



International Indigenous Youth Conference 2005

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*"Strengthening Solidarity Among Indigenous Youth In Asserting
Indigenous Peoples Rights Amidst Globalization"*

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

Dear Friends,

Warmest greetings!

On behalf of the International Indigenous Youth Conference 2005 Secretariat, together with the sponsorship of the Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), Honor The Earth-Tides Foundation, and Canadian Heritage Exchanges Canada, we would like to cordially invite you to the Second International Indigenous Youth Conference (IYIC) with the theme "**Strengthening Solidarity Among Indigenous Youth In Asserting Indigenous Peoples Rights Amidst Globalization.**" It will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on June 17-21, 2005.

The IYIC aims to gather indigenous youth representatives from the world over in order to help define the role and tasks of the world indigenous youth movement and network. It specifically aims to:

- Promote the resolutions of the IYIC 2002 conference as policy or as a primer for discussing policy issues that affect Indigenous people and youth globally and locally.
- Bring together Indigenous youth to share culture, stories, and experiences
- Build and strengthen regional and international indigenous networks
- Bring indigenous youth together to strategize around issues of globalization that affect us
- To develop a primer of the indigenous youth situation to be submitted to the United Nations 10 year review of the World Program Of Action on Youth, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the World Urban Forum and other international fora

June 21st is celebrated as National Indigenous Day in Canada. The closing ceremonies for the conference will take place on the evening of June 21st. If you are a performer or have a cultural presentation to share at the opening or closing ceremonies please indicate so in the registration.

Please refer to the attached Program for the four-day conference and Community Integration.

Aside from the conference, the secretariat invites all delegates to join in a community integration with the St'at'imc Nation to be held June 22-24, 2005. This is an opportunity for the delegates to learn more about the indigenous peoples of Canada. For those interested in the community integration please ensure your travel arrangements include this itinerary.

The Conference is open to all interested indigenous youth. Financial assistance will be evaluated by the secretariat on the basis of need and representation. We do encourage interested participants to raise their own airfare and registration fee. For delegates who have confirmed their participation for the IYIC, which was set on an earlier date, please reconfirm your participation by submitting the Registration Form attached to this document.

For more inquiries, please contact the conference secretariat. We look forward to your participation in the IYIC and the Community Integration.

In solidarity,
IYIC 2005 Secretariat



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*“Strengthening Solidarity Among Indigenous Youth In Asserting
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IIYC 2005

“ Indigenous youth inherit the responsibility to protect and preserve their traditional lands, resources and sacred sites upon which indigenous cultural heritage and identity is based. “

The Second International Indigenous Youth Conference 2005 will be held June 17-20th in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada. The conference will take place within traditional Indigenous territories on the coast and the interior of BC. The conference is being organized by the IIYC Secretariat in Vancouver, BC.

IIYC 2005 will bring together 200 Indigenous youth from the regions of Asia Pacific, South America, Northern Europe, USA, Canada and Australia, represented at the first IIYC, and will expand the network to create partnerships in South America, Africa and the Middle East (areas under-represented at the first IIYC). We will be doing outreach for conference attendees internationally seeking out sponsorships for approximately 30 International Indigenous youth delegates and we will also work to bring in Indigenous youth from across BC, Canada and the United States to participate.

The theme of the conference is “Strengthening Solidarity Among Indigenous Youth In Asserting Indigenous Peoples Rights Amidst Globalization”. The conference proper will be four days of workshops, sharing and network building. The conference venue is an Indigenous Centre in Vancouver, BC a large urban centre with a high indigenous population not only of Indigenous Canadians but Indigenous immigrants to Canada. Vancouver rests on unceded traditional territories of Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil’waututh Nations.

The conference will have a public opening and closing ceremonies also delegates will be invited to attend National Indigenous Day celebrations on June 21st 2005, and a community integration with the St’at’imc Nation near Mt. Currie BC from June 22-24th 2005.

We believe in the importance of gathering strength and working together to have our voices heard in our communities, governance structures and in the international arena.

IIYC 2005 SECRETARIAT

The IIYC 2005 Conference is being organized and hosted by a group of Indigenous youth who make up the IIYC 2005 Secretariat. We are dedicated Indigenous youth who have volunteered our time for the last two years, since the first IIYC in 2002, because we believe in this project. We have operated as a grassroots collective with minimal funding in which all members are dedicated to the work that we do. We know that this conference will be a success because Indigenous youth believe in it and we believe that our voices are strong and that our voices need to be heard.

IIYC 2005 LEGACY

We are undertaking the planning and hosting of the IIYC 2005 conference as an event that has no beginning and end. This work is a circle. The work we do today builds on the work of our ancestors and of other Indigenous youth involved with the World Indigenous Youth Conferences and IIYC 2002. The work we do today is developing and strengthening the roles of Indigenous youth, facilitating their participation in levels of governance that affect them and in building capacity for local governance and grassroots organizing. We are hosting IIYC 2005 to strengthen the unity and voices of indigenous youth

in asserting our rights against the adverse affects of globalization, and to continue to build a legacy of Indigenous youth and their communities working together to protect our futures and work towards a society where indigenous youth are no longer exploited and oppressed. We will plan for the continuity of the IYIC – A Third IYIC.

BACKGROUND ON THE INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH CONFERENCES

In April 2002, 83 Indigenous Youth from 19 countries in Asia, Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America gathered in Baguio City, Philippines to share experiences and forge a common voice in response to the challenges of global changes at a time when globalization has deeply impacted the lives of indigenous peoples. The Cordillera Peoples Alliance Youth Commission, an alliance of Indigenous Peoples Organizations in Northern Luzon, Philippines, organized the first International Indigenous Youth Conference and requested delegates from Canada host the next conference.

The conference participants committed to work towards the declarations and resolutions they agreed upon for Indigenous peoples rights to self-determination against the adverse effects of globalization and to advance rights to ancestral domains.

There have been a series of international Indigenous youth conferences previously held under the title of 'World Indigenous Youth Conference (WIYC),' which the International Indigenous Youth Conference (IYIC) is parallel with and complimentary to, because the IYIC is part of the overall effort to strengthen the world Indigenous youth movement. The International Indigenous Youth Secretariat and IYIC partners will be informed about the work done at the WIYC and are committed to carrying that work and the work of IYIC forward.

Holding IYIC 2005 in British Columbia, Canada will continue to strengthen the organizational, educational, and solidarity building work in the over-all movement for change for Indigenous peoples that was started at IYIC 2002 in The Cordillera, Philippines.

Declaration of the International Indigenous Youth Conference (IYIC)

April 17-21, 2002 Baguio City, Philippines

We, the 83 participants of the International Indigenous Youth Conference have come together at this historic gathering of Indigenous Youth from around the world to share our experiences and forge a common voice in responding to the challenges of globalization.

We represent the indigenous youth of the colonial borders of Australia, Fiji Islands, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Bolivia, Ecuador, Panama, Canada, United States, Finland, Norway, Russia, Bangladesh, Burma, India, Indonesia, Thailand and Philippines. The conference was hosted by the Cordillera Peoples Alliance Youth Commission under the theme "Building Solidarity Among Indigenous Youth in Asserting Indigenous Peoples' Rights Amidst Globalization."

Globalization has not led to greater democracy and recognition of indigenous peoples' rights and welfare. It has rather aggravated and institutionalized inequality, discrimination, oppression and exploitation.

The indigenous peoples continue to suffer from long standing issues such as forcible dislocations, disintegration of their distinct socio-cultural identities, the breakdown of families and communities, commodification of cultures, the onslaught of developmental aggression, militarization, religion, legislated poverty, racism and discrimination, consumerism, substance and sexual abuses and the inaccessibility of education and other social services.

The policies of neo-liberal capitalism have failed to contribute solutions to the above issues of indigenous peoples worldwide. It further intensified the exploitation of natural resources through large-scale mining, dams, mega-tourism and similar environmentally destructive industries. These policies heightened dispossession of ancestral lands and resources and the theft of intellectual property rights. Globalization has led to the increasing numbers of state instigated wars and violence against indigenous peoples.

As indigenous peoples and nations, we are at a critical point in our history to defend our right to self-determination, peoples and nations against the adverse effects of globalization and to advance rights to ancestral domains.

We shall form a solidarity network of the participants, organizations of this conference to strengthen our voice at all levels and to continue to exchange experiences of globalization and resistance.

We shall continue to raise awareness in our communities, movements and fellow indigenous and non-indigenous youth on what globalization is and its impact on indigenous peoples in particular.

We shall conduct activities to monitor and expose the activities of corporations within our communities. We shall seek ways to present the research and information into simple and effective forms for understanding the issues to generate resistance. We shall actively propagate the conference declaration and provide updates on various indigenous youth issues.

Finally we shall seek ways of participation in the Permanent Forum, the United Nations, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the International League of Peoples Struggles and other such fora.

IYC 2002 Conference Resolutions

- *To firmly stand to assert our right to self-determination and to the full recognition of our inherent rights as indigenous peoples
- *To fight mega-infrastructure projects that result in the economic, environmental, and physical displacement of our communities
- *To continuously advocate existing laws that uphold our collective human rights and to mobilize against laws and institutions which do not serve our needs or justice, such as the World Bank, IMF and WTO
- *To revive our culture, languages, spiritual values and traditional structures of governance
- *To affirm and uphold the rightful status of women as equal in society, family, the workplace and the movement for social transformation
- *To expose, oppose and condemn the Imperialist and US State led wars of Aggression, which target the worlds poor
- *To strengthen the solidarity of Indigenous Youth against all forms of colonization, foreign, domestic hegemony and State repression
- *To unite with all the oppressed classes and sectors of the world and actively participate in international actions
- *To link with other socially progressive movements that work to fight globalization
- *To establish concrete forms of organizational formation by building region wide networks
- *To join all forms of struggle to end all forms of oppression, racism and discrimination against Indigenous Peoples
- *To call upon the United Nations and States of the world to recognize and adopt in full the Declaration of Indigenous Peoples Rights in it's original text
- *To assert the right of Indigenous Peoples to free, prior and informed consent over all issues concerning them

With these in mind we are resolute in our determination to continue the historical struggle of our ancestors.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration fee for the conference is \$75-\$200 CAD dollars, which will cover the local transportation, accommodations and food during the conference. Community Integration will require an additional fee of \$50-\$200 CAD dollars payable at registration. As this is an international conference, this sliding scale is in place to support delegates whose socio-economic conditions make them unable to raise funds. Billeting will be provided for accommodations. Hotel accommodations will need to be at your own cost.

All Registrations must be in by May 5th, 2005. Please note if you are requesting financial assistance, send us your registration as soon as possible.

I am paying _____ (\$75-\$200) CAD dollars for registration and am including _____ (\$50-\$200) in my registration fee to participate in the community integration. Please make a cheque or money order payable to Redwire Indigenous Youth Media Society. A receipt will be made available upon request. (Redwire Indigenous Youth Media Society is an Indigenous youth run organization, we are the financial and administrative host for the IYC 2005 Secretariat. For additional information about Redwire contact:

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I. ORGANIZATION'S PROFILE:

Name of Organization _____
(Pls. Spell out)
Mandate or Purpose of Organization _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. _____ Fax No. _____
EMAIL Address: _____
Country: _____
No. of delegates: _____

II. DELEGATE'S PROFILE:

1. Name: _____
2. Age: _____
3. Gender: _____
4. People/Ethnicity: _____
5. Languages spoken: _____
6. Address: _____

7. Tel. No./Fax No. _____
8. Email Address: _____
Dietary Requirements: _____ Vegetarian; _____ Non-Vegetarian;
Other (pls. specify) _____

In order to meet delegate needs, please report any allergies, health concerns or specific needs in this space.

9. Please state if you will need translation and for what language _____

10. Please check:
___ I can join in the Community Integration June 22-24th 2005

I would like to share or perform at the opening or closing ceremonies and solidarity night

I can share a story for the evening of story telling

11. Please name the length and title of any videos you would like to show during video/film night:

Would you like to be added to the Indigenous Youth Network listserve: YES NO

Are you applying as a delegate to attend the conference? YES NO

Are you applying to be considered as a speaker or presenter? YES NO

If yes, please attach a description of what you would speak about or present during the conference. Please tell us about your experience and your work.

*REGISTRATION for the Conference **does not** guarantee you will be able to attend. We are able to accommodate 200 participants, if we receive more applications there will be a selection process based on criteria from the secretariat.

III. What Are Your Expectations Regarding The IYCN?

Please select a workshop Track (area you would like to focus on in our time at the conference)
(please circle one)

1. Land, Resources and Territory (development aggression, mining, tourism)
2. Culture, Traditional systems, Spirituality
3. Governance (traditional system, navigating the non-indigenous, policy/UN and other bodies)
4. Indigenous Rights (militarization and human rights violations)

**Please indicate if you will perform or share at the opening or closing ceremonies and solidarity night?
Please describe what you would like to present. Would you like to share a story for story telling night?**

IV. What Follow-up Activities Can You And Your Organization Do In Your community after The IYCN?

For those who will participate in the Community Integration, please answer the following:

1. What are your specific interests during your community integration?

DO YOU NEED Financial Assistance to attend the IYIC 2005?

Please outline your needs below. Please note this conference is organized by indigenous youth, we are grassroots and not able to assist all delegates to attend, your application for financial assistance will be reviewed by the secretariat. Our funding priorities are based on need, representation (gender, ethnicity etc.) and your involvement and work within your community.

*You are encouraged to fundraise for airfare and registration to the conference. If you need assistance in your fundraising, contact the Fundraising Committee of the IYIC Secretariat.

(Please list requests in Canadian or US dollars)

Travel-Airfare and expenses

Accommodations (most accommodations will be available through billeting). If you are requesting a hotel stay, please tell us why. For billeting, please let us know if you would like to stay with a family, a specific gender, smoking-non smoking and any other relevance to your stay. We are also looking to billet delegates within facilities provided by the local Indigenous Nations.

Registration Costs

Other (please explain in detail)

VISA REQUIREMENTS TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Please note it is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel document like passports and visa's or other documentation. The Logistics committee of the IYIC 2005 secretariat is able to offer some support, please contact them only with specific requests. Invitation letters for visa applications are available through the logistics committee, an invitation does not ensure financial support.

Please note: Applying for and getting your Visa or passport, and other travel documents, can take time. Please contact your National Canadian embassy for all travel requirements as soon as possible.

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE TRAVEL INFORMATION PLEASE INFORM THE SECRETARIAT OF YOUR ITINERARY. WE WILL HAVE AIRPORT AND BUS STATION PICKUPS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO SCHEDULE WITH THE LOGISTICS COMMITTEE.

**DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM:
2nd International Indigenous Youth Conference
Vancouver Indigenous Friendship Centre
June 17 – 21st, 2005**

June 16th 2005

Delegates arrival at various locations, bus stations airports etc. Transportation and Logistics committee meet

delegates and orient them to their Vancouver accommodations and the conference venue. Registration.

Conference Venue

Vancouver Indigenous Friendship Center (VAFC)

1607 East Hastings Street

Vancouver, B.C. V5L 1S7

Tel: (604) 251-4844

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Day #1-June 17th 2005

Opening day- registration, logistics

Daily logistics overview-

Introduction to City of Vancouver, Transportation, Accommodations, Expectations

Opening ceremonies

*open to media and general public

Intro-Keynote address-CPAYC and local secretariat open

Introduction of Conference Delegates

Lunch Break-provided at VAFC

Afternoon Session

Caucus Meeting

PANEL:

Review the ILYC 2002 declaration and resolutions to bring out the unity that was achieved at ILYC 2002 and discuss what we are working towards. This panel can review and bring out the current history and strength of the indigenous peoples movement in various regions of the world, highlighting gains and losses, current campaigns. There will be six speakers, one speaker from each region: Latin America, North America, Europe, Asia- Pacific, Australia and Africa.

Evening Session- Welcoming Ceremonies, Cultural Sharings and Presentations-Public invited

Day #2 June 18th 2005

Morning- breakfast provided at VAFC

Speeches/Adresses-Focus on globalization- South America delegate

Thematic Workshop:

“Indigenous Youth and Children: Regional Perspectives and Issues”

This workshop will focus on regional perspectives and situations and is a chance for delegates for different regions of the world to caucus and present a primer of the IP youth situation in their region to inform the international network of indigenous youth. Review of the Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network Program and planning for its next years activities.

Reporting Back (into larger group)

Lunch Break- food provided at VAFC

Day #2 Workshops-Afternoon

Track 1- Land/Resources/Territories

Workshop Description

Impact of globalization on land and resources:

Development Aggression

This workshop will look at Indigenous rights in the midst of resource exploitation and development within indigenous territories. We will discuss ways to build and strengthen networks and campaigns to assert our right to self-determination for land, life, and resources.

***Local Indigenous context Olympics 2010, mining and resource issues**

Track 2- Culture, traditional systems, spirituality

Workshop Description

Impact of Globalization on Identity, Culture, and Social Problems: Resource Speaker Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network/DKK representative, Philippines to share the Heritage Campaign

Track 3- Governance

Workshop Description

Impacts of globalization on Education and Health:

A. EDUCATION

This workshop will look at ways we can push towards indigenous based education, protecting and promoting indigenous knowledge and ways, strengthening the indigenous youth movement, and to assure the participation of indigenous peoples in decisions and policies affecting their existence.

B. HEALTH

This workshop will discuss ways to push for the protection and promotion of traditional healing practices, protect the environment where traditional medicines grow, combat the health issues brought about by colonization and the lack of access to quality health care due to government neglect.

Track 4- Indigenous Rights

Workshop Description

MILITARIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS:

This workshop will discuss responses and the need to address militarization and human rights violations through protest actions, organizing and mobilizing, education and information campaigns, advocacy work and trainings on various skills

Reporting Back (into larger group)

Synthesis of Day

Evening: Open Mic/Story Telling

Day #3 June 19th 2005

Morning- breakfast provided at VAFC

Speeches/Addresses globalization affecting local issues or on IP youth in industrialized Nations- example of indigenous resistance to globalization or urban community building and IP revitalization

Lunch Break- food provided at VAFC

Afternoon Workshops

Urban/Rural/Local contexts

Track 1- Land/Resources/Territories

Workshop Description

Urbanization-Indigenous youth in urban/industrial regions

We will be looking at 'urbanization' of indigenous youth both in a local and international context. Understanding the trends of urbanization, the factors and how this affects indigenous youth and their involvement in cities.

***Local Indigenous context- Urban Indigenous youth"**

Track 2- Culture, traditional systems, spirituality

Workshop Description

Gender Issues and Awareness in our communities

***Local Indigenous context-** The situation of Missing(murdered) women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.- examining the victimization of indigenous women.

Track 3- Governance

Workshop Description

Employment and economic issues and concerns

***Local Indigenous context-** Treaty and Self Government models will be examined and put in a critical light as we look at them in an international context of a globalizing world.

Track 4- Indigenous Rights

Workshop Description

State Imposed Systems/Human rights violations. This workshop will bring together IP youth to look at legally imposed definitions of sovereignty (which can be applied to Indigenous people across the globe) legally imposed definitions of who and who is not Indigenous + the politics of non-recognition.

Reporting Back (into larger group)

Synthesis of Day

Evening: Video Sharing

Caucus Meeting for Resolutions Committee- drafts declaration and resolutions based on workshop outputs.

Primers Developed- To be drafted for IP youth input feedback on last day. *planning out the continuity of IYIC -

Day #4 June 20th 2005

Morning-Plenary

Facilitators: Indigenous Environmental Network and the Cordillera Peoples Alliance Youth Commission

Action, Activism, Campaigns, Regional and International Indigenous Networks

This is a plenary designed for focused campaigns to share information, build alliances and share skills around current indigenous struggles. This session will be facilitated with an attention to building an international indigenous anti globalization youth network. Conference delegates that will be asked to organize and host the Third IYIC will be identified.

Afternoon-Plenary

Go over draft declaration and resolution and primers of IYIC 2005

(Refining and passing declaration, resolution and primers with overall group)

Evening- Solidarity Night

June 21st-2005 National Indigenous Awareness Day

Vancouver Indigenous Cultural events and Closing ceremonies celebration-Roundhouse Community Centre

June 22nd to 24th, 2005

Community Integrations: Travel to Mount Currie, BC Sta'timc Nation.

We will be traveling to the community on the 22nd and returning on the 24th. The community visit will include a brief history of the Sta'timc Nation, a visit to the reservation and Sutikahl, an Indigenous protest camp.

Note: Please contact the Secretariat if you are attending the integration. You will need to bring some supplies for this part of the conference.

Along with the proposed program of workshops and focus themes, we will be integrating cultural elements representing individual participants and their distinct areas, break out sessions, skill sharing

and sharing of experiences. This is a time for indigenous youth to come together and set priorities for their futures and indigenous peoples rights, so that we continue the work of our ancestors before us, and prepare for future generations.