



# 8TH CONTINENTAL MEETING OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN OF THE AMERICAS

Mexico City  
December 14 – 17 2019

CALL



The Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas - ECMIA is a network of women and mixed indigenous organizations from 23 countries that at the level of the three Americas have been promoting the exercise and empowerment on individual and collective rights for 25 years, to achieve full recognition and respect for the rights of indigenous women, youth, children peoples.

In Quito in 1995, on the eve of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing), the First Continental Meeting of Indigenous Women was held, where ECMIA was established as the first continental network with an agency and voice coming directly from indigenous women.

Throughout the 25 years of the Beijing and ECMIA process, despite the multiple barriers that we have encountered to effectively participate in different decision-making spaces, the indigenous women movement globally and in the Americas have been building our own agendas, articulating, complementing, reflecting and also promoting common agendas with other movements and actors. This has allowed us to progressively insert ourselves as indigenous women in the global, regional and national scenarios to contribute with our own voice and proposals to the formulation, monitoring and review of State commitments, particularly in the context of the United Nations.

ECMIA will hold the VIII Continental Meeting of Indigenous Women of the Americas in Mexico City, from December 15 to 17 of 2019, in the context of the 25 years of ECMIA, the Beijing Platform for Action and the Program of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo), and the 5 years of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

In this context, it is necessary to carry out an intergenerational balance on the situation of the exercise of collective and individual rights of adult and young indigenous women in the Americas and build proposals and a pathway to advance from the formal recognition of our rights towards real changes in policies and programs in national and local contexts. To do this, we meet among organized indigenous women of the Americas and other actors / allies to analyze progress and setbacks in our realities, identify opportunities and challenges in the face of the current political, economic and social situation and the agenda of intergovernmental spaces, and build proposals focused on looking for successful strategies and solutions based on good practices to advance in the full exercise of our rights.

### **GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

Contribute to the strengthening of ECMIA and the movement of indigenous women of the Americas and the empowerment of their adult and young members, within the framework of the 25 years of ECMIA, the Beijing Platform for Action and the Cairo Program of Action and the 5 Years of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development

### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

- To carry out an analysis of the situation of the Americas to know in which regional scenario we are and see the challenges we have as women in defense, protection and exercise of our rights.
- To make a balance of the situation of indigenous women, youth and girls of the Americas in the context of Beijing + 25 and Cairo + 25 in coordination with the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO Convention 169, identifying progress, good practices, challenges and proposals from an intergenerational perspective.
- To build the political agenda of indigenous women in the Americas, from an intergenerational dialogue, which includes the prioritization of proposals and the road map for its positioning in strategic scenarios from local to global, based on dialogue and cooperation.

- Establish a consensual political position beyond Beijing + 25, in the face of multiple forms of violence.
- Promote an exchange of knowledge and experiences among organized adult and young indigenous women, indigenous parliamentary women, communicators, artists, academics, rights defenders, and wise women of the indigenous health system, as well as other strategic allies from international organizations, foundations, academy and social movements

## TOPICS

### Human rights, violence and power

- Racism and discrimination
- Indigenous human rights and Mother Earth defenders
- Indigenous women and access to participation and decision-making mechanisms (political participation, prior, free and informed consultation, etc.)
- Indigenous women, social movements and strategic alliances (decolonial feminisms)
- Right to self-determination: autonomy
- Indigenous women in peacebuilding and justice (ODS 16)
- Right to communication (indigenous communicators)
- Indigenous women in the legislature (indigenous women parliamentarians)
- Role of indigenous women lawyers in the defense of individual and collective rights
- The impact of the current political and social Situation in the Americas on the exercise of rights

### Climate change

- Climate change and biodiversity
- Indigenous women and territorial rights (land, territory and resources)

### Poverty, economy and food sovereignty

- Poverty and indigenous women
- Food sovereignty
- Indigenous women and economy
- Indigenous women's entrepreneurship
- Access to markets (access to employment, marketing of food products and arts etc.)
- Traditional knowledge and intellectual property
- Indigenous women, social programs and use of time
- Internal and external migration

### Gender-based violence and indigenous women

- Sexual violence and femicide
- Violence in the name of tradition
- Gender-based violence in the context of armed conflict
- Access to justice; imprisonment of indigenous women
- Violence against indigenous girls (trafficking, forced marriages, early marriage, etc.)
- Indigenous models of healing
- Situation of indigenous elderly women in communities
- Indigenous women with differentiated capacities

### Health, education and identities

- Sexual and reproductive rights (obstetric violence, abortion, sexual orientation and gender identities, etc.)
- Indigenous health systems: wise women, knowledge and practices (indigenous traditional midwifery, traditional medicine, etc.)
- Indigenous youth and identities in migratory contexts: internal and external migration, urban contexts
- Culturally relevant education and training

- Indigenous languages (assessment and projection of the International Year of Indigenous Languages)

#### **Indigenous women in organizational and advocacy processes in intergovernmental spaces**

- Beijing+25, Cairo+25 (Montevideo Consensus) and Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development
- Indigenous women and CEDAW (socialization and validation of the initiative of the General Recommendation on Indigenous Women)

#### **METHODOLOGY**

A participative methodology will be applied oriented to the collective construction of consensual proposals based on the exchange of information, knowledge, experiences and good practices.

The program includes keynote lectures and thematic panels in plenary where indigenous experts will share political contributions, experiences and achievements during the processes of articulation, capacity-building, advocacy and empowerment, as well as short informative conferences on topics such as Beijing+25, the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, Cairo+25, CEDAW and Indigenous Women, and the recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

The working groups will allow the construction of proposals based on a more in-depth analysis of specific prioritized issues and their results will be shared in plenary to enrich and reach consensus on the political agenda and build a road map for advocacy.

Finally, the Political Declaration and the road map for advocacy will be validated by the participants of the meeting and will be used as a tool for advocacy in different decision-making spaces at the global, national and local levels and as a contribution to the agenda of indigenous women in the framework of the Second World Conference of Indigenous Women.

The intergenerational dialogue and articulation of adult and young indigenous women from organizations with indigenous women parliamentarians, communicators, artists, academics, defenders of rights and experts of the indigenous health system, as well as with other strategic allies from international organizations, foundations, academia and social movements, will be promoted transversally.

#### **PARTICIPANT PROFILE**

Participants who wish to be present at the 8th Continental Encounter must meet the following profile:

- Indigenous women from ECMIA member organizations
- Indigenous adult and young women from 23 countries of the Americas, active members of indigenous and mixed women's organizations that work for the rights of indigenous peoples, women, youth and girls and that have the support and accreditation of their organizations.
- Indigenous adult and young women with recognized and outstanding leaderships, indigenous representatives within the United Nations and State system, as well as indigenous women who defend collective and individual rights as parliamentarians, communicators, artists, academics, lawyers, defenders and wise women of the indigenous health system.

#### Special Guests:

- Indigenous young and adult women with recognized and outstanding leaderships, with a long trajectory of work in the struggle for the rights of indigenous peoples and women.
- Representatives of indigenous organizations within the structures and systems of the United Nations or other allied bodies.

#### Observers:

- Representatives of multilateral and bilateral agencies and institutions.
- Official representatives of States.
- Country Secretariats for Women and Indigenous Affairs.
- Representatives of United Nations agencies and the Inter-American System.
- Representatives of non-governmental organizations working on human rights and indigenous peoples.

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, GRANTS AND COSTS FOR OBSERVERS**

ECMIA prioritizes the participation of representatives of its organizations / member countries, which will extend letters of invitation with a certain number of places to participate.

Indigenous women representing organizations that meet the profile of participants and that have their own resources and can cover their transportation, accommodation and food during the days of the meeting may also apply.

For those indigenous women who meet the profile of participant but do not have the resources to participate, they may apply for funding grants by sending a letter of application from their organizations along with filling out the application form, clearly providing all the information required. These grant applications along with the application forms will be reviewed by a Grants Committee which will decide the awarding of the grant after the due assessment.

The 8th Continental Encounter has a certain number of grants for participation per country. For those representatives who wish to be present as observers, they must cover all their participation expenses, including the cost of the material. For more information, write to [ecmia.ecmia@gmail.com](mailto:ecmia.ecmia@gmail.com) Observers should send a letter of introduction stating their interest in participating. There will be a limited number of places for observers.

### **PLACE AND DATES OF THE MEETING**

Mexico City, 14-17 December 2019

### **PROCESS OF REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION**

Indigenous women interested in participating in the event should fill out the following form which is the only means to apply: <https://forms.gle/kq8zbbamrHihzHuUg>

There is also a version of the form available in **French**: <https://forms.gle/brvdPMTgwJWYvGQag>

The deadline established by the organizing committee to receive the application forms is November 25th, 2019.

For more information, please write to [warmi@chirapaq.org.pe](mailto:warmi@chirapaq.org.pe), [ecmia.ecmia@gmail.com](mailto:ecmia.ecmia@gmail.com) and [mujeresindigenasconami@gmail.com](mailto:mujeresindigenasconami@gmail.com)

