

CALL FOR PAPERS
III CONTINENTAL SUMMIT ON INDIGENOUS COMMUNICATION OF
ABYA YALA BOLIVIA 2016

BACKGROUND

In fulfillment of an invitation extended to Bolivia at the **II Continental Summit on Indigenous Communication** (October 7-13, 2013) in Santa María Tlahuitoltepec, Mixe Territory of Oaxaca, later ratified by the Communication Section of the V Peoples' Summit in November, 2013 at María Piendamó, Cauca, Colombia, and at the International Followup Meeting of Communication Summits held in La Paz on December 21, 2013, Bolivia has been confirmed as the host of the III Continental Summit on Indigenous Communication of Abya Yala to be held November 14 to 18 2016.

These agreements set the first stage at the Continental Pre-Summit on Indigenous Communication (September 17-20, 2014), in La Paz, historical territory of the Aymara people, convened by the 5 First Nation Indigenous organizations of the Unity Pact of Bolivia, (CSUTCB, CONAMAQ, CIDOB, CNMCIOB-BS y CSCIOB), through the administrative branch arising from the 5 confederations, which coordinates the organization of the Summit in Bolivia with full participation of Indigenous organizations and communication collectives from the entire continent.

This is the framework in which the International Meeting to Organize the III Summit met in La Paz (July 27-28, 2015) with the National Organizational Committee along with the following participating organizations in the International Follow-up Process, which outlined the Call for Papers: Consejo Regional Indígena del Cauca, Colombia (CRIC), affiliated with the Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia (ONIC); the Congreso de Comunicación Indígena (CNCI) de México, CICA, the Confederación de Nacionalidades Indígenas del Ecuador (CONAIE); the Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Cine y Comunicación de los Pueblos Indígenas (CLACPI), the Consejo Coordinador Nacional Indígena Salvadoreño (CCNIS).

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TO TAKE PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

I. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE III SUMMIT:

In compliance with Declaration statement from the first event in 2010, the Communication Summit is a permanent forum established through a minga of thought and word. This is the legitimate space for sharing our experiences, problems and aspirations in the area of communication to form strategies to serve our First Nations Indigenous peoples as we struggle for our territory as well as for the full recognition and viability of our rights to life and dignity and for indigenous communication as a right we are committed to for our own autonomy, with deep respect for our spiritual world and in the framework of cultural and linguistic plurality of our peoples and nationalities. These are the guiding principles for the III Summit:

The establishment of Living Well (Buen Vivir, Wellbeing), and Decolonization in different areas of communication, Depatriarchalization, and the struggle for gender equity in communication practice and the production of content, Interculturality as a reflection of working together, Unity as a principle for work, for collective and complementary construction and creation, and communication that is both transformative and anti-hegemonic to serve for the defense of rights, protection of Mother Earth and territorial defense.

II. VENUE AND DATE.-

The Summit will take place in the rural area near the city of Cochabamba, in the center of Bolivia, the historical territory of the Quechua people, from 14 to 18 November, 2016.

III. TITLE.-

“Decolonizing and transformative communication, an instrument for struggle of the peoples of Abya Yala and the world”

IV. OBJETIVES.-

1. MAIN OBJETIVE:

To contribute to strengthening the struggle and communication of the indigenous peoples and nations of the American continent Abya Yala in working toward the establishment of a Continental Communication System in the framework of continuity with the process developed previously, finalizing proposals and actions through dialogue, exchange, unity and alliances with a strategically integrated focus that is political, technical, organic and enriches our own forms of communication.

2. SPECIFIC OBJETIVES:

SO1.- From the perspective of decolonization, depatriarchalization and interculturality of living well (Buen Vivir), to contribute to locating the current role of Indigenous communication, its challenges and adversities, as a tool of affirmation, struggle and social transformation with a foundation in ethical, philosophical and political principles, recovering visions, practices and our own proposals and establishing strategies as well as short, medium and long-term goals and concrete actions.

SO.2.- To move forward in the establishment of a recognized legislative proposal and in the formulation of public policies for the recognition and practice of communication based on Indigenous rights and the right to communication so that it is constituted in a solid recognized framework in different States and before national and international institutions.

SO.3.- To establish a coordinated mechanism to advance in the progressive operation of a School for Itinerant Training, and in the implementation of a plan for integral education in Indigenous communication sustained by the initiatives and processes in place and for the creation of a virtual platform for educational tools.

SO.4.- To establish a Continental Indigenous Communication Link as a strategic functioning mechanism for coordination and influence, which would interconnect different networks, processes and organizations in

the framework of processes for the peoples' struggle to live well (Buen Vivir).

SO.5.- From our own decolonizing vision, to collect and systematize criteria – recommendations on viewpoints toward gender, depatriarchalization and the rights of Indigenous women to move forward in the full exercise of communication practice for men and women.

SO.6.- To offer spaces for the exchange and creation of proposals to advance the sovereignty technological challenges for Indigenous communication.

SO.7.- To analyze challenges for transformative and intercultural Communication as an anti-hegemonic tool, and for the struggle for the Indigenous Peoples of Abya Yala (the American continent).

SO.8.- To make visible Indigenous resistance to transnational, neoliberal economic interests in our lands, efforts to defend rights and protect Mother Earth and our territories.

V. TOPICS.-

The 8 main themes defined for our work at the III Summit are as follows:

1. Principles and Challenges for Indigenous Communication for Decolonization, Interculturality and Living Well (Buen Vivir).
- 2.-Legal Framework Legislation, Right to Communication and Establishment of Public Policy on Communication. Legislación Marco
- 3.-Education and Training. Continental Plan for Integral Education in Communication. (Itinerante School).
- 4.-Strategies for Influence and Linkages for Continental Indigenous Communication for the Struggle and for Living Well (Buen Vivir) for Indigenous Peoples.
- 5.-Gender Equity in Indigenous Communication. (Complementary Duality).
- 6.-Sovereignty and Technological Challenges.

7.-Challenges for Transformative Intercultural Communication as a Counter-hegemonic Tool for the Struggle of the Indigenous Peoples of

8.-Indigenous Communication for the Defense of Mother Earth, Autonomy and Indigenous Rights.

VI. PAPER TOPICS FOR PANEL DISCUSSIONS.-

All Indigenous men and women communicators as representatives of a First Nation Indigenous organization or of a collective affiliated with Indigenous communities and organizations, with experience or work in Indigenous communication can present papers on the topics for the III III Continental Summit on Indigenous Communication, for the Seminar or Theme Panels that deal with plans, proposals, projects, experiences, analyses and outcomes of the themes of this Call.

Each paper should include a summary of the contents at the beginning of the text. The minimum length of a paper is 3 pages, 1.5 spaced in Times New Roman 12 point font. The maximum length is 20 pages.

The deadline for submission of papers is August 16, 2016 at midnight Bolivian time, to be sent to this website:

<http://www.cumbresdecomunicacionindigena.org>,

following the format described, so that all work can be organized with the materials necessary for the III Continental Summit of Indigenous Communication. Presenters will hand over copyright of their paper to the III Continental Summit on Indigenous Communication of Abya Yala, for its reproduction and publication during and after the event.

The length of each presenter's talk will be at most 10 minutes, regardless of the length of the written version of the talk being presented.

We also welcome papers describing successful experiences of Indigenous communication from different countries where specific events are taking place that contribute to strengthening the organizational processes of peoples in defense of their territory.

There will be opportunities for presentation and dialogue at the International Intercultural Indigenous Communication Festival.

VII. MODES OF PARTICIPACION .-

- a) The principal deliberative activity where proposals and agreements will be handled is the Mesas de Trabajo (Working Groups), which are the main work centers organized around the 7 main themes defined for this Summit. Participants should select one of the panels when registering for the event, which will entail developing some work prior to that.
- b) Motivational Panels: These are panels set up with brief talks and clips that show practices, realities and reflections led by Indigenous elders/scholars (and non-Indigenous ones?) at the beginning of the day's work on urgent and important topics for Indigenous peoples related to different thematic topics that will be addressed in the 8 specified Working groups).
- c) Plenary Sessions, both for conferences and talks by men and women who are experts, scholars, knowledgeable, to share agreements to work together, to inform about the outcomes of the III Continental Summit on Indigenous Communication of Abya Yala and to develop spaces for wide participation on the themes addressed in this III Summit.
- d) Practical Workshops and Seminars to develop a technical-communicational and political capacity-building and upgrading. This will involve complementary activities such as practical workshops on specific items, specialized technical panels and specialized papers under the direction of recognized ideological experts, scholars linked with the analysis or demonstration of the Main Topics. This section will take place on the second morning of the Summit (when there will be no Working Groups on Main Topics scheduled); the workshops will deal with practice and technological aspects, and the seminars have a more political focus, offering a useful space for exchange and mutual enrichment of different Indigenous communication practices and their role in the process of struggle and transformation across the continent.

Topics to be addressed are as follows:

- The role of communication in processes of struggle for the liberation of our peoples.
- Difficulties and challenges from the perspective of first nation rural indigenous communication in the construction of the Plurinational State of Bolivia.
- Indigenous communication and the hegemonic and transnational powers of domination.

- Indigenous communication with equity and the full participation of Indigenous women in media.
 - Indigenous economic systems, vivir bien, buen vivir (living well) and the neoliberal globalizing gaze.
 - Mechanisms for solidarity funding and for the self-sustainability of media.
 - Digital challenges, technological development and taking advantage of benefits of new technologies.
 - Free software and its beneficial use for Indigenous communication.
 - Challenges and difficulties in establishing Indigenous TV.
 - Boys, girls and adolescents who construct intercultural communication.
- e) There will also be space for the exhibition of the lived and affective experience and expression of Indigenous communication or demonstrations related to the exercise of communication which exemplify aspects dealt with in the 8 Main Themes with quite specific and practical examples. A space will be set up with the technical requirements and infrastructure needed for those requesting it to share work on different experiences in the context of the International Intercultural Indigenous Communication Festival.

VIII. GENERAL STRATEGY FOR THE III SUMMIT.-

The organization and administration of the III Summit requires collaborative and complementary work, minga, carrying the load together. This collective work is carried out with the support of all members of the Continental Summit who wish and are able to participate, and it is important to have the support of non-indigenous technicians and collaborators, but the final decisions of the III Continental Summit of Indigenous Communication of Abya Yala will always be in the hands of the organizations, communication collectives and Indigenous men and women communicators.

Agreements are made mainly and in principal by consensus and if necessary by vote. The final responsibility for the organization and administration of the III Summit will be for the National Preparation Committee of Bolivia, headed by the 5 national organizations of the Unity Pact (CSUTCB, CIDOB, CSCIOB, CNMCIOB BS, CONAMAQ) in close coordination and with the participation of the active organizations of the International Followup Commission of Indigenous Communication

Summits of Abya Yala. The State is present as head of the Ministry of Communication, head of the sector.

XI. THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE III CONTINENTAL SUMMIT ON INDÍGENA COMUNICACION OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT ABYA YALA.-

The entity responsible for organizing the III Continental Communication Summit (in close coordination with the International Monitoring Commission which assembles indigenous organizations involved in the organization of the summits at a continental level), is the National Organizational Commission at the head of the National Indigenous First Nation Rural Organizations of Bolivia, Confederación Sindical Única de Trabajadores Campesinos de Bolivia CSUTCB, Confederación Sindical de Comunidades Interculturales Originarios de Bolivia CSCIOB, Confederación Nacional de Mujeres Campesinas Indígenas Originarias de Bolivia "Bartolina Sisa" CNMCI OB BS, Confederación de Pueblos Indígenas de Bolivia CIDOB, Consejo Nacional de Ayllus CONAMAQ y CAIB (Coordinadora Audiovisual Indígena Originaria de Bolivia), the administrative branch arising out of the 5 confederations, which coordinates the organization of the Summit in Bolivia and the Plurinational State of Bolivia represented by the Ministry of Communication as head of the sector and other Ministries and public agencies like the Autonomous Provincial Government of Cochabamba and CEFREC.

XII. RESOURCES REQUIRED.-

1. GENERAL

This joint effort is a shared work at the national and international level to develop a transparent administration, a framework in which financial support will be sought at the national and state level following the principle of being open to all support that does not condition, limit or orient the objectives and principles of this III Summit.

2. SPECIFIC

TRANSPORT: It is difficult to be responsible for the transport of all participants, so the administration of resources will be prioritized for the participants who are selected and invited to carry out a specific function at the III Summit and/or are in charge of special presentations. Apart from this exception, all the participants should be responsible for their own travel costs.

FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION: The organizers and financial supporters will provide food and reasonable housing arrangements. Each participant should bring his or her own plate, cup, glass and cutlery. We recommend bringing a sleeping bag or blanket. The climate of the venue is mild.

XIII. METHODOLOGY.-

Based on the design approved for the 8 main themes, the specific objectives and expected results, a **Thematic Administrative Committee** will be created for each theme, and will have the following responsibilities:

- Coordinate and develop a **working document** that will follow-up on the documents of the two previous Summits in a cooperative way with the contribution of the participants registered for the III Summit in each of the 8 main themes.
- Coordinate and follow up on the process of creating the **working document**, collecting the contributions of those registered in each one of the 8 main themes.
- Establish a work timetable for the organization and administration of the main event.
- Specify the virtual tools needed to receive contributions.
- Once at the main event, coordinate the development of the corresponding main theme, from the beginning to the approval and ending with a final document.
- Each committee will consist of:
 - o One Indigenous leader from the Comisión Nacional/CAIB
 - o One technical coordinator as delegate from the National Commission of the III Summit
 - o One international coordinator as delegate from the International monitoring committee
 - o One invited expert (national or international).

Registrations to contribute to 8 **Thematic Administrative Committees** will take place as follows:

- To participate in the III Summit, an on-line enrolment method will be opened. As soon as a person is enrolled, a participant will have the option of **registering** for a main theme, to collaborate and follow the creation of a **working document** and to later participate in the working panel at the main event.
- Those who have registered will commit to contributing to achieving the specific objective and establish outcomes for each theme.
- Contributions should be made in agreement with the guidelines established for each theme previously worked out by the respective committee for each theme.

The main objective of each **Thematic Administrative Committee** is to establish with others' participation, a **Foundational Document**, the same one that should be shared on line and collectively edited at least 2 months before the main event, to give enough time for reading and revision.

Discussion will be guided by rules or norms of those participating.

XIV.- MATTERS NOT COVERED HERE.-

All matters not covered in this Call for Papers will be addressed and resolved by the National Planning Committee of Bolivia in coordination and consultation with the active organizations of the International Monitoring Committee of the Summits and by national, regional and local authorities involved according to the specific matter.

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