



**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL CONFERENCE
June 19th – 22nd 2008
CHIMALTENANGO, GUATEMALA**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

***Tuesday and Wednesday June 17th and 18th : Community Training on Food
Sovereignty and Cultural Indicators***

***Wednesday June 18th: Arrivals, conference registration begins afternoon, light dinner
meal served***

***Conference registration at site entrance all day opens 7 AM June 19th, will continue
throughout the conference for ongoing arrivals***

**Daily Meals Schedule June 19th 3rd through 6th 2008
7:30am to 8:30am - BREAKFAST
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm - LUNCH
5:30 TO 7:00 PM: DINNER (no dinner served on April 6th)**

**Daily Program Schedule:
Sunrise ceremony: 5:30 am (Mayan spiritual leaders)
Morning Program: 9:00 am – 12:00pm noon
Afternoon Program: 2:00 pm – 5: 30 pm
Evening Program: 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm**

THURSDAY, June 19th, 2008

**9:00 AM Welcomes: Mayan Host organizations
International Indian Treaty Council**

Conference Overview

MORNING PROGRAM

PANEL: HISTORY AND CURRENT ISSUES, MAYAN PEOPLES OF GUATEMALA

Historic and Current Struggles for Racial, Social, Political, Cultural, Environmental and Economic Rights and Justice

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

PANEL: IMPLEMENTING THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FROM THE LOCAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL: Land and Natural Resource Rights, Treaties and Agreements, Reparations and Redress Processes, Free Prior and Informed Consent, Self Determination, Environmental and Racial Justice

EVENING CULTURAL PROGRAM: Mayan presentation

FRIDAY, June 20th, 2008

MORNING PROGRAM

PANEL: Protecting Environmental and Community Health: Pesticides and Toxics, Mining and Climate Change; DEFENDING THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES, FUTURE GENERATIONS AND THE NATURAL WORLD

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: COMMISSIONS SESSION #1

**Brief explanation of the objectives of the Commissions or small working groups:
Andrea Carmen.**

1:30 PM – 4:00 - COMMISSIONS

- 1. Local, National and International Strategies for Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**
- 2. Land, Territories, Treaties and Agreements: Upholding rights and creating effective processes for Reparations and Recognition of Indigenous lands**

3. **Protection of sacred sites, traditional knowledge, cultural and spiritual rights**
4. **Protection of the environment and biodiversity: Climate Change, mining, oil, water and natural resource exploitation issues**
5. **Establishing/strengthening Traditional governments and legal systems**
6. **Rights and Health of Women, Children and Future generations: working for a toxin-free environment**
7. **Fair Trade and Economic Self-Determination for Indigenous Peoples; impacts of “free trade” agreements**
8. **Right to Food, Food Sovereignty and Subsistence Rights**
9. **Youth sharing circle: update on youth issues and work**

4:00 – 5:30 - Training/Organizing/Coalition Building Workshops

- **Using United Nations and OAS mechanisms to defend Indigenous Peoples’ Human Rights**
- **Organizing around Pesticides and other toxics as a threat to our community health and future generations**
Fighting the Mines: Building North/South solidarity to defend our communities from mineral extraction
- **Capacity building for Indigenous women**
- **Bio-colonialism: Genetic manipulation, Bio-piracy and Indigenous Peoples**
- **Others tba**

EVENING PROGRAM: INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS

SATURDAY, June 21st, 2008

MORNING PROGRAM:

PANEL: Defending Cultural Rights, Traditional Knowledge and Sacred Ways

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: COMMISSIONS Session 2, Finalize Resolutions

EVENING: COMMUNITY VISIT AND TOUR

SUNDAY, June 22nd, 2008

MORNING PROGRAM: IITC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Moderators: Andrea Carmen and Francisco Cali

**Presentation and Approval of Resolutions from the Commissions
Approval of new IITC Affiliates
Site for next IITC Conference**

**12:00pm (noon): Thank You's
Conference Closing Ceremony**

1:00 pm Lunch

❖ Departures, IITC Board meeting begins at 3 PM