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PUEBLO TO PUEBLO INITIATIVE (TNAFA) CORN SUMMIT 2020 PUEBLO VIEJO TOLEDO DISTRICT BELIZE

COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS ; PUEBLO VIEJO, TRADITIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN FARMERS ASSOCIATION, NATIVE AMERICAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ALLIANCE, UCH BEN KAH KIN AJAW ASSOC., SLOW FOOD TURTLE ISLAND ASSOC., QACHUU ALOOM - ASOCIACION , MOHAWK SEEDKEEPER GARDENS, MACHAKILHA MAYA FARMERS GROUP, ITZAMNA SOCIETY, SANTA FAMILIA GRAINS, VEGETABLES AND LEGUMES COOPERATIVE, SAN BENITO POITE TOURISM COMMITTEE, (ACICAFOC) SPONSORS ; SWIFT FOUNDATION , NOVO FOUNDATION, INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL,

Corn Summit exchange between Indigenous Peoples of North America and Central America .

We are Corn ,Corn is who we are.

"and these were the ingredients for the flesh of the human work, the human design ,and the water was for blood. It became human blood, and corn was also used by the Bearer , Begetter" "the making ,the modeling of our first mother-father, with yellow corn, white corn alone for the flesh, food alone for the human legs and arms," Popol Vuh , translated by , Dennis Tedlock Pub. Simon & Schuster 1996 .

The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) creation story recounts how corn was a gift of one of the Original Mothers , sacrificing her being, body to produce Corn ,beans , squash and tobacco. "Pueblo" peoples also speak of the "Corn Mothers" in the creation , guiding humans here on our Earth. Corn is much more than food for human existence, but is our Mother, a care taker, and nurturer.

Since corn is central to our cultures and modern existence , corn is being threatened by being displaced by hybrid corns, GMO corns and land loss. Corn also reflects the health of our cultures and physical human health. TNAFA proposes hosting an exchange ,sharing of knowledge and food ways around corn. We have learned there maybe significant loss of corn varieties in some locations in Belize , some farmers also believe other non-Mayan farmers are planting GMO corn. Other discussions on climate change, seed conservation and protections . TNAFA an Affiliate Program of the Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous People tnafa_org@yahoo.com