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## **SUB-REGIONAL MEETING OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FROM CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND THE CARIBBEAN**

*Follow-up to the Third Indigenous Leaders Summit of the Americas (III ILSA) "Implementing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Americas for Present and Future Generations" and the Participation of Indigenous Peoples in the Inter-American System*

The Organization of American States (OAS), in collaboration with key Indigenous regional partners, is holding two sub-regional activities in follow-up to the III ILSA, "Implementing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Americas for Present and Future Generations", which was held in the framework of the Fifth Summit of the Americas (April, 2009), and the Seminar on the Mechanism for the Participation of the Indigenous Peoples in the Inter-American System, held in the OAS Headquarters in June 2010.

The Seminar on Mechanisms for the Participation of the Indigenous Peoples in the Inter-American System was held on June 22-24, 2010, in Washington, DC, to present the different areas, programs and mechanisms of the OAS related to Indigenous peoples' issues with the aim of strengthening indigenous peoples' participation in the Organization, as well as deepening dialogue on how to further engage in different OAS activities. The Seminar resulted in a [Declaration](#) drafted by Seminar participants that reaffirmed the ILSA declarations made in 2001 in Canada, 2005 in Argentina, and 2009 in Panama. Within its five concrete points, the participants of the Seminar proposed the establishment of an OAS Permanent Forum of Indigenous Peoples, for which they suggested the OAS hold sub-regional consultations in order to discuss the mandates, composition and other details of the proposal.

The first of these sub-regional events will be a Meeting with Indigenous Peoples' representatives from the English-speaking countries of the Americas (Canada, the United States and the Caribbean) to be held in Ottawa, Canada, on Monday, December 13, 2010. A second sub-regional meeting with representatives of the Spanish-speaking countries will be tentatively held in Colombia, in February 2011. These sub-regional events will also be an effective way for Indigenous representatives of the Americas to continue integrating their perspectives into the planning of the IV ILSA and the Sixth Summit of the Americas from the initial stages.

### **OBJECTIVES & EXPECTED RESULTS**

The main purpose of the Sub-Regional Meeting of Indigenous representatives from Canada, the United States and the Caribbean region is to provide an opportunity to follow-up on the implementation of the III ILSA Declaration and Plan of Action as called for by the Declaration of the Indigenous Peoples' Representatives at the recent Seminar on the Mechanisms of Indigenous Peoples Participation on the OAS in June 2010. It will also provide an opportunity to prepare for the IV ILSA in the context of preparations for the VI Summit of the Americas (VI SOA).

## PARTNERS

The Sub-Regional Meeting is being planned in partnership between the OAS Summits of the Americas Secretariat, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) and the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC Canada).

## METHODOLOGY & FORMAT

The Sub-Regional event will be held on Monday, December 13, 2010 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and will consist of:

1. An inaugural session with an open prayer;
2. An introduction to the ILSAs and Indigenous peoples' participation in the Summit process;
3. A discussion on the follow-up to the III ILSA and its next steps, including the call for the creation of a Permanent Forum of Indigenous Peoples within the OAS, its mandates, composition and other details regarding the proposal for such a Forum.
4. The development of a work plan towards the IV ILSA and review of next steps.

For those who cannot attend the event, the Summit Secretariat will make the [Summits Virtual Community \(SVC\)](#) available for all those individuals interested in contributing to these discussions. This SVC offers its registered members the opportunity to participate in forums and discussion groups, as well as obtain materials, such as documents, videos, links, etc on topics of interest to the Summits process, including the participation of indigenous peoples. In the SVC, members can also share comments and opinions with other individuals who are interested in common themes. To participate in the Indigenous Peoples Group, please [click here](#) or visit: <http://svc.summit-americas.org/groups>.

## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS & INFORMATION

With the objective of enriching the discussions in each thematic area of the Forum, it is suggested that participants familiarize themselves with the following documents:

- ILSA Documents: III ILSA [Declaration](#) and [Plan of Action](#).<sup>1</sup>
- Seminar: [Declaration](#) and [Concept document](#) of the event.
- Reports of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) meetings of 2010.<sup>2</sup>

### Relevant Websites:

- Summit of the Americas Information Network: [www.summit-americas.org](http://www.summit-americas.org) (and the Social actors section [www.summit-americas.org/cs.html](http://www.summit-americas.org/cs.html))
- Summits Virtual Community [www.summit-americas.org/svc](http://www.summit-americas.org/svc) (and its [Group on Indigenous Peoples](#))

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<sup>1</sup> First ILSA [Declaration and Plan of Action](#) (Ottawa, 2001)

Second ILSA: [Declaration and Plan of Action \(Buenos Aires, 2005\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> First Regular Meeting of 2010 of the SIRG (held in Washington, DC, April 13, 2010): [English](#).

Report of the Meeting at the Ministerial Level of the SIRG (held in Lima, Peru, June 8, 2010): [English](#);

## AGENDA

**Date: Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Place: Minto Suites Hotel, Ottawa, Canada**

**8:00 – 8:30am Registration** (outside the Lisgar Room)

8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer

8:40 a.m. Welcome remarks

- Martin Huenneke, Senior Specialist, Summits of the Americas Secretariat (SAS)
- Grand Chief Edward John, on behalf of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

9:20 a.m. Overview of the Summits of the Americas process and Indigenous Peoples' Participation (Moderator: Grand Chief Edward John on behalf of the AFN)

Introduction to the Summits Process (Martin Huenneke and Andrea Montilla)  
[20 min]

- Introduction to the Indigenous Leaders' Summits of the Americas (III ILSA Co-Chair President Corbiere Lavell) [15 min]
- Report on the Seminar on Mechanisms of Indigenous Peoples' participation in the Inter-American System: key results (Zoila Ellis, the Garfuna Heritage Organization) [15 min]

10:10 a.m. Questions and Answers

10:30 a.m. Health Break

10:45 a.m. Follow-up to Implementation of the III ILSA Declaration and Plan of Action (Moderator: Martin Huenneke on behalf of the SAS)

i) Report from ILSA Co-Chair Grand Chief Edward John [15 min]  
Questions and Answers [10 min]

ii) Report from an Indigenous Representative from the US (June Lorenzo, American Indian Law Alliance/Pueblo of Laguna) [15 min]  
Questions and Answers [10 min]

iii) Report from an Indigenous Representative from the Caribbean (Olga Tzec/Roberto Borrero) [15 min]  
Questions and Answers [10 min]

12:00p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. The **Implementation Plan** of the III ILSA Declaration and Plan of Action: Next Steps and Key Components (Moderator: Celeste McKay on behalf of AFN)

- Discussion on the mandates, composition, and other details behind the proposal to create a Permanent Forum of Indigenous Peoples within the OAS [Open dialogue]
- 2:30 p.m. Integration of Indigenous Peoples' perspectives in the themes and process leading up to the VI SOA – Lessons learned from III ILSA and other instances (Moderator: Grand Chief Edward John on behalf of AFN)
- Open dialogue
- 3:30 p.m. Health Break
- 3:45 p.m. Development of a Work Plan towards the IV ILSA (Moderator: Andrea Montilla on behalf of the SAS)
- 4:30 p.m. Summary of the Day – Review and compilation of recommendations and steps forward (Moderator: Teresa Edwards on behalf of NWAC)
- 5:00 p.m. Closing Prayer