



6th International Indigenous Corn Peoples Gathering
NAADÁÁ' NIHE'IINA' BITSÁSILÁ
“CORN IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR LIFE”
SHIPROCK, DINÉ BÍ KEYAH, DINÉ
(NAVAJO) NATION, NEW MEXICO
August 28-30, 2023

AGENDA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

Participants arrive, set up camp; dinner provided

DAY 1: MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

CEREMONY TO GREET THE MORNING: 6:00 – 7:00 AM (EACH DAY)

ACTIVITY	HOUR	RESPONSIBLE (proposed)
Breakfast	7:30 – 8:30 AM	Hosts
Welcome and opening remarks, background, purpose and overview	9:00 – 10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chili and Betsy Yazzie, Toohnii Binaneest'ą' Altaas'éeí Alliance (ToohBAA): Welcome to the land. Purpose of Conference, logistics ● Ron Lameman, Board President, IITC, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Canada ● Andrea Carmen, IITC Exec Dir, Yaqui Nation ● Saul Vicente Vazquez, Zapoteca, Oaxaca México, IITC Board Member and Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator
Harvest Celebration Ceremony	10:00 – 11:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beverly Maxwell, ToohBAA ● Raymond Jim Redhouse, Diné Hataańii
Round table No. 1: "We are the Peoples of Corn": The spiritual, cultural, environmental, social, and political significance of corn for Indigenous Peoples	11:00AM – 1:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joann Tyler, Lula Sandoval, ToohBAA, Diné ● Maria Celestina Balan, CEPRODI, Maya Kaqchikel, Guatemala ● Steve McComber, Seed Keeper, Mohawk Nation, Traditional Native American Farmers Association ● Sharing from participants

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moderated by Nicole Yanes, Opata, NDN Collective, Mexico</i>
LUNCH	1:00 – 2:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hosts
Practical Knowledge-sharing breakout workshops:	2:00 – 3:30 PM	All participants
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traditional methods for protecting, saving, and keeping our Seeds 2. Restoring and maintaining the health of our soil 3. Conserving, restoring and managing our water sources 4. Sharing strategies for protecting our lands and food systems from extractives: (mining, drilling, etc.) 		Moderators, presenters and “rapporteurs” tbc
Diné Lands extractive issues that impact our traditional food systems, water and sacred places	3:30 – 5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrogen – Wendy Atcitty and Joseph Hernandez, NAEVA • Helium – Elouise Brown, Diné, DooDah Helium and Elenore Smith, T’iis Násbas Collaborative, Diné • Oil & Gas – Daniel Tso, Diné, Tri Chapter Alliance • Uranium – Edith Hood, Petuuche Gilbert • Ecological Disasters – Chili Yazzie, Janene Yazzie
FREE TIME, INDIGENOUS YOUTH FARMERS MEETING	5:00 – 6:PM	All participants
DINNER	6:00 – 7:00 PM	The Hosts
Sharing our cultures: songs, dances and stories (please sign up with the moderator if you want to share)	7:00 – 9:00 PM	<i>Moderated by Aneta Hayes, Northern NM Indigenous Farmers</i>

DAY 2: TUESDAY AUGUST 29, 2023

ACTIVITY	HOUR	RESPONSIBLE
Blessing ceremony at sunrise	6:00 – 7:00 AM	The Hosts or tbc
Breakfast	7:30 – 8:30 AM	The Hosts
Round Table No. 2: Protecting our sacred Corn and original Food Systems on the Diné Nation	8:30 – 10:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloria Begay, Diné Food Sovereignty • Roberto Nutlouis, Black Mesa • Others tbc • <i>Moderator: tbc</i>
Round table No. 3: Indigenous youth perspectives to create generations of	10:30AM –12:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamilka Hernández, Kuna Youth Movement, Panama

new food producers and food sovereignty defenders to sustain our way of life		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigoberto Saquin, Juuntulicoon, Maya, Belize • Luisa Cali, CEPRODI, Guatemala • Eliseo Curley, Diné farmer • <i>Moderator: Danielle Goldtooth, Corn Gathering Committee</i> • <i>Comments and questions from participants</i>
LUNCH	12:30 – 2:00 PM	The Hosts
International Updates, and report-backs from Indigenous Peoples’ work to defend food and seed sovereignty at the United Nations:	2:00 – 3:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (and Indigenous farmer) Francisco Cali Tzay, Maya Kachiquel, Guatemala • The Convention on Biological Diversity and impacts on our right to food: Juan León Alvarado, IITC, Maya K’iche, Guatemala • Amending the International Code of Conduct on Pesticides: Saúl Vicente Vázquez, Zapoteca, Oaxaca México • Protecting our seeds at the World Intellectual Property Organization: June Lorenzo, Laguna Pueblo and Diné • <i>Moderator: Ron Lameman</i> • <i>Comments and questions from participants</i>
Round Table No. 4: Addressing the Climate Crisis at home and internationally for the survival of our Peoples, our food systems, and the planet	3:30 – 5:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Begay, Diné • Andrea Carmen, Yaqui, IITC Exec Director • Onelin Masardule, Kuna, IITC Youth Representative, Indigenous youth caucus, UNFCCC • Ruth Anna Buffalo, IITC Human Rights Advocate, extractives on the Ft. Belknap reservation in Montana • Angel Valencia, Yaqui traditional Farmer, weather knowledge • <i>Moderator: Janene Yazzie, Diné</i> • <i>Comments and questions from participants</i>
DINNER	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Hosts
Stories, songs, prayers for Earth Mother	7:00 – 10:00 PM	Hosts

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30

ACTIVITY	HOURL	RESPONSIBLE
Blessing ceremony at sunrise	6:00 AM	Tbc

BREAKFAST	7:30 – 8:30 AM	The hosts
Round Table No: 5: Successful projects making a difference for our Peoples on the ground	9:00 – 11:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clayton Brascoupe, TNAFA, Mohawk • Graham Beyale, Blue Corn by Beyáál • Jittoa Bat Natika Weria: Paco Villegas and Tulio Gonzales, Yaqui, Rio Yaqui Sonora • Cooperativa Guenda rudxhiíba guendaró stinu, Juchitán, Oaxaca Mexico • Amy Juan, San Xavier Coop Farm, Tohono O’odham Nation, Seed matiation • Vicente Guerrero, Tlaxcala Mexico • <i>Moderator: Dionicio Canahui, IITC, Guatemala, Maya Achi</i>
Presentation of the recommendations from the panels and workshops: final Declaration, commitments, approval by consensus; proposals for next corn conference location and date	11 AM – 1:00 PM	<i>Moderated by Andrea Carmen and Janene Yazzie</i>
LUNCH	1:00 – 2:00 PM	
Closing ceremony of the conference and thanks	2:00 – 3:00 PM	Hosts and David Tsosie, Diné
Departures	3:00 PM	All participants

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