

**Call For Sessions
Due February 19, 2007**



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**Linking Circles VI
IFIP Annual Conference**

“Weaving a New Path in Philanthropy”

**May 7-8, 2007
Levi Strauss Foundation
San Francisco, CA**

Background on the IFIP Conference:

International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) is a recognized affinity group of the Council on Foundations, with a network of more than 200 individual funders who actively support and seek to increase funding opportunities for Indigenous Peoples. IFIP plays a critical role by helping funders better understand and effectively address the complex and real problems faced by Indigenous Peoples', giving funders information that allows them to refine and redefine the tools and processes used in their funding activities. IFIP also helps Indigenous communities gain an active voice within the philanthropic community and informs them on the best approaches for securing resources.

IFIP's has held five conferences bringing together funders and Indigenous representatives from around the world to participate in sessions to increase dialogue and educate about Indigenous issues especially as it relates to grantmaking. IFIP recognizes that in order to sustain Indigenous People's rights and movements around the globe, increased funding

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for sustainable development projects and traditional communities located in remote areas of the world is required. There exists a need for international donors to better understand the interconnectedness of economic sustainability and the preservation of traditional lifeways.

2007 Annual Conference- “Weaving a New Path in Philanthropy”:

This year’s conference will be a special event as IFIP celebrates and embarks on its leading work as a newly recognized and independent organization. IFIP’s recent designation as a federally recognized non-profit organization is a fitting way to recognize seven years of serving as a forum for donors in realizing the importance of supporting Indigenous sustainable projects and communities around the world.

IFIP will also be celebrating its first annual conference being held on the West Coast. I am pleased that the Levi Strauss Foundation has offered to host the event at its San Francisco headquarters and for the opportunity that it provides for California-based donors to attend. I look forward to meeting many new donors for the first time.

The theme for our sixth annual conference, “*Weaving a New Path in Philanthropy*,” was chosen to symbolize the interrelatedness of our work and how we must all work together to achieve our goals. The act of weaving represents strands that cross over and under each other, it not only produces beautiful, well-woven textiles, but in some Indigenous communities, the patterns mirror the social and economic history of the community and the weaver’s life experiences. It best depicts the universal view of many Indigenous communities how all things are interconnected.

Primary Objectives:

- Exploring best practices and new ideas to assist funders in their support for sustainable development.
- Providing grantmakers with an opportunity to speak directly with representatives from Indigenous communities on specific concerns within the grantmaking process.
- Updating members on various issues including the economic and social concerns of Indigenous peoples throughout the world.

Guidelines for Session Proposal Submissions

Eligibility for proposal submission:

Session proposals may be submitted by the following:

- Individuals who are donors themselves
- Individuals working in IFIP member institutions
- International grantmaking organizations

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Financial Commitment:

Please note that IFIP will commit to a waiver the cost of the conference registration fee and to pay a small stipend of \$100 US for **one** speaker with each accepted session proposal. IFIP commits to pay for the lodging for the same one speaker for the dates of May 6, 7 and 8 at the Le Meridien Hotel, San Francisco, California. Please note, speakers will be sharing rooms with other speakers due to limited budget. IFIP strongly encourages that this support is used for Indigenous speakers. All other speakers are expected to pay for their own travel, lodging and conference registration expenses.

Session Recommendations:

- Sessions should be highly interactive, have current information and include Indigenous representation along with a donor's perspective.
- Sessions should have no more than three speakers and be able to provide strategies for donors to become more effective in their grantmaking portfolio.
- Sessions should represent different points of view preferably from different regions of the world

The three track sessions decided upon this year are:

Track #1: Methodology and Best Practices

Track #2: Policy and Governance

Track #3: Emerging Issues.

We encourage session ideas under each track, such as the following:

Track #1: Methodology and Best practices: Strategies and Best Practices of Grantmaking. Assumptions and Stereotypes, Introduction to Indigenous Philanthropy 101, Power Dynamics, Indigenous led Philanthropy, Small Grant success, Gaining long term support, Horizontal Exchange and Lessons Learned, How to Evaluate Indigenous Portfolios

Track #2: Policy and Governance: Tribal Governments vs. NGO's, Multilateral/ UN Declaration, Sacred Sites, Intellectual Property, Border Issues, Free trade, North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Globalization Impact, How to Interlink National Governments with Indigenous Governments, Consultation and Participative Decision Making, Indigenizing Governments, Two -Way Accountability

Track #3: Emerging Issues: Indigenous Youth, Indigenous Woman, Climate Change, Human and Environmental Rights and Issues, Microcredit

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This is a call for session proposals for IFIP's May 2007 Conference.

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Call for Session Proposals Form-Deadline-Feb 19, 2007

1. Proposed Session Title

2. Session Objectives

What do you want the participants to achieve by being involved in your session?

3. Session Description

Please write a concise, informative, action-oriented description that provides important facts and generates excitement about your session, keeping your session objectives in mind. Maximum of 75 words.

4. Proposed Session Discussion Leaders

The maximum number of speakers per session is three to give time for dialogue and discussion. IFIP encourages Indigenous participation in panel discussions.

Facilitator: _____ Email: _____

Speaker One: _____ Email: _____

Speaker Two: _____ Email: _____

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Submitted by:

Name _____

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