The International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)
50th Anniversary Treaty Conference
Defending our Treaty Rights to Food, Water and Health so that our Peoples will Live
Wolakota Un Wichoni Kte

June 21 – 24, 2024
The Bay, Wakpala, South Dakota
Iŋyaŋ Woslál Háŋ, Standing Rock Sioux Reservation
Oceti Sakowin Treaty Territory

Conference Agenda Overview

Meals for Treaty Conference Participants will be served from lunch June 20th through lunch June 24th according to the following schedule:
Breakfast: 7:30 – 8:45 AM; Lunch: 12:30 – 1:45 PM; Dinner: 6:00 – 7:15 PM

Coffee, tea, water and light snacks will be available throughout the Conference

Thursday June 20, 2024: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Oceti Sakowin preparatory meeting
Other preparatory activities will be organized on site

Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Set up conference site and camps, travel from airport

Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

1st Day, Friday June 21, 2024

5:30 AM – 7:00 AM: Sunrise opening ceremony, lighting of the sacred fire

Breakfast

Morning Program:

9:00 AM: Traditional Lakota Opening and Protocol

Grand Entry: All Nations
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Words of Welcome, Standing Rock and IITC


Lunch

Afternoon Program:

1st Panel: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Before and Beyond DAPL: Priorities and Challenges for the Standing Rock Nation

2nd Panel: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: The 1851 and 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaties: Sacred, Living, Legally Binding, International Agreements

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM: Honoring ceremony for the original 1974 Conference Participants

Dinner

Evening Program 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM: Standing Rock Cultural Program

2nd Day, Saturday June 22, 2024

5:30 AM – 7:00 AM: Sunrise ceremony: Māori ceremony to honor Hinewirangi Kohu

Breakfast

Morning Program:

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM: Keynote Address: Using the International Human Rights System to Defend the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – Francisco Cali Tzay, Maya Cakchiquel, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

3rd Panel: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Extractives: Protecting our Sacred Waters, Foods and the Rights of our Peoples

4th Panel: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Defending our Sacred Places, Bringing our Sacred Items and Cultural Heritage Home

Lunch

Afternoon Program:
5th Panel: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Our Treaties Are Sacred, we must defend them: Work for Treaty Rights to Lands, Food, Water and Health in Many Nations

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Explanation and organization of Commissions/small group work and drafting Conference resolutions

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM: 1st Commission Session:

- Defending Treaty Rights to Land, Water, Food, Health, Consent and Self-Determination
- Strategies to combat Extractive Industries and Environmental Violence on Indigenous Lands; defending Indigenous women’s and children’s rights and protecting Indigenous Human and Environmental Rights Defenders
- Indigenous Youth organizing for Rights and Sovereignty
- Cultural Rights, Language, Sacred Sites and Repatriation
- Protecting Food Sovereignty, Biodiversity and Indigenous Peoples Rights in the Climate Crisis

Dinner

Evening Program: Film Night, Wakpala School (optional)

3rd Day, Sunday June 23, 2024

5:30 AM – 7:00 AM: Women’s Water Ceremony

Breakfast

Morning Program:

6th Panel: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Indigenous Youth in the Movement to Defend our Futures

7th Panel: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Food Sovereignty is a Treaty Right: Defending our Foods, Waters and Survival in the time of Climate Crisis

Lunch

Afternoon Program:

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Commissions continue to finalize Conference resolutions

Dinner
Evening Program: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM: International Cultural Night

4th Day, Monday June 24, 2024

5:30 AM – 7:00 AM: Sunrise Ceremony

Breakfast

Morning Program:

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM: IITC Conference General Assembly
  • Approval of new IITC affiliates
  • Presentation and adoption of Conference resolutions
  • Proposals/Confirmation of next Treaty Conference location

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM: Thanks, Closing Ceremony and Safe Travel Prayer

Lunch (last meal served on site)

Optional for those staying on: Film and Entertainment night #2: Wakpala School

Departures will continue throughout the evening and next day.

Please listen for shuttle schedule announcements to the Bismark Airport

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