



PAXIL CAYALA, GUATEMALA
FEBRUARY 28,
MARCH 1, 2 AND 3, 2022

Hotel Jardines del Lago Panajachel, Sololá, Guatemala

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Schedule	Activity
1:00 pm	Arrival of the delegations (national and international) at Hotel Jardín del Lago, Panajachel, Sololá: a) Check-in b) Issuance of badges c) Issuance of conference material d) Assignment of rooms
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Coffee and snacks
4:00 – 7:00 pm	Meeting to reach consensus on regional IITC work topics Delegates from Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean will participate. <i>Moderators: Juan Leon Alvarado and Dionicio Canahuí</i>
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Dinner
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Welcome ceremony according to Special Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of delegations• Cultural event <i>Moderator: Dionicio Canahuí, Maya Achi, IITC Guatemala office manager</i>

MARCH 1, 2022

Schedule	Activity
5:30 - 7:00	Mayan opening ceremony before Ajaaw wuquub' No'j.
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00	47th IITC Conference Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance of a ceremonial song to introduce the event, Marimba players (5 min.)• Mr. Marco Antonio Cuc, Maya Kaqchikel. Mayan Authority of Sololá: Welcome to the territory (5 min.)• Maria Celestina Balan, Maya Kaqchikel, IITC Board Member, Guatemala (5 min.)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Lameman, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, IITC Board Chair (5 minutes) • Hinewirangi Kohu, Maori, Aotearoa (New Zealand) Vice-Chairman of the Board, virtual message (5 min). • Juan León Alvarado, Maya K'iche', IITC Consultant on Human Rights and Biodiversity: Brief History of IITC with the Indigenous Peoples of Guatemala (10 min.) • Mr. Guillermo Castillo, Vice-President of the Republic of Guatemala: welcome remarks: solidarity with IITC and the Indigenous Peoples (5 min.) • Andrea Carmen, Yaqui Nation, IITC Executive Director: Presentation of general working methodology for the 47th Conference and Overview of the IITC Strategic Plan for 2022-2026 (10 min.) • Dr. Magda Sunuc, description of the protocols related to COVID-19 (5 min.) <p><i>Moderator: Dionicio Canahuí, Maya Achi, IITC Guatemala office manager</i></p>
9:00 - 9:30 am	Coffee break
9:30 - 10:30 am	<p>Presentation by the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Francisco Cali Tzay, Maya Kaqchikel of Guatemala. Theme: <i>Situation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the world.</i></p> <p>Questions and comments, dialogue with Special Rapporteur, 3 minutes per participant</p> <p><i>Moderator: Dionicio Canahuí, Maya Achi, IITC Guatemala office manager</i></p>
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel #1:</p> <p>The situation of the rights of the Mayan People and Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala at the present time</p> <p><i>Juan León Alvarado, Maya K'iche', IITC Consultant on Human Rights and Biodiversity, Moderator and introduction of the panelists and the topic: 10 minutes</i></p> <p>Panelists, 10 minutes each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ana López, Maya Mam, member of the Association of Indigenous Women Lawyers, legal defense of criminalized defenders and women. • Sonia Gutiérrez Raguay, Maya Poqomam, Member of the Congress of the Republic. • Felipe Gómez. Maya K'iche'. Spiritual guide. Member of the Confederation of Ministers of Spirituality, Oxlajuj Ajpop. • Rosalina Tuyuc Velásquez. Maya Kaqchikel, Member of the National Coordination of Widows of Guatemala.
	Questions and comments, 3 minutes per participant
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 3:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel #2:</p> <p>Food sovereignty and the rights to land, water, seeds and scientific knowledge and practices of Indigenous Peoples related to their food systems.</p> <p><i>Saul Vicente Vásquez, Zapotec, IITC Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator, moderator, introduction of the panelists and the topic (10 minutes): recognition of the</i></p>



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	<p><i>Declaration of Atitlán on its 20th anniversary.</i></p> <p>Panelists, 10 minutes each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Honahnie, Hopi, Co-Coordinator of IITC's Food Sovereignty Program • Yamilka Hernandez, Kuna, Board Member of IITC, Youth Movement, Panama • Maria Celestina Balan, Maya Kaqchikel, CEPRODI, Guatemala • Berenice Sanchez, Otomi/Nahuatl, President of the Asamblea de los Pueblos Indígenas por la Soberanía Alimentaria de México (Indigenous Peoples' Assembly for Food Sovereignty in Mexico). • Chili Yazzie, Alianza Toohnii Binaneestʼaʼ Altaasʼéí, Shiprock, Diné Nation., Shiprock, New Mexico <p><i>Questions and comments, 3 minutes per participant</i></p>
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Coffee break
4:00 – 6:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel #3</p> <p>The Climate Change Crisis: Responses and Strategies in our Lands and Territories and in the international arena.</p> <p><i>Onel Masadule, Kuna, Executive Director, Foundation for the Promotion of Indigenous Knowledge: moderator, introduction of the panelists and the topic (10 minutes).</i></p> <p>Panelist: 10 minutes each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith Gemmill, Gwich'in, IITC Board Member, Venetie Indian Government, Alaska • Andrea Carmen, Yaqui, IITC Executive Director, member of the Facilitation Group, Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, representative of the North America region. • Juan Carlos Jintiach, Shuar People, Ecuador, Co-Chair of the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change • Roberto Borrero, Taino Pueblo Confederation, Global Co-Coordinator for IITC of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group, UN Sustainable Development Goals • Ramiro Batzín, Maya Kaqchikel, Member of the Sotz'il Association. <p><i>Questions and comments, 3 minutes per participant</i></p>
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Dinner
7:30 – 9:30 pm	<p>Film forum: <i>Círculo de Veneno (Circle of Poison)</i>; Food Sovereignty and Indigenous Knowledge; Gold, Greed and Genocide.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Chris Honahnie</i></p>

MARCH 2, 2022

Schedule	Activity
5:30 - 7:00	Mayan Ceremony
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast



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8:00 - 10:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel #4:</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples' Land Rights, Territories and Resources, Treaties and Agreements; displacement by mining operations, deforestation and other forms of unsustainable development such as "Protected Areas"; and the rights of Indigenous land defenders</p> <p><i>Andrea Carmen, Yaqui Nation, IITC Executive Director, Moderator, introduction of the panelists and the topic (10 minutes).</i></p> <p>Panelists: 10 minutes each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ron Lameman, Confederation of Treaty No. 6 First Nations, Canada.• Juan León Alvarado, Maya K'iche', IITC Consultant on Human Rights and Biodiversity• Mario Rolando Pic. Kaqchikel Maya. Member of the Council of Indigenous Authorities of Santiago Sacatepéquez.• Amy Juan, Tohono O'odham Nation, IITC Arizona Tribal and Community Liaison, divided Indian lands by international boundaries.• Anpo Jensen, Oglala Lakota, Las Lomas Negras Sioux Council, IITC Environmental Health Research Specialist, 1851 and 1868 Treaty Violations and Mining <p><i>Questions and comments, 3 minutes per participant</i></p>
10:00 - 10:30 am	Coffee Break and COVID testing of travelers
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel #5:</p> <p>The Science of Indigenous Peoples: Our Environmental Health and Health Systems</p> <p><i>Tai Pelli: IITC Board Member, Confederation of Taino People, Boriken (Puerto Rico), member of the UN Committee on Food Security-Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism: moderator, introduction of panelists and the topic (10 minutes).</i></p> <p>Panelists, 10 minutes each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hugo Icó Perén, Maya Kaqchikel and with experience working in the health of the Mayan People and Indigenous Peoples of Guatemala.• Angel Valencia, Yaqui, founder, Red Indígena Norte y Sur Sobre la Plaguicidas (Northern and Southern Indigenous Network on Pesticides) and traditional farmer• Atencio Lopez, Kuna, (legal advisor, General Congress Kuna, Panama)• Radley Davis, Cultural Leader, Board Member, Pit River Nation California• Juan Gregorio Jaime Leon, Traditional Yaqui Authorities and Maaso Kova Committee, Huirivis Pueblo, Rio Yaqui Sonora Mexico: Repatriation of sacred items for the spiritual and cultural health of our Nations• Magda Cholotio, Maya Tzutujil, Nim Alaxik National Movement of Midwives <p><i>Questions and comments: 3 minutes per participant</i></p>
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch and COVID testing for travelers
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Andrea Carmen: Organization of the commissions/working groups for development of the resolutions.



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	<p>1. Defense and Legal Recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Treaties, Lands and Territories (including impacts of "protected areas" and imposed development); <i>Facilitators: Juan León Alvarado and Ron Lameman</i></p> <p>2. Defense of Indigenous health systems, environmental health, and food sovereignty, including response to climate change, and toxic contamination from agrochemicals, mining and industry; <i>Facilitators: Paco Villegas and Rochelle Diver</i></p> <p>3. Defense of Indigenous ancestral heritage, sacred ceremonial sites, and the sciences and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples. <i>Facilitators: Felipe Gomez and Radley Davis</i></p> <p>4. Indigenous women's rights, advocacy for women, children, people with disabilities against all forms of violence, including environmental violence: <i>Facilitators: Otilia Lux and Summer Aubrey</i></p> <p>5. Other suggestions (considering the need for interpretation)</p>
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Coffee break
3:00 – 7:30 pm	First session of the committees/working groups
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Dinner
9:00 – 10:30 pm	Cultural Exchange

MARCH 3, 2022

Schedule	Activity
5:30 - 7:00 am	Mayan Ceremony
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 - 10:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel # 6:</p> <p>Rights of Indigenous women and girls and their protection from all forms of violence.</p> <p><i>Rochelle Diver, Anishinaabe, IITC Environmental Health Program Coordinator, Moderator, introduction of the panelists and the topic (10 minutes).</i></p> <p>Panelists, 10 minutes each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Ceballos, Kolla, Association of Indigenous Women Attorneys (AMAI), Argentina • Otilia Lux, Maya K'iche', member of the Guatemalan Women's Platform • Morning Star Gali, Pit River Nation, IITC California Tribal and Community Liaison • Taily Terena, National Council of Indigenous Women of Brazil (CONAMI) • Tai Pelli, United Confederation of Taino People, Caribbean Region: Report and Recommendations from the 2nd World Conference of Indigenous Women focusing on Halting Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls <p><i>Questions and comments: 3 minutes per participant</i></p>
10:00 - 10:30 am	Coffee break
10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Second Session of the working groups/ committees to finalize the resolutions.



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1 – 2:30 pm	Lunch
2:30 – 5:30 pm	IITC GENERAL ASSEMBLY <i>Moderators: Andrea Carmen and Juan Leon Alvarado</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of resolutions• Approval of new members• Approval of the 48th Conference venue• Other announcements
5:30 – 6:00 pm	Coffee break
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Closing of IITC's 47 th Conference according to Special Program Closing blessings <i>Moderators and Final Acknowledgments: Maria Celestina Balan and Rosalina Tuyuc</i>
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Assisting conference participants in administrative matters and travel arrangements to Guatemala City and return home. <i>Juan León Alvarado, Dionicio Canahuí, Armando Álvarez</i>
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Dinner
10:00 pm onward	Departure of international delegations whose flights are in the early morning of March 4. IMPORTANT NOTE: The rest of delegations depart on March 4. If time permits, they can have breakfast at the Hotel. IITC's commitments with the Hotel end at 10 am on March 4

The International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) and IITC affiliates in Guatemala are not responsible for theft, loss or damage to personal property and vehicles, or for personal illness or injury. Please take care of yourselves and each other.

Strict COVID-19 protocols will be enforced. Each participant must have with them their vaccination certificate stating the dates and type of vaccinations. We will also have a medical team on site during the conference.

IITC will not pay for any additional expenses incurred by the delegations, unless agreed in advance.

For further information, please contact: juanleon@treatycouncil.org or armando@treatycouncil.org.

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