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Proyecto de Desarrollo Rural
Integral Vicente Guerrero A.C

4th International Indigenous Peoples Corn Conference

“By our ancestral rights, we protect and guarantee our Food Sovereignty and that of our future generations”

March 7th - 8th, 2019

Tlaxcala, Mexico

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2019		
Arrival of participants: Dinner and lodging in Mexico City for international participants		
DAY 1: THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2019		
SUBJECT	TIME	RESPONSIBLE
Coffee and Breakfast	6:30 – 7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
Leave for Tlaxcala	7:30 AM	Guests
Welcome Coffee	10:00 – 10:30 AM	Vicente Guerrero Community Members
Purépecha and Náhuatl Opening Ceremony for the Corn; Introduction of the Participants	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elders of Cheran • Aynara Muñoz Muñoz de San Felipe Cuauhtenco
Welcome, Opening Remarks, History, Purpose and General Overview of the Conference	12:00 – 12:45 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Authorities of Vicente Guerrero • Saul Vicente Vázquez, Secretary of the Assembly of Indigenous People for Food Sovereignty in Mexico • Francisco Cali, President of the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) • Andrea Carmen, Executive Director of IITC • Co-Sponsors: Cultural Survival, Alianza Milpa, Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance
Roundtable 1: History and Importance of Corn for Indigenous Peoples: From the spiritual, cultural, environmental, social and political scopes	12:45 – 2:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmen Lozano, ECUARUNARI: Confederation of Kichwa Peoples of Ecuador • Francisco Cali, Centro de Proyectos de Desarrollo Integral Indígena • Chili Yazzie, President of the Shiprock Chapter of the Navajo Nation • Manuel Sánchez, Vice-president of the Confederation of the Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador • Elizabeth Hoover, Indigenous SeedKeepers Network of the Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance <p><i>Moderator: Berenice Sánchez</i></p>
Lunch	2:15 – 3:30 PM	Vicente Guerrero

Work Groups: Roundtable Questions and Discussion	3:30 – 4:30 PM	All participants
Roundtable 2: Threats to milpa systems by genetically modified seeds, pesticides, loss of fertility of the land, dispossession, false solutions and the green economy	4:30 – 6:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariano Ochoa, Jittoa Bat Nataka Weria • Manuel Puc, Seed Collective Much' Kanan I'inaj • Tai Pelli, Board Member of United Confederation of the Taino People • María Josefa Macz, Vice-president of the Comité de Unidad Campesina • Pánfilo Hernández, Vicente Guerrero A.C. • Petuuche Gilbert, Laguna-Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment and Indigenous World Association • <i>Moderator: Saul Vicente Vázquez</i>
Working Groups: Roundtable Questions and Discussion	6:00 – 7:00 PM	All participants
Dinner	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Vicente Guerrero
Cultural Event from 8:00 – 10:00 PM: <i>Arts and crafts using Corn</i>		

DAY 2: FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2019

SUBJECT	TIME	RESPONSIBLE
Breakfast	7:30 – 8:30 AM	Vicente Guerrero
Summary of Day 1	8:30 – 9:00 AM	Andrea Carmen, IITC
Roundtable 3: What are we, the Youth, doing for our Food Sovereignty: Challenges, solutions and projects	9:00 – 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salomón Escobar, Yucu Savi Collective • Celia Ramos, Yuerni, Oaxaca • Álvaro Mena Fuentes, Ka Kuxtal Much Meyaj, Campeche • Juan Carlos Hernández, Monitoring the Corn fields via satellite in Huamantla • <i>Moderator: Nicole Yanes</i>
Roundtable Questions and Discussion	10:00 – 10:20 AM	All participants
Coffee Break	10:20 – 10:30 AM	All participants
Roundtable 4: International Work on Food Sovereignty, the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Traditional Knowledge, the Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Change	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, IITC • Saul Vicente, Coordinator of IITC's Food Sovereignty Program and Secretary General of the Unidad de la Fuerza Indígena Campesina • Janene Yazzie, Co-Convener of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group on the UN Sustainable Development Goals • Mani Stanley, Kuna Youth Movement • Mariaelena Huambachano, Our Right to Food Security and Food Sovereignty Project • <i>Moderator: Ron Lameman</i>
Work Groups: Roundtable Questions and Discussion	12:00 - 12:30 PM	All participants
Practices and uses of corn: how it is cultivated, used and eaten in the region and in other parts of the world	12:30 – 2:00 PM	All participants
Lunch	2:00 – 3:00 PM	Vicente Guerrero

Roundtable 5: Strategies, Projects and Solutions: land defense, agroecology, markets, restoration of traditional trade routes, reestablishing the intergenerational transmission of traditional knowledge on milpa	3:00 - 4:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meybol García Mostajo, President of the Catarpe Indigenous Corporation • Crescencia Eusebia Martínez Núñez, Yavesia, Oaxaca • Desiderio Ordoñez, State Representative in Campeche of the Unidad de la Fuerza Indígena Campesina • Alicia Sarmiento, Vicente Guerrero, A.C. • Pati Martinson, Executive Director, Taos County Economic Development Corporation • Cesar Gómez, Cultural Survival <p><i>Moderator: Pánfilo Hernández</i></p>
Work Groups: Roundtable Questions and Discussion	4:30 - 5:30 PM	All participants
Coffee Break	5:30 - 5:45 PM	All participants
5th Corn Conference: Next steps	5:45 - 6:00 PM	Hosts
Presentation of Draft Declaration, Finalize and Adopt the Declaration	6:00 - 7:15 PM	Andrea Carmen and Saul Vicente
Closing of the Conference	7:15 - 7:30 PM	Hosts Senator Ana Lilia Rivera Rivera
Dinner	7:30 PM	All participants
Evening Cultural Event 8:30 - 10:00 PM <i>Sharing our Corn Cultures, Stories and Songs</i>		

DAY 3: SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2019		
SUBJECT	TIME	RESPONSIBLE
Breakfast	7:30 - 9:00 AM	Vicente Guerrero
22nd Corn Fair and other Native Seeds	9:00 - 3:00 PM	All participants
Departures	3:30 PM	All participants

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