



Parallel Event – NGO CSW Forum
UN Commission on the Status of Women 68th Session

Accelerating Empowerment of Indigenous Women and Girls in the Americas

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Joint Recommendations:

Alaska Native Women's Resource Center; Indian Law Resource Center; International Mayan League; Kaqchikel Maya Indigenous Community of Chuarrancho; Ancestral Authorities of Rtun Tinamit of Chwatutuy; Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Amazon; National Indigenous Women's Resource Center; Pouhana 'O Nā Wāhine

Recommendation 1:

We urge the Commission on the Status of Women to continue and deepen its engagement with Indigenous women and their rights, including, at its earliest opportunity, by designating Implementing Indigenous Women's Individual and Collective Rights as a focus area.

Recommendation 2:

We call on the Commission to urge national governments to respect the lives of Indigenous women and children, and accelerate their empowerment by implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including by:

- Ensuring Indigenous women have access to justice, including through Indigenous peoples' distinct political and legal institutions and juridical systems;
- Respecting Indigenous peoples' right to maintain and develop their own political, economic and social systems or institutions;
- Fulfilling Indigenous peoples' right to ways and means for financing these self-governance functions;
- Respecting Indigenous Peoples' rights to their lands, territories, and natural goods of Mother Earth, including in the prevention of forced evictions and displacement through imposed development by transnational corporations which violate the rights of Indigenous Peoples, with disproportionate impact to Indigenous women and children; and
- Taking effective and special measures to ensure continuing improvement of Indigenous women's economic and social conditions, paying particular attention to their rights and special needs.