



CONCEPT NOTE

MESOAMERICAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES CLIMATE WEEK 2023

THEME: Ancestral Indigenous and Community-Based Climate Solutions for a Sustainable Future

TYPE OF EVENT: On-site and Virtual

VENUE: Hotel The Panama, Panama City, Panama

DATE: June 13 to 16, 2023

BACKGROUND:

Mesoamerica is a region that stands out for promoting multi-stakeholder dialogue mechanisms to reach agreements and policies for the region's development. Although this characteristic is a strength that has allowed progress to be made in the rights agenda of indigenous peoples and local communities, there is still a long way to go and pending demands to be met to guarantee the conservation of forests, biodiversity, the livelihoods of communities and, above all, their full rights. In this sense, the AMPB, as part of its central actions, has promoted the creation of exchange channels to highlight the contribution and role of communities in the governance of the territories. An example of this has been the recent joint action with the Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD) and the Ministry of Environment of Panama, for the 1st Regional Congress on Forests and Sustainable Landscapes held in Panama in April 2022.

As part of this effort, representatives of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities articulated in the AMPB, in this Congress, joined their voices in the People's Forests Pavilion, a space that brought together leaders, women, young people from the territories, government officials, civil society organizations, research centers and donors who discussed the main challenges in the region in the fight against climate change, the management and sustainable management of forests in conservation efforts, the real participation of communities guaranteeing their rights, the role of forests in conservation efforts, and the role of communities in the region, research centers and donors who discussed the main challenges of the region in the fight against climate change, the management and sustainable management of forests in conservation efforts, the real participation of communities guaranteeing their rights, the vital role of women and youth as key actors for forest governance and the challenges posed by the post-COVID19 context.



With the purpose of continuing to bring together and strengthen a joint multi-stakeholder vision at the regional level, the "Climate Week of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities of Mesoamerica 2023" is a space designed by indigenous peoples and local communities to present their territorial experiences and explore, together with strategic allies, the valuable opportunities for direct territorial investment that will allow the scaling up of ancestral solutions to the climate crisis with a territorial perspective, governments of the region, regional alliances, international cooperation, and philanthropic donors the valuable opportunities for direct territorial investment that will allow scaling up the ancestral solutions to the climate crisis with a territorial perspective and ecological and biological connectivity of global importance such as the five great forests of Mesoamerica.

It is expected to be a hybrid event with specific thematic days as outlined in the following sections of this document.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To make visible and position the positive impact of the territorial agendas of IPs and LCs on forest protection, biodiversity conservation, and people's livelihoods, before the political authorities of the region, NGOs, and cooperation related to climate change, given the urgency of stopping the accelerated degradation of the region's forests through their experiences of territorial governance, cultural diversity and knowledge in food production, use of medicinal plants and conservation of natural resources.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Present and project the territorial agendas of men, women, and youth renewed after the impact of covid-19.
- To present approaches and work proposals from the indigenous peoples and local communities of the Mesoamerican region in a growing environment of citizen insecurity and non-observance of the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.
- Generate spaces for the exchange and co-creation of innovative ideas and alternative forms of effective and efficient territorial financing to address climate change in the face of accelerated forest deterioration and territorial governance.
- Conduct a multicultural dialogue with indigenous peoples and local communities to generate bonds of alliance and joint work to advance agreements on the social agenda for reestablishing cultural, economic, and environmental rights in the Mesoamerican region.

- Position the approach of indigenous peoples and local communities through the formulation of a joint work agenda to influence public policies and government decision-making.

THEMATIC AXES: STRENGTHENING FOREST GOVERNANCE

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Program

Time	Event	Organization
09:00 - 10:00	<p>Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Climate Week Inauguration Program.</p> <p>Opening Ceremony-Spiritual Invocation-Briceida Iglesias.</p> <p>Opening Words:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anibal Sánchez- the Guna General Congress Cacique • Leonides Cunampia- the Emberá Congress Chieftain • Sara Omi (AMPB Women's Coordinator) • Milciades Concepción, Panama's Minister of the Environment • Francisco Souza (FSC Indigenous Foundation) • Ismael Jaen Viceminister of Indigenous Matters, Ministry of Government, Panama • Gillian Caldwell - (USAID Chief Climate Officer and Deputy Assistant Administrator) • The Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith, Minister of State, FCDO. • Closing words, from Marcedonio Cortave-President of the AMPB board. <p>Master of Ceremony-TBD</p>	<p>AMPB, Ministry of Government of Panama, Fundación Indígena FSC, Embassy USA, FCDO</p>
10:00 - 11:00	Break	

<p>11:00 - 12:30</p>	<p>Multicultural dialogue on the regional agenda of policies, programs, and projects related to territorial forest management in the Mesoamerican region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nazareth Porras- Virtual (European Union) ● Jeremy Radachowsky (WCS) ● Christopher Jordan-Virtual (Re: Wild) ● Kevin Currey - Virtual (Ford Foundation / Forest Tenure Funders Group) ● Sara Farley - To be confirmed (Rockefeller Foundation) ● Zandra Martínez - Board Director of FSC <p>Moderator: <i>Déborah Sánchez, AMPB</i></p> <p>Commentator: Gustavo Sánchez- AMPB Board and president of Red MOCAF</p>	<p>CLUA, WCS, ReWild, European Union, USAID, Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Pawanka Fund.</p>
<p>12:30 - 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	

TUESDAY, JUNE 13/ IN THE AFTERNOON

Thematic Axis: Multidimensional perspective on the opportunities and challenges of direct territorial financing for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the Mesoamerican region.

The Mesoamerican Territorial Fund (FTM) is designed for and for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Objective:

Promote an exchange from the perspective and experience of key actors (donors, managers, and territorial partner organizations) on opportunities and challenges in the implementation of direct territorial financing for indigenous peoples and local communities in Mesoamerica, its impact on the development of organizations, territorial governance, conservation and sustainable management of natural resources with an inclusive and equitable approach.

Expected Result

- Presentation of successful experiences, lessons learned, and best practices from different perspectives of key stakeholders:

- From territorial partner organizations
 - From Territorial Investment Fund operators/managers
 - From Investment (Donors, Cooperation)
- Generate ideas and inspire critical actors to strengthen and culturally adapt the implementation of direct territorial financing considering, on the one hand, the demands and context of the region and the other hand the cooperation regulations.
 - Provide a space to promote strategic alliances and innovative work models among fund operators, encouraging agile and efficient access, implementation, and monitoring mechanisms to operate direct territorial investment and impact metrics.

Program

Time	Event	Organization
14:00 - 14:20	Welcoming remarks Gustavo Sanchez, Board of Director of Mesoamerican Territorial Fund (FTM)	Board of Director Mesoamerican Territorial Fund (FTM)
14:20 - 15:40	Discussion with territorial partner organizations on the impact of direct territorial funding on their organizations and their environment. Moderator: Hernán Coronado- ILO Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Juanita Sisimit-Virtual National Alliance of Community Forestry Organizations of Guatemala (ANOFCG) ● Maricela Fernández, <i>Kābata Konana</i> Bribri and Cabecar Indigenous Network (RIBCA) ● Amalia Hernández, Board member of AMPB and FEPROAH Director. 	FTM, ILO, RIBCA, ANOFCG, ANOFCG

	Commentator: World Bank (to be confirmed)	
15:50 - 17:00	<p>Discussion with Territorial Investment Funds on the impact of direct territorial funding .</p> <p>Moderator: Levi Sucre Romero AMPB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artemisa Castro Felix - FASOL Solidarity Action Fund (Mexico) • Dewi Kartika, Nusantara Fund (Indonesia) • Valeria Payé, Podaali Fund (COIAB-Brazil) • María Pía Hernández, Mesoamerican Territorial Fund (MTF) <p>Commentator: Gustavo Sánchez-FTM Board Member.</p>	Fondo Acción Solidaria FASOL (Mexico), Nusantara Fund (Indonesia), Podaali Fund (COIAB-Brazil), FTM.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14/MORNING:

Program

Time	Event	Organization
09:00 - 12:00	<p>Discuss the initiatives of cooperation mechanisms to generate direct territorial investment prioritizing the proposals of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.</p> <p>Moderated by: María Pía Hernández</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor López- Ford Foundation/CLUA • Rukka Sombolinggi Global Alliance of Territorial Communities-Shandia Mechanism. • David Kaimowitz (Virtually) - Tenure Facility • World Bank Delegate-TBD • Roger Tejada, Minister of Government of Panama 	FTM, Ford Foundation-CLUA, AGCT, USAID, WB, IADB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ana Ines Grigera Inter American Development Bank (IDB) • Luís Ramos Project Management Specialist (Climate Change) USAID Regional Office, Central America-Mexico Regional Office • Verónica Gonzalez National Designated Authority (NDA), Panama to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) <p>Commentator: Susan Kandel-FTM Board Member</p> <p>Space for questions, closing remarks, and conclusions</p>	
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14/ AFTERNOON:

Thematic axis: Capacity building and leadership construction on climate change, from the local-indigenous youth of Mesoamerica.

Objective:

Exchange on the trajectory of the Mesoamerican Leadership School of the AMPB, in the process of capacity building and the exercise of territorial governance in indigenous communities of Mesoamerica, and on skills to address climate change from the perspectives and experiences of community youth.

Expected result:

The Mesoamerican Leadership School shares with stakeholders about its trajectory and methods to solve problems from new perspectives on climate change and the exercise of territorial governance.

Program

Time	Event	Organization
13:00 to 13:15	Ceremony and initial dance	Youth Region Gunayala
13:15 to 13:30	Presentation of results of the Mesoamerican Leadership School.	EML

	<p>Marcial López-Director Mesoamerican School of Leadership</p>	
13:30 to 15: 00	<p>Panel 1: Trends and challenges for youth in Central America.</p> <p>Moderator: Billy Morán, Fundación Prisma.</p> <p>Context analysis presentations: - Gunayala, Honduran Mosquitia, and Petén region context (40min)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briggith Allen • Arboldo Bonilla • Moises Soza. <p>Space for reflection, questions, and answers (20 min) Conclusions (20 min)</p>	EML

Time	Event	Organization
15:00 to 15:40	<p>Panel 2: Experiences and fundamental skills to face the challenges in Indigenous territories.</p> <p>Panelists: Briggith Allen, Yanisbeth Gonzalez and Carolina Alvarado. EML</p> <p>Presentation of the Cultural Rescue Project of the Honduran Mosquitia.</p> <p>Presentation of the Training Experience in Gunayala.</p> <p>Presentation of the experience of OMYC.</p> <p>Questions and answers. Conclusions.</p>	EML

<p>15:40 to 16:30</p>	<p>Panel 3: Training Experiences in the Region</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marbe Luz, OPIAC • Jorge Raúl, Senderos Utz Che School. <p>Round table to share experiences of different training models in the region.</p>	<p>OPIAC Utz Che</p>
<p>16:30 to 17:30</p>	<p>The Territorial Youth of Mesoamerica. From facts to action.</p> <p>-Audiovisual presentation</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>-Technological tools to ensure biodiversity conservation-Nansedalia Ramirez, Red MOCAF (virtually) and Raul....</p> <p>-Youth participation in key decision-making spaces-Cheymi Gallardo-RIBCA and Yaily Castillo-Gunayala Congress</p> <p>-Territorial experience for global advocacy. Joao Pankararu-APIB/GATC.</p> <p>Dynamics: Symbolic intercultural exchange by Yaily Castillo</p> <p>Call to action and unity!</p>	<p>RIBCA Red MOCAF APIB Gunayala Congress</p>



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THURSDAY, JUNE 15:

Thematic focus: Indigenous and local community women as a source of traditional knowledge in agriculture and other practices for the benefit of climate change management.

General Objective:

Visibility efforts to include women, culture, and traditional knowledge in territorial management, food security, and planning with a gender perspective to generate resilience to the effects of climate change.

Expected result:

Positioning of indigenous women and local communities' approaches to global warming management, based on traditional knowledge, conventional agriculture, culture, and good practices.

Program

Time	Event	Organizations
09:00 - 09:45	<p>Welcome Ceremony</p> <p>Cultural Ceremony - Briceida Iglesias, BUNDORGAN</p> <p>Welcome from all the leaders of the Coordinadora de Mujeres Líderes Territoriales de Mesoamérica.</p> <p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara Omi- CMLT Coordinator • Amalia Hernandez - FEPROAH 	BUNDORGAN, CMLT
10:00 - 10:45	Panel 1: Launching of the Regional Gender and Climate Change Plan	CMLT, USAID, FI FSC



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel opening: Nancy Henriquez, CMLT Presentation of the Regional Gender and Climate Change Plan - Leaders of the WCLT <p>Commentator: Ajbee Jimenez, Advisor on Indigenous Peoples' Issues, U.S. Agency for International Development Guatemala</p> <p>Moderator: Katherine Coronado- FI- FSC</p>	
11:00 - 11:45	<p>Panel 2: Regenerative food systems for people, nature and climate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel opening: Maricela Fernandez, CMLT Context of the Global Food Crisis - Carolina Moeller - Leaders Quest Totonaca model of agriculture, María Areli Castellanos Vivanco, REDMOCAF Bribri and Cabécar farming model - Heylin Sánchez- Kabata Konana Guna agricultural model - Miriam Morris, BUNDORGAN Emberá agricultural model Model of accompaniment with cultural identity- Rose Álvarez, Love for Life <p>Moderator: Elena Mendoza - REGEN 10</p> <p>Commentators: Pauline Buffer, IUCN</p>	CMLT, UICN, LEADERS QUEST, REGEN 10, LOVE FOR LIFE
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-13:45	<p>Panel 3: The Global South Women's Alliance for Tenure and Climate: Making Women's roles in climate action visible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening of the panel: Margarita Lool, CMLT Presentation of the global women's context - Omaira Bolaños- RRI Local experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nora Trino, MASTA Mayra Morales, ACOFOP 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our call to action and the formation of WIGSA - Sara Omi 	
<p>14:00-14:45</p>	<p>Panel 4: Weaving networks: Initiatives for alternative local economies, agroforestry, and community conservation/defense of natural resources.</p> <p>Panel opening: Mayra Morales</p> <p>Experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triquilapa and Cantagallo, the lung of Honduras's capital: How does COEAS invest in its regeneration? • Sustainable Peasant Family Farming: Beyond a Methodology-UTZ CHÉ • Ancestral Communal Governance for the Conservation and Defense of Natural Assets in Guatemala • Improved Stoves: A niche of socio-economic empowerment for Lenca women in Honduras. <p>Moderator: Valentina de Rooy- Tree Water People</p>	
<p>15:00 - 15:45</p>	<p>Panel 5: Care of the Body and Territory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the panel: Cándida Dereck, CMLT • School of Territorial Leaderships: feminist bets in the face of dispossession: Ana Patricia Ortiz Ángeles, REDMOCAF, and Alma Delia Cabrera, TOCHAN • Experiences of capacity building in the IWEE initiative • Experience of Mayangnas women, Arlen Ortiz • Experience of FIMI- Teresa Zapeta <p>Moderator: Norma Cacho, Instituto Simone de Beauvoir</p> <p>Commentators: Zandra Martínez - FSC</p>	

<p>16:00 - 17:00</p>	<p>Round table: Opportunities to strengthen territorial governance, land tenure, forest care, and livelihoods, with a gender focus including traditional knowledge, food security, and political participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Omaira Bolaños - RRI ● Nazareth Porras (Virtually) - European Union ● Ajbee Jimenez - USAID ● Mrs. Verónica Chicas- FAO ● Sophie Bray, Leaders Quest <p>Moderator: Giovanna Monteverde - Fundación Indígena.</p> <p>Commentator: Guadalupe Leyva, Red MOCAF, CMLT.</p>	
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FRIDAY, JUNE 16:

Thematic focus: Strengthening territorial governance as a solution to the growing lack of citizen security and the lack of respect for the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

Objective:

Generate spaces for the exchange of experiences and co-creation of new and innovative ideas based on respect for the principles of traditional ancestral knowledge and the rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to address climate change based on established knowledge in the face of the accelerated deterioration of forests.

Expected Result

- Positioning of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities' approaches in developing regional projects and programs focused on developing activities to address climate change in the region.

Program

Time	Event	Organization
09:00 - 10:30	Conversation on "Climate Justice". Concrete actions to stop crimes against indigenous peoples	AMPB, FEPROAH, AMAN, Maya

	<p>and extractive processes that threaten the biological and cultural diversity of the planet.</p> <p>Presentation: Local and Sustainable Disaster Risk Management for Global Climate Justice.</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Eric Guillén / FEPROAH School of Leadership 20 minutes</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rukka Sombolinggi-AMAN ● Cristina Coc-Maya Leaders Alliance ● Giuseppe Villalaz-AMPB ● Silvia Ordoñez-Utz Che' ● Andrew Davis-CLUA <p>Moderator: Nina Kantcheva-UNDP</p> <p>Commentator: César Quintanilla</p>	<p>Leaders Alliance</p>
<p>10:30- 12:30</p>	<p>Dialogue on the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities in carbon markets and ecosystem services as a tool for direct territorial financing.</p> <p>Moderator: Santiago García, EDF 5 minutes</p> <p>Presentation, AMPB's position on Carbon Markets: Levi Sucre - AMPB-30 minutes</p> <p>Panel 1: Opportunities and challenges that markets bring to indigenous and community territories. 15 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pablo Mis -Maya Leaders Alliance- Belize ● Sebastian May Barzon - Ejido Yoactun ● Alina Santiago - Ixtlan de Juarez ● Carmelo Zschocher - UPIM <p>Kawari Fund Presentation: Andrew Davis-CLUA 15 minutes</p> <p>Cooperative Approaches to Article 6-Paris Agreement presentation. Ana Domínguez, UNFCCC Regional Collaborating Center for Latin America. 20 min</p> <p>Panel 2: Strategic approach of the AMPB to the challenges and opportunities of the carbon market. 25 minutes</p>	<p>AMPB, CLUA, EDF, Maya Leaders Alliance, UPIM</p>

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12:00- 13:30	Lunch	
13:30- 15:00	<p>Dialogue and exchange of experiences based on our deep roots of traditional ancestral knowledge are the main tools for managing, managing, and conversing the territories and forests of indigenous peoples and local communities in Mesoamerica.</p> <p>Moderator: Francisco Cadavid (Mi Ambiente) 5 minutes</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Susan Kandel / Manuel Martí - Fundación PRISMA 20 minutes</p> <p>Panel 1: Experiences of management, management, and conversation of territories and forests of indigenous peoples and local communities in Mesoamerica 25 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leonidas Cunampia - General Emberá - Wounaan Congress ● Elvis Greham - MASTA, Honduras ● Amadeo Figueroa Zúñiga - Talamanca Sur, Costa Rica ● Lourdes Frasser Rojas - Boruca, Costa Rica ● Cristina Coc, Belice <p>Launching of the Virtual Library - Manuel Martí - Fundación PRISMA 5 minutes</p> <p>Panel 2: Regional programs management, management and conversation of territories and forests of indigenous peoples and local communities in Mesoamerica 25 minutes</p>	WCS, AMPB, FT-MGT, FSC



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	<p>Oscar Nuñez - WCS Jorge Andreve - MGT-Congreso Guna Janja Eke - FSC Zandra Martínez - President of the Board of the FSC</p> <p>Presentation of the small grant projects of the Five Great Forests of Mesoamerica.</p> <p>10 minutes</p>	
15:30 - 16:30	<p>Discussion to generate inputs for the construction of a multisectoral regional coordination agenda for IPLCs</p> <p>Moderator: Olman Varela</p>	WCS
16:30- 17:00	<p>Closing of the event and declaration by members of the AMPB Board of Directors and group photograph.</p>	

