



INTERNATIONAL INDIAN
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2024

ANNUAL REPORT

**COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF WORK FOR
THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**



From June 21 - 24, 2024, IITC held its 50th Anniversary Conference in Wakpala on the Standing Rock Reservation, Oceti Sakowin Treaty Territory. It featured information sharing, cultural presentations, ceremonies and intensive discussions to develop strategies responding to shared concerns. The Conference was attended by IITC affiliates from North, Central, South America, the Pacific, Arctic, and Caribbean representing more than 300 Indigenous Peoples and Nations. Resolutions adopted by consensus of the participants will be the basis for IITC's future work on a range of issues including Treaty Rights, Environmental Justice, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Climate Change and Food Sovereignty, Youth Organizing, Cultural Rights, Indigenous Languages and Sacred Sites, Impacts of Imposed "Protected Areas" and Indigenous Human Rights Defenders.



IITC Board member, former President and co-founder Bill Means, Oglala Lakota, and IITC Executive Director Andrea Carmen, Yaqui, along with Billi Jo Beheler of Standing Rock, formed the Coordinating Committee for IITC's 50th Anniversary Treaty Conference.

IITC'S 2024 ALCATRAZ SUNRISE GATHERINGS DREW A RECORD NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS



Round Valley Pomo Dancers at the Indigenous Peoples Day Sunrise Gathering on October 14

In 2024, IITC held its annual Sunrise Gatherings on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco, California on October 14 commemorating Indigenous Peoples Day, and on November 28 for Indigenous Peoples Thanksgiving. Together these events were attended by 7990 participants, the most in their history, with many thousands more reached through radio and online simulcasts. IITC's Alcatraz Sunrise Gatherings have been held for 44 years to celebrate the continued survival and resistance of Indigenous Peoples, the resiliency of our cultures, and to uphold "Truth in History". They also honor the historic and ongoing significance of the 1969 Alcatraz Occupation, which sparked the national and international movements for Indigenous Peoples' rights. In 2024, the events featured an Ohlone Welcome and land recognition, Round Valley and Muwekma Ohlone Dancers, All Nations Drum, Pow Wow and Aztec dancers and other cultural presenters from the Americas, Asia, the Pacific, and Palestine.

MESSAGE FROM THE IITC BOARD PRESIDENT

On behalf of the IITC Board of Directors, I express my sincere appreciation to our funders, friends and allies whose solidarity and generosity helped us to carry out IITC's important work in 2024. Although we carried out many important activities, the highlight of the year for us was our 50th Anniversary Treaty Conference, held from June 21-24 at our birthplace, the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota, Oceti Sakowin Treaty Territory. With representatives of IITC's affiliates from the Arctic, North, Central and South America, the Pacific and Caribbean, we looked back at our history of work and accomplishments, shared our cultures, and agreed on strategies to build our movement for the rights of Indigenous Peoples into the future.

As we move forward into the next year, we know that we may face some difficult times. But IITC remains more committed and determined than ever to continue working in support of Indigenous Peoples' struggles to defend our lands and waters, Treaty rights, environmental health, food sovereignty, climate justice and ways of life.

In closing, I want to send you all my best wishes and prayers for a healthy and productive year to come. I also want to personally thank and congratulate our staff, Board members and affiliates for their continued hard work and dedication on behalf of our Peoples, Mother Earth and the coming generations.

It continues to be an honor for IITC to serve our Peoples in this way.

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A handwritten signature in white ink on a dark background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Ron Lameman'.

Ron Lameman, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Treaties 1-11
President, IITC Board of Directors



IITC Board President Ron Lameman was Chairman/Moderator for the 2024 Treaties 1-11 annual gathering in Cold Lake, Treaty No. 6. Territory, August 28-30. Treaties 1-11 represents over 240 Indigenous Treaty Nations in Canada. Co-Sponsors included Beaver Lake Cree Nation and Cold Lake First Nation, as well as IITC.

NEW STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS IN 2024



Maninaindi "Mani" Roldán replaced Yamilka Hernandez as the IITC Board member for the Kuna Youth Movement (MJK), Panama in 2024. Mani's new MJK alternate is Kibian Stanley.



Aniwa Kohu-Morgan from IITC Māori affiliate Te Whanua o te Rau Aroha in Aotearoa (New Zealand) was seated to serve on IITC's Board of Directors in June, replacing her late mother Hinewirangi Kohu. Ngahuia Harawira, Waitangi Action Committee, was designated as her alternate.



Aminta Menjivar, Lenca Nation of El Salvador, joined the IITC's Tucson Arizona staff in September as IITC's Human Rights Advocate and Researcher.



From February 8-10, IITC Program Staff held a strategic planning meeting in IITC's Tucson Office focused on their work to defend Indigenous Peoples' Rights, Food Sovereignty, Environmental Health and Treaties in the international arena.

View a full list of IITC's current Board members, staff members and program consultants:
<https://www.iitc.org/about-iitc/>

IITC OFFICES

In 2024, IITC continued to carry out its work from offices in Tucson, Arizona, San Francisco, California and Guatemala City, Guatemala.



San Francisco Office Co-coordinator Marina Hernandez and her son Quinn worked IITC's booth at the Yerba Buena Gardens Indigenous Peoples Day Gathering held on October 14 following the Alcatraz Sunrise gathering. Janeen Antione, IITC San Francisco office's 2nd Co-coordinator, California Tribal and Community Liaison Morning Star Gali and other IITC staff and volunteers worked together to organize this annual event, co-sponsored by the City of San Francisco.



IITC Biodiversity and Human Rights Program Coordinator Juan Leon Alvarado and Office Coordinator Dionicio Canahui working in IITC's Guatemala Office, hosted by IITC affiliate La Coordinadora Nacional de Viudas de Guatemala /National Coordination of Widows of Guatemala (CONAVIGUA). In 2024, IITC's office organized 18 events and trainings for Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala City, as well as in the traditional territories of the K'iche', Mam, Kaqchikel, Tz'utujil, Ch'ortí', Achi, Q'eqchi' and Poqomchi' Mayan Peoples.



IITC Tucson Staff in the office backyard: left to right: JR Rivera, Administrative Assistant, Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, Aminta Menjivar, Human Rights Advocate and Researcher, and Armando Alvarez, IITC Fiscal and Administrative Coordinator.

IITC PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

IITC's "**Guiding Principles**" affirm that "Indigenous Peoples should speak for and represent themselves before the world community" as an essential aspect of their Self-determination. In 2024, IITC continued to build participation of Indigenous Peoples, with a special focus on women and youth, providing 52 credentials for Indigenous delegates' participation in 22 UN sessions and fora. This included advanced training and on-site mentorship for new delegates to support their ability to effectively present their concerns, advocate for the rights of their Peoples and have input in the development of new standards and policies.

IITC also hosted or co-hosted with grass roots and international partners and affiliates 55 in-person and virtual gatherings, trainings and events, providing unique opportunities for information sharing, cultural exchanges, capacity building and strengthening coalitions to impact multi-level policy change.

Recordings of some of our virtual events and webinars were posted on IITC's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@internationalindiantreatyc5538>

In 2024, IITC's online information-sharing and electronic dissemination network reached over 90,000 unique users, contacts, and followers through social media, IITC e-news, and our popular website: www.iitc.org, building awareness and support for Indigenous Peoples' struggles. IITC's e-news disseminated 28 urgent updates, reports, press releases and opportunities for participation. **Log onto IITC's website, www.iitc.org, to subscribe to Treaty Council E-News for upcoming events, recent developments, urgent actions and opportunities for participation.**

IITC's work continued to be carried out under four primary Program Areas: Defending Human Rights, Food Sovereignty, Environmental Health, and Treaties and Standard Setting. The following are some highlights of IITC's work under each Program Area in 2024.



On August 28 Yaqui traditional authorities and representatives of the Lipan Apache from Sonora, Mexico, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and attorneys from the Water Protector Legal Collective met with IITC in our Tucson Office to discuss strategies for halting the Mexican government's "Plan Sonora". It includes massive lithium mining to be carried out without the consent of the impacted Indigenous Peoples.

DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS

IITC defends the rights of Indigenous Peoples as affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other human rights standards, and works to ensure that States, corporations and the UN System fully respect and implement these rights. To learn more: <https://www.iitc.org/program-areas/defending-human-rights/>

- In 2024, IITC submitted urgent actions, interventions and human rights filings addressing a range of critical human rights violations and threats impacting Indigenous Peoples in various United Nations bodies. These included UN Special Rapporteurs on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Right to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation, Cultural Rights, Freedom of Religion and Belief, Climate Change and Human Rights, and Human Rights Defenders, as well as the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). With IITC staff member Ghazali Ohorella based in Geneva full time, IITC was able to participate in all three sessions of the UN Human Rights Council in 2024, engaging directly with States on 48 Council resolutions to ensure that they included, recognized and respected the rights of Indigenous Peoples on a range of topics directly impacting them.
- IITC was instrumental in arranging a visit by former UN Special Rapporteur Jose Francisco “Pancho” Cali Tzay with political prisoner Leonard Peltier in Coleman Federal Penitentiary on August 27. This visit and the subsequent advocacy by the Special Rapporteur for Leonard’s humanitarian release by the United States was one of many initiatives carried out by legal and human rights advocates, Indigenous Peoples, UN experts and supporters over 5 decades to achieve Leonard’s return home on February 18, 2025. Pancho stepped down as Special Rapporteur to serve as Guatemala’s ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva in October 2024. IITC was honored to support his tireless advocacy for the rights of Indigenous Peoples around the world during his 4½ years as Special Rapporteur. In January 2025, IITC welcomed the new UN Special Rapporteur, Dr. Albert Barume, and looks forward to working with him in the coming years.





IITC's Office in Tucson Arizona hosted Indigenous Peoples representatives from Canada, the US, Mexico and Guatemala on February 5 and 6 at a first-of-its-kind international roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Relatives (MMIWGR), Human Trafficking, Environmental Violence and International Borders. A key focus was the link between cross-border human trafficking impacting Indigenous women and girls and extractive developments such as mining and oil drilling. IITC also organized follow-up panels to focus attention on this under-reported example of Environmental Violence at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, April 18, and during IITC's 50th Anniversary Conference at Standing Rock, June 22.

**You are invited to a
Special Side Event, an
Interactive Discussion
during the 23rd Session of
the UN Permanent Forum
on Indigenous Issues with
presentations by
impacted Indigenous
women and closing words
by Francisco Cali Tzay, UN
Special Rapporteur on the
Rights of Indigenous
Peoples**



EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES, ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLENCE AND TRAFFICKING OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

**Thursday April 18th from 10:00AM – 12:30 PM
(during the UNPFII Closed Session)
UN Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza,
New York, 8th Floor Conference Room**

Coffee, snacks, and interpretation in English and Spanish will be provided.



Co-Sponsored by the International Indian Treaty Council, United Confederation of Taino People and the International Indigenous Women's Forum

For information contact Rochelle Diver at rochelle@treatycouncil.org

➤ In 2024, IITC worked with the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP), former UN Special Rapporteur on the Environment and Human Rights John Knox, and other experts to develop “Core Human Rights Principles for Private Conservation Organizations and Funders”. IITC worked to include direct and broad participation by Indigenous Peoples impacted by “conservation” projects impacting their traditional territories and ways of life, in most cases without their consent. In July, IITC disseminated a questionnaire to Indigenous Peoples in all regions requesting information about their experiences with “Conservation” projects in their territories, as well as their recommendations to ensure their ethical rights-based engagement with Indigenous Peoples. 70% of the respondents representing 722 Indigenous Peoples from 7 regions, reported that their rights had been violated as a direct result of these projects.

Log on to:

www.iitc.org/consolidated-questionnaire-responses-from-indigenous-peoples/ for IITC’s report of the questionnaire responses.

The Principles were published on December 9. IITC participated in the online launch event and worked with UNEP to distribute the Principles, which call on Conservation Funders to respect and uphold the rights of Indigenous Peoples including to land and territories, culture, self-determination and free prior and informed consent.

To download the Core Human Rights Principles:

<https://www.unep.org/resources/publication/core-human-rights-principles-private-conservation-organizations-and-funders>

Core Human Rights Principles for Private Conservation Actors



IITC representative Roberto Borrero joined other invited panelists in an event organized by UNEP to present the “Core Human Rights Principles” on October 25 during CBD COP 16.



IITC partnered with Indigenous organizations in Africa, Latin America, North America and Asia to document ongoing rights violations being carried out against Indigenous Peoples around the world by the creation of “Protected Areas” in the name of Biological Diversity Conservation and Climate Change Mitigation. This photo, provided by the Center for Indigenous Peoples' Research and Development (CIPRED, Nepal), shows Tharu Indigenous women who were forcibly relocated when their ancestral lands were confiscated for the creation of the Shuklaphanta National Park in the Kanchanpur district of Nepal.

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

IITC's Food Sovereignty Program builds the informed participation of Indigenous traditional food producers and knowledge holders in local/tribal, national, regional and international processes to defend their right to food and restore traditional food systems. IITC also organizes opportunities for Indigenous food producers to share traditional knowledge, seeds, and sustainable practices and develop strategies to address common threats. To learn more:

<https://www.iitc.org/program-areas/food-sovereignty/#programs>



Berenice Sanchez, Nahuatl/Otomi, President of IITC affiliate Assembly of Indigenous Peoples for Food Sovereignty in Mexico (APISA) presented at a "Somos Semillas" ("We are Seeds") Indigenous farmers training March 7-8 before 26th Annual "Corn and other Native Seeds Fair" in Vicente Guererro, Tlaxcala. The training was co-sponsored by IITC, APISA and Alianza MILPA.



IITC Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator Saul Vicente Vazquez and Executive Director Andrea Carmen attended the UN Food and Agriculture Organization 29th session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) September 30 – October 4 in Rome, Italy, the first time that IITC was able to attend COAG under its own credential. IITC's delegation realized a major achievement, which was the focus of our work over many years when the State members of COAG agreed to amend the International Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management, which guides national policies for pesticide use to include Free Prior and Informed Consent for Indigenous Peoples as affirmed in Article 29 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



IITC Delegates to the 36th Session of the UN Committee on Fisheries (COFI), Rome, July 7, 2024. Left to right: Francisco Villegas Paredes, Yaqui Nation, Mexico; Pablo Green, Kuna Nation, Panama; Chief Gary Harrison, Chickaloon Village, Alaska; Rochelle Diver, Anishinaabe, Minnesota, USA; and Anaru Fraser, Māori, Aotearoa (New Zealand).

- In 2024, IITC continued to prioritize work to protect and restore Indigenous Peoples' fisheries and fishing ways of life. Working with Indigenous and other small-scale fishers from around the world, IITC delegates addressed the impacts of environmental contamination, climate change, damming, lack of access to waterways, trawling, large-scale commercial fishing and aquaculture at a range of regional and international gatherings. In 2024, these included the UN Food and Agriculture's Committee on Fisheries (COFI), the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty Advisory Group for the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition, and regional coordinating bodies for Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific.
- In 2024, IITC continued to support Food Sovereignty projects in Indigenous Peoples lands based on original knowledge, seeds and practices for increased resiliency, food system restoration and adaptation to climate change. In 2024, IITC provided pass-through grants, with the support of the Agroecology Fund, for on-the-ground-projects carried out by the United Confederation of Taino People on Boriken (Puerto Rico), the National Coordination of Indigenous Widows (CONAVIGUA) in Guatemala, and the Kuna Youth Movement in Panama.



Kuna Youth Movement women and children members from Narasgandududumad harvesting plantanos, a traditional Kuna staple food source.



Participants in the Konuko ("agriculture fields") Project, Boriken (Puerto Rico), prepared land for re-introducing traditional Taíno food staples such as "iuka" (yuca/cassava).

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

IITC's Environmental Health Program continued to coordinate information-sharing, training, leadership-development and advocacy addressing pesticides, persistent organic pollutants, mercury, plastics, mining wastes and other deadly environmental toxics. It promoted safe alternatives, combated environmental violence, called for governmental and corporate accountability, and worked for policy changes including clean-up of contaminated sites and a halt to the international trade in banned pesticides. The Program built capacity for Indigenous women to defend and advocate for their reproductive and environmental health rights, and to advocate for a toxic-free future for Indigenous Peoples, families and children in a variety of international bodies and fora. To learn more:

<https://www.iitc.org/program-areas/environmental-health/#programs>

IITC representatives participated in processes focused on implementation and development of United Nations Environmental Conventions to protect the integrity of the environment for future generations and, at the same time, ensure that Indigenous Peoples' unique, distinct, internationally recognized rights and knowledge are respected and safeguarded. In 2024, IITC participated in the 16th Conference of the Parties for the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16, Cali, Colombia, October 21 – November 1); the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change COP 29 (Baku, Azerbaijan, November 11 - 22); the UN Convention on Desertification (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, December 2 - 13); and the 4th and 5th Intergovernmental Negotiating Sessions for development of a UN Convention on Plastics Pollution (Ottawa, Canada, April 23 – 29, and Busan, South Korea, November 25 - December 1).



Mr. Baogen Gu meets with Maya Mam food producers and families in Retzl Ulew on July 29

- From July 29 - August 2, IITC's Guatemala Office staff coordinated the historic visit of Mr. Baogen Gu, UN Food and Agriculture Organization Pesticides Division Director, to hear from impacted Mayan Indigenous Peoples on the impacts of toxic pesticides on their intergenerational health and natural environments, as well as their ancestral knowledge about chemical-free food production. He met with Mayan Peoples in four districts, as well as with Indigenous Peoples rights organizations and Guatemalan government officials. Mr. Gu's experience in Guatemala contributed directly to the Committee on Agriculture's recommendation to amend the International Code of Conduct on Pesticides Management based on the rights of Indigenous Peoples.



IITC delegates from the Caribbean, Latin America, North America, and Africa met with other caucus members to discuss strategies for defending the rights of Indigenous Peoples at the Convention on Biological Diversity 16th Conference of the Parties (CBD COP 16) in Cali, Colombia on October 24.



IITC representatives Rochelle Diver, Juan Leon Alvarado and Board member Lisa Bellanger with other members of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Plastics in Busan, South Korea on November 30.

JOIN US AT COP 16

LAUNCHING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PRINCIPLES AND PROTOCOLS FOR JUST TRANSITION

Scan the QR code to view the document of Indigenous Peoples principles and protocols for a Just Transition.

IITC joined with other organizations to present the "Indigenous Peoples Principles for Just Transition" from the Indigenous Peoples Just Transition Summit at CBD COP 16 in Cali, Colombia.

TREATIES AND STANDARD-SETTING

International recognition of Treaties between Indigenous Nations and States was the first issue brought to the United Nations by IITC in 1977. In 2024, IITC continued to work for the recognition and enforcement of Treaty rights to water, health, land, food, Consent and Self-Determination and for the establishment of just, fully participatory bi-lateral processes to resolve Treaty violations, including those concluded by colonizer states such as Spain in the first wave of colonization. IITC was a leader throughout the 40-year process of development and adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and continues to work for its full implementation, including by advancing new international standards and mechanisms to uphold and defend the rights of Indigenous Peoples. For example, in 2024 IITC continued to attend the UN Human Rights Council's negotiating sessions in Geneva focused on developing a new legally-binding international Treaty on the human rights obligations of multi-national corporations. To learn more:

<https://www.iitc.org/program-areas/treaties-standard-setting/#programs>



In February, IITC's Māori affiliates in Aotearoa (New Zealand) joined the 9 day, nation-wide mobilization (hikoi) to oppose attempts by the New Zealand government to weaken their legally-binding Treaty obligations to the Māori as affirmed in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, (the Treaty of Waitangi), concluded between the British Crown and Māori Chiefs in 1840. Log on to:

<https://www.iitc.org/international-indian-treaty-council-in-solidarity-with-the-maori-hikoi/> for IITC's statement of strong support for the hikoi and Māori Treaty rights.



IITC Human Rights and Biodiversity Program Coordinator Juan Leon Alvarado Mayan K'iche (left), and IITC Human Rights and Legal Consultant June L. Lorenzo, Laguna Pueblo and Diné, (right) were selected to serve as representatives of Indigenous Peoples in Central and North America, respectively, on the new Organization of American States (OAS) Working Group for the implementation of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. IITC Board President Ron Lameman, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, was selected as June's alternate for North America. The American Declaration was adopted in 2016 after a decades-long process of negotiation between States and Indigenous Peoples, including IITC representatives from North and Central America and the Caribbean. Most of its articles reaffirmed rights recognized in the 2007 UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and some, for example Article 16 on Indigenous Spirituality and Article 24 on Treaty Rights, built upon and further strengthened the UN Declaration's provisions.



The first California "Bringing Home the Sacred" Repatriation roundtable was held at the Friendship House Association of American Indians in San Francisco on September 18.

- After the historic repatriation from Sweden of the sacred Maaso Kova to the Yaqui Nation in July 2023, IITC continued to advocate for the creation of an international mechanism for repatriation of Indigenous Peoples' sacred items and human remains to support the efforts of all Indigenous Peoples working for the return of their ceremonial items and human remains in accordance with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In 2024, IITC participated in the development of a resolution adopted by the UN Human Rights Council in October calling for "the development of a process and a mechanism to facilitate the international repatriation of Indigenous Peoples' cultural objects and human remains, in cooperation with Indigenous Peoples". IITC also worked with Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations from California to launch the "Bringing Home the Sacred Project" to advance repatriation of their culturally important items from museums in Europe and Russia, as well as from the University of California system, one of the largest holders of Indigenous human remains in the world.

CLIMATE CHANGE

IITC considers the Climate Crisis to be an existential, urgent threat that cuts across all the other program areas. In 2024, IITC continued to support the strategies of grassroots Indigenous Peoples to build resiliency through exchange of knowledge, seeds and methods, and to advocate for their rights and knowledge to be respected in national and global climate actions. In 2024, this continued to include facilitating the effective participation of Indigenous knowledge-holders, traditional food producers, women and youth from North, Central, and South America, the Arctic and Pacific at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. IITC also continued to build and strengthen networks of Indigenous Peoples from all regions to address causes, impacts and false solutions. IITC also continued to challenge market-based projects that further violate the rights of Indigenous Peoples including imposed mining of so-called “transition minerals”. For more information:

https://www.iitc.org/program-areas/environmental-health/#Climate_Change



IITC delegates from North America, Pacific and Latin America attended the 29th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 29), in Baku, Azerbaijan, November 11-22. They also participated in the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC), 2-day preparatory session, daily meetings and working groups to develop collective strategies for effective engagement in negotiations addressing key issues such as Just Transition, Loss and Damage, Climate Financing and Article 6 (Market and Non-Market Mechanisms). Shown from left to right: Víctor Lopez-Carmen, Yaqui/Lakota; Taily Terena, Terena; Andrea Carmen, Yaqui; Ghazali Ohorella, Maluku; Saul Vicente Vazquez, Zapoteca; Onelin Masardule, Kuna; and Crystal Lameman, Beaver Lake Cree Nation.



IITC Youth Representative and Indigenous farmer Taily Terena addressed a consultation for the “Sharm Al Sheikh joint work on implementation of Climate Action on Agriculture and Food Security” at COP 29, November 15. She represented the Indigenous Peoples constituency (“IPO”), successfully advocating for recognition of Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge and practices in the final decision. Also on November 15, IITC held a side event “Indigenous Peoples’ Knowledge and Practices for Sustainable Agriculture: A Key Element for Just Transition in the Climate Crisis”. Presenters included traditional Indigenous farmers from North, Central, South America and Africa, and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Context of Climate Change Elisa Morgera.



The International Indigenous Youth Forum on Climate Change (IIFYCC) held a general assembly of Youth delegates to COP 29 on November 16, with over 70 participants from all seven regions. IITC youth delegates Onelin Inanadinia Masardule (Kuna, Panama) and Taily Terena (Terena, Brazil) continued to take a leadership role in building and expanding the participation and leadership of IIFYCC.



IITC co-sponsored the 26th Annual "Corn and other Native Seeds Fair" with affiliate Proyecto de Desarrollo Rural Integral Vicente Guerrero in Tlaxcala, Mexico, March 9-10, with participation of 1800 Indigenous producers from Mexico. A highlight of the fair was seed trading and knowledge sharing among Indigenous food producers to build climate resiliency, restore seed biodiversity and strengthen food systems.



Participants in the "Indigenous Peoples Just Transition Summit", Geneva Switzerland, October 10-12. Photo courtesy of Cultural Survival.

➤ IITC's Executive Director Andrea Carmen, IITC Biodiversity and Human Rights Coordinator Juan Leon Alvarado and IITC Communications Coordinator Roberto Borrero participated in the Coordinating Body for the first "Indigenous Peoples Just Transition Summit" held October 10-12, 2024 in Geneva with participation of 95 representatives of Indigenous Peoples from the 7 regions of the world. Participants adopted by consensus the "Indigenous Peoples Principles and Protocols for Just Transition" affirming their inherent rights, ancestral knowledge and practices. It challenged imposed false solutions being fast-tracked by States and corporations in Indigenous Peoples lands and territories in the name of "Green Energy" such as carbon injection and trading, geo-engineering and "transition minerals" mining carried out despite protests from the Tribal Nations whose lands, waters, cultures and food systems are negatively impacted. The outcome document was presented at UNFCCC COP 30 in a side event on November 18, which IITC co-sponsored. Log on to <https://www.indigenoussummit.org/summit-outcome> for the adopted "Indigenous Peoples Principles and Protocols for Just Transition".

SUPPORTING OUR AFFILIATES

One of IITC's original Founding Purposes is ***"To build solidarity and relationships of mutual support among Indigenous Peoples of the world"***. IITC has 109 affiliates from 5 regions, with 7 added in 2024. Some are themselves large national and regional networks with many members.

IITC is committed to support our affiliates by providing training, access to decision-making bodies, network-building, co-sponsoring events and information-sharing. In 2024, IITC co-sponsored and provided support for activities organized by our affiliates, including the Corn Fair in Tlaxcala, Mexico, the Oceti Sakowin Treaty Gathering in South Dakota, the Treaties 1-11 annual gathering in Cold Lake First Nation, and the Project Access Training Project. IITC also served as a fiscal sponsor, including for the Itepo Ito Te Aniasakane Rio Yaqui Health Project which provides medical supplies to the Yaqui Pueblos, midwives and traditional health workers in Rio Yaqui, including supplies and nutritional support for new mothers and babies. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Agroecology Fund, IITC also provided pass-through grants to three of our affiliates and nominated several for direct grants to support their own food sovereignty projects. For example, in 2024, IITC worked with the Nation of Hawaii to secure a direct grant for their Food and Water Sovereignty initiatives in Pu'uhouna Village, Oahu, Hawaii.



Itepo Ito Te Aniasakane Rio Yaqui Health Project Director Cati Carmen distributed new mom and baby supplies at a traditional midwives (parteras) meeting in Vicam Pueblo, Rio Yaqui, Sonora, Mexico on April 27, 2024.

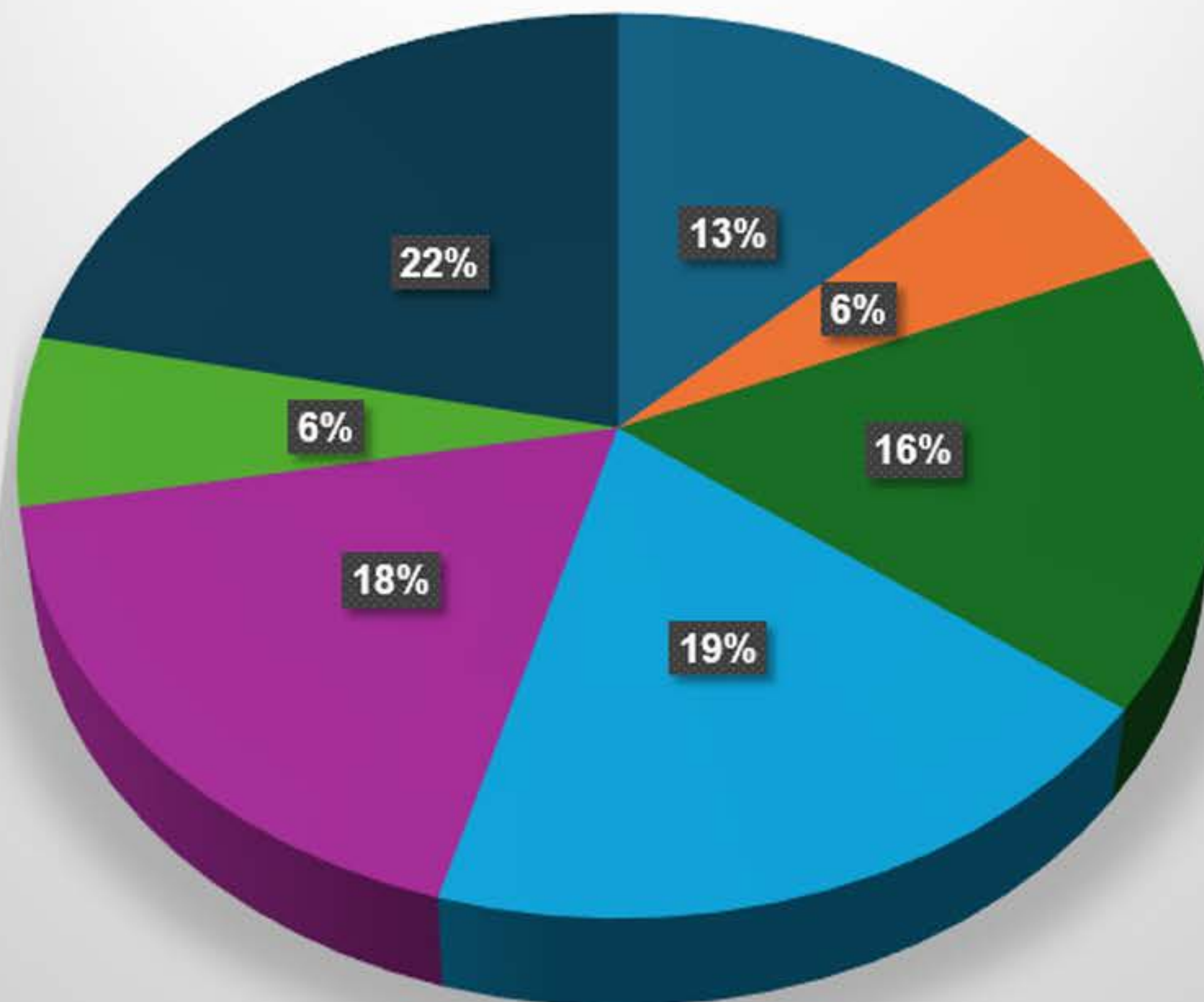


Nation of Hawaii members show the progress of their work in 2024 to build a rock wall for capturing water for a traditional taro bed on their land in Pu'uhonua village, Oahu.

2024 FISCAL REPORT

In 2024, IITC received a total of **\$1,773,260.05** from Foundations, Tribes, organizations, program grants, events, sales and individual donors. This includes support for 6 pass-through grants, which IITC administered to support Indigenous health, cultural, Food Sovereignty and training projects. In addition, IITC received in-kind contributions valued at **\$81,145.37** for travel, event costs, communications and consultant services. IITC's program work in key areas including Food Sovereignty, Human Rights, Protected Areas and Environmental Health was further sustained by grants carried over from 2023 totaling **\$1,197,821.63**. IITC's expenditures in 2024 totaled **\$1,742,841.83**, leaving a net amount of **\$81,586.21** at the end of the year, which was carried over for work in 2025. As in previous years, IITC kept its expenditures for administration, management and fundraising to under 23% of the total.

The chart below provides the breakdown of IITC's 2024 income by program area.



■ Food Sovereignty

■ Office/Admin

■ General Support

■ Human Rights

■ Environmental Health

■ Treaties/Standard Setting

■ Unrestricted

THANK YOU!

IITC's staff, Board of Directors and affiliates express our sincere appreciation to the following foundations, Tribes, and organizations whose generous contributions made our work possible in 2024:

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Arizona Commission on the Arts

Charlottesville Area Community Foundation

First Nations Development Institute

Grants for the Arts (GFTA)

Groundswell Fund

The Marisla Foundation

Mayor's Office Housing Community Development (MOHCD)

McNabb Foundation

Native Voices Rising

NDN Collective

NoVo Foundation

Pascua Yaqui Tribe

San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC)

Swift Foundation

The Bay and Paul Foundations

The Christensen Fund

Wend Collective

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Community Fund

IITC also thanks the 385 individual donors who contributed to IITC, as well as the organizations, consultants, professional service providers and UN agencies whose in-kind support for IITC's work in 2024 was very much appreciated.



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