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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

In October 2013, Indigenous Women from the seven sociocultural regions of the world organised the World Conference of Indigenous Women in Lima, Peru. The conference resulted in an outcome document—the Lima Position Document and Plan of Action—which was adopted by consensus and provided a roadmap that played a key role towards the inclusion of Indigenous Women, both at the United Nations and within the Indigenous Peoples movement.

Indeed, the priorities outlined in the Lima Position Document and Plan of Action form the basis of the demands that were eventually included in four paragraphs of the Outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in September 2014. These included data disaggregation, access to sexual and reproductive health, capacity building, empowerment of Indigenous Women, and violence and discrimination against Indigenous Women.

In the current context, and after the outbreak of the Covid-19 global pandemic in 2020, 2021 is seen as a critical year to carry out a thorough analysis on the implementation of international instruments regarding the human rights of Indigenous Women and to define strategies with a wide-ranging approach and measurable indicators. It is important to mention that due to the evolution of the situation surrounding COVID-19, the number of people around the world affected by this disease continues to increase. In light of this crisis, the 2WCIW initially scheduled for August 2020 has been postponed until August 2021. Now, FIMI alongside the regional networks of Indigenous Women have the honour of coordinating the Second World Conference of Indigenous Women, set to take place online from 12th August to 2nd September 2021.





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General Objective

Our aim is to strengthen the global movement of Indigenous Women and agree on a global agenda that reflects the priorities of recognising and realising our collective and individual rights, and wellbeing; and serving the needs of Indigenous Women's organisations and networks so that they can consolidate and strengthen their movements at different levels.

Specific Objectives

1. Take stock of the implementation and challenges in relation to the commitments and obligations of States to recognise and protect the rights of Indigenous Women (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the 169 International Labour Organization's Convention, the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD, Cairo), the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Beijing Platform for Action and the draft CEDAW General Recommendation on Indigenous Women)
2. Develop a global political declaration and agenda to mainstream the key issues of Indigenous Peoples in relation to advancing the recognition and realisation of Indigenous Women's rights in relevant worldwide processes.
3. Examine the situation of Indigenous Women's movements at different levels to address their needs and priorities to strengthen capacities, leadership, organisational advocacy and networking, amongst others, and build solidarity and collaboration.





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Expected Outcomes

1. The gaps, advancements and challenges, as well as best practice at regional and global level, in the implementation of the commitments adopted by the States and by specialised agencies of the United Nations are identified and analysed with regard to the individual and collective rights of Indigenous Women.
2. Indigenous Women from the seven sociocultural regions agree upon global priorities through a political declaration and an agenda to be implemented in different advocacy spaces at local, national and international levels.
3. Regional networks of Indigenous Women strengthen their ties and coordination according to their needs and priorities, through the consensus of mechanisms and strategies for monitoring the global agenda.

Expected Outputs

1. A global advocacy agenda agreed by Indigenous Women for implementation at local, national and international levels.
2. A global political declaration of Indigenous Women from the seven sociocultural regions.

Topics

In order to deepen the articulation amongst Indigenous Women's organisations worldwide, the Second World Conference of Indigenous Women seeks to go further into the debates on advocacy strategies in decision-making spaces for the recognition and protection of the rights of Indigenous Women, including all forms of violence we face and presenting our realities, reducing current gaps, encouraging best practice and including our own contributions as Indigenous Women.





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The general and key topics will be advancing the rights and wellbeing of Indigenous Women on serious issues in relation to the continuing discrimination and violations of the rights and wellbeing of Indigenous Women. It should be highlighted that violence against Indigenous Women, Youth and Girls is political, social, economic, spiritual, physical, sexual, psychological and environmental in nature. In turn, it has multiple dimensions: interpersonal and structural, public and private, State and non-State.

During the conference, the criteria for discussions will be the advances, challenges and actions that States, other stakeholders and Indigenous Women's organisations should carry out in the context of current global crises including climate change, the financial crisis and Covid-19.

The topics are as follows:

1. Participation and advocacy in decision-making processes
2. Innovations and economic empowerment
3. Land, territory and resources rights, and climate change
4. Food sovereignty based on cultural identity
5. Wellbeing and health with a focus on sexual and reproductive health
6. Actions against all forms of violence against Indigenous Women (trafficking, murder, disappearances, sexual and domestic violence, racism, etc.)
7. Education and training
8. Other emerging issues.

In turn, the conference will broach **topics on strengthening Indigenous Women's movements** based on strengths, gaps, strategies and action points. The main aspects to be covered are as follows:

1. Capacities for national, regional and global advocacy
2. Indigenous Women's leadership at different levels
3. Organisational strengthening: management/governance, representation, sustainability/resource mobilisation
4. Networking and building alliances
5. Other priorities.



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Proposed Methodology

The proposed methodology is based on the principle of **'building movements together'** and **'developing networks and building solidarity'** amongst **Indigenous Women's organisations**.

The sessions will be creative, interactive and based on the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, promoting a safe space for in-depth discussions, proposals and self-care.

It is important to highlight that the Regional Networks of Indigenous Women have been organising Regional Preparatory Meetings. In turn, a Global Report regarding the situation of Indigenous Women and briefing papers will be prepared in advance in order to provide participants with background and input for strategies to accomplish the global agenda linked to international instruments.

Participatory Mechanisms

The registration process will be done through an online form. The organisers will ensure a diverse geographical and intergenerational balance, with a special focus on Indigenous Women with disabilities.

Participants

- 1. Indigenous Women** members of Indigenous Women's organisations
- 2. Indigenous Women** actively engaged in mixed organisations/networks of Indigenous Peoples with activities that specifically address Indigenous Women
- 3. Guests and observers.** Guests are Indigenous Women leaders with expertise in the rights of Indigenous Women and Indigenous Peoples. Observers are representatives of UN agencies, governments, funder partners and other allies.

The selection criteria for delegations and participants are as follows:

- Being an active member of an Indigenous Women's organisation as a priority, or an Indigenous organisation (with a strong programme/support aimed at Indigenous Women)



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- Active participation in processes related to Indigenous Women, including the preparatory meetings prior to the World Conference and producing reports
- Geographical balance from all regions at all levels (local, national, regional) Intergenerational balance/youth and the participation of Indigenous Women with disabilities
- Balance amongst different experts: Indigenous Women with expertise in the academy, art, politics, etc.
- Support/endorsement for Indigenous Women's organisations.

Duration and Place

The conference will be held online between 12th August and 2nd September 2021. The details will be sent out to confirmed participants when the selection process has concluded.

Registration

Please fill in the online form.

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