



Organization of American States

Seminar on Mechanisms for the Participation of Indigenous Peoples in the Organization of American States

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In February, 2010, the General Secretariat consulted the indigenous organizations of the Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) that are registered in the database of the OAS. Through an open survey, these organizations then identified among themselves which are most representative of each country and region. Once all the answers were received, the selection of beneficiaries was based on the judgment of the leadership of each region, the organization's ability to represent indigenous peoples at the national level, and its ability to keep a great number of populations and communities in its country and region informed. Then, the OAS asked the selected organizations to submit the names of two indigenous representatives, a man and a woman, to receive funding. The decision was made with respect to gender equity and geographical representation.

Indigenous representatives from 25 countries are financed and will participate in the seminar as well as a representative from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, a representative from the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, and a representative from the Indigenous Leaders' Summit of the Americas.

The following indigenous organizations were selected:

Argentina:

Jorge Antonio Ñancucheo del Pueblo Mapuche
Organización de Naciones y Pueblos Indígenas en Argentina (ONPIA)

Eduardo Alfredo Nieva
Comisión de Juristas Indígenas en la Republica

Bolivia:

Simón Freddy Condo Riveros
Coordinadora de Organizaciones Indígenas, campesinas y comunidades interculturales de Bolivia
(COINCAOBOL)

María Rosario Saravia Paredes
Confederación de Pueblos Indígenas de Bolivia (CIDOB)

Barbados:

Shirling Normellia Corrie
Pan-Tribal Confederacy of Indigenous Tribal Nations

Belize:

Cesar Emir Ross
U'kuxtal Masewal (Instituto Maya de Belice)

Brazil:

Patricia Rodrgiues Dos Santos Moraes
Articulação Dos Povos, Indígenas do Nordeste, e Leste de Minas Gerais e Espírito Santo-Apoimme

Canada:

Kathleen McHugh
Assembly of First Nations

Chile:

Ángel Custodio Bolaños Flores
Consejo Autonomo Aymara

Adolfo Nonato Millabur Ñancuil
Identidad Territorial Laskenche

Colombia:

Dora Tavera
Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia (ONIC)

Leonor Zalabata
Confederación Indígena Tayrona

Costa Rica:

Hugo Lazaro Estrada
Mesa Nacional Indígena de Costa Rica

Dominica:

Soriah Williams
Kalinago Student

Ecuador:

Olindo Nastacuaz
Confederaciones de las Nacionalidades Indígena de la Costa Ecuatoriana (CONAICE)

El Salvador:

Betty Elisa Perez Valiente
Consejo Coordinador nacional Indígena Salvadoreño CCNIS

Guatemala:

César Augusto Tzul Tzul
Consejo de Organizaciones Mayas de Guatemala (COMG)

Tomas Marcelino Alonso Teletor
Asociación Para el Desarrollo Integral de las Víctimas de la Violencia en las Verapaces Maya Achi
(ADIVIMA)

Guyana:

Ms. Jean La Rose
Asociación de Pueblos Amerindios de Guyana/Amerindian Peoples Association (APA)

Mr. Tony James
Presidente de la Asociación de Pueblos Amerindios de Guyana/Amerindian Peoples Association
(APA)

Honduras:

Salvador Zuñiga
Consejo Cívico de Organizaciones Populares e Indígenas de Honduras (COPINH)

Miriam Merced Miranda Chamorro
Coordinadora General de la Organización Fraternal Negra Hondureña (OFRANEH)

Mexico:

Flora Gutierrez Gutierrez
Coordinadora Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas y la Alianza de mujeres Indígenas de Centroamérica y México

Francisco Gómez Mayorga
Congreso Nacional Indígena-CNI

Nicaragua:

Veronica Lisseth Rodriguez
Movimiento Indígena de Nicaragua (MIN)

Panama:

Lic. Olga Rodríguez Palacio
Coordinadora de los Pueblos Indígenas de Panamá (COONAPIP)

Demostenes Ariel Gonzalez Velasquez
Congreso General Kuna

Paraguay:

Nidia Raquel Cabrera
Coordinadora por la Autodeterminación de los Pueblos Indígenas (CAPI)s

Estela Maris Alvarez Torres
Comisión de Pueblos Indígenas

Peru:

Luisa Nini Cáceres Yupanqui
Confederación de Nacionalidades Indígenas del Perú (CONAIP)

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:

Zoila Ellis
The Garifuna Heritage Foundation

Surinam:

Lewis David Carlo
Organization of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname/Organisatie van Inheemsen in Suriname (OIS)

Trinidad and Tobago:

Nelcia Celesti Robinson
The Caribbean Organization of Indigenous Peoples (C.O.I.P)

United States:

Radley Davis
International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)

Uruguay:

Mónica Michelena Diaz
Consejo de la Nación Charrúa

Other participants:

Carlos Mamani Condori
United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Mateo Martinez
Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean

Hector Huertas
Summits of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas