



Pan-Tribal Confederacy of Indigenous Tribal Nations

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3rd Indigenous Leaders Summit and 5th Summit of the Americas

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Greetings all:

This past weekend the planning meeting for the upcoming 3rd Indigenous Leaders Summit of the Americas that is scheduled to take place on April 14-15, 2009 was held in Ottawa, Canada.

The meeting was hosted by the Assembly of First Nations and the Native Women's Association of Canada and it was held at the offices of the AFS building - also in Ottawa, Canada. From the Caribbean Region 3 persons were invited to attend as members of the Planning Committee: Roberto Borrero of Puerto Rico, Damon Corrie of Barbados, and Albert DeTerville of St. Lucia.

The 3rd Indigenous Summit will take place right before the 5th OAS Summit of the Americas that will be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad from April 17 – 19, 2009.

The Indigenous Leaders Summit will present a Declaration and Plan of Action to the OAS Summit.

As time is short a number of things were discussed concerning logistics for the Indigenous Leaders Summit, how many participants can be funded to attend the Summit, how will the leaders be chosen to attend, and who and how many of the Indigenous Summit can attend the OAS Summit etc.

According to the OAS organizers there is no room in Trinidad to host the Indigenous Summit. Therefore the Indigenous Summit must take place somewhere else. The choices for the Indigenous Summit are now Venezuela (suggested by Damon Corrie), Panama (Suggested by Hector Huertas), and St. Lucia (suggested by Albert Deterville). The cost and other logistical factors will determine the actual site.

It has also been determined that funding will allow for 91 participants to the Indigenous Summit including the "planning committee members", leaders, elders, youth, and taking into consideration gender balance. The 91 participants have also been divided into 4 regions – South America; Central America & Mexico; North America (U.S.A & Canada); and the Caribbean .

The break down is as follows:

20 participants from each of the 4 regions for a total of 80; 7 members of the technical committee; 2 administrators; which will be a total of 89 persons, which leaves some flexibility (2 persons).

The regions will submit the names of the 20 delegates by March 5 with no exceptions.

For the Caribbean, as there are three Caribbean members on the “planning committee” and two (Roberto Borrero and Albert deterville) are taking part on the technical team, one spot for a representative has been filled leaving us with 19 spaces for our region’s leaders; Damon Corrie was appointed to head the Communications Sub-Committee.

The three Caribbean Planning Committee members from the Caribbean were asked to deal with outreach to the following countries to pick indigenous leaders from the Caribbean & Caricom Region (excluding Belize which will be in the Central America Region category).

Antigua and Barbuda; The Bahamas; Barbados; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guyana; Haiti; Jamaica; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago; and Puerto Rico.

Known indigenous networks in this case will extend to: Dominica; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Guyana; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago; Barbados; Saint Lucia; Dominican Republic; and Puerto Rico Thus leaving 9 countries divided by 19 spaces, which equals 2 delegates per country and one flexible space. Expertise and gender balance will be maintained in this scenario.

Beyond these delegates for the Indigenous Leaders Summit, 10 delegates will also be picked to attend the Trinidad meeting. The delegates will include 2 reps per region (8 total) and 2 technicians.

President Roberto Borrero of the United Confederation of Taino People has already submitted to the Planning Committee that one of these 2 reps for Trinidad should be Chief Ricardo Bharath Hernandez of Trinidad as he is the leader of the local community.

The Members of the Planning Committee for the 3rd Indigenous Leaders Summit of the Americas are as follows:

AFN - Grand chief Edward John of Canada
NWAC - President Beverly Jacobs of Canada
Carlos Chex of Guatemala
Hector Huertas of Panama
Azalene Kaingang of Brazil
Jaime Arias of Colombia
Damon Corrie of Barbados
Roberto Borrero of Puerto Rico
Albert Deterville of St. Lucia

AFN - Regional Chief Wilton LittleChild of Canada
NWAC/Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indigenas - Ellen Gabriel of Canada Violet Ford - Inuit
Circumpolar Conference - June Lorenzo of the USA
Ben Powless - Youth Representative of Canada
Irene Lindsay - Elder Representative of Canada
Adolfo Regino Montes of Mexico

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**3RD INDIGENOUS LEADERS SUMMIT PLANNING COMMITTEE -
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE**



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