Working Group. The Indigenous Led Funds Gatherings are indicators of the growing leadership of Indigenous people working to transform the philanthropic community to shift direct funding to Indigenous Peoples and their communities, and growing a giving practice that moves away from unequal power dynamics to one of values-based partnerships that incorporates Indigenous rights, self-determination, and values.

Since then, IFIP has collaborated with and served the ILFs by highlighting their role to funders and the broader philanthropic sector, by hosting webinars with ILFs, and facilitating community dialogues during the pandemic, writing articles about ILFs, through podcasts and raising awareness of Indigenous Led Funds in philanthropy conferences. IFIP also published the IFIP Indigenous Ways of Giving and Sharing Landscape Scan Report, the first of its kind in the philanthropic sector.

The Global Alliance of Indigenous Led Funds seeks to bring together ILFs globally to promote, empower and advance Indigenous Peoples’ priorities and rights through forming and strengthening philanthropic partnerships and moving towards “The Five R’s of Indigenous Philanthropy” —Respect, Relationships, Responsibility, Reciprocity, and Redistribution as a giving practice.

We would like to hear from you if you want to learn more about the Global Alliance. If you are an Indigenous Led Fund, we would like to connect with you and learn more about your work and explore collaborative strategies.

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