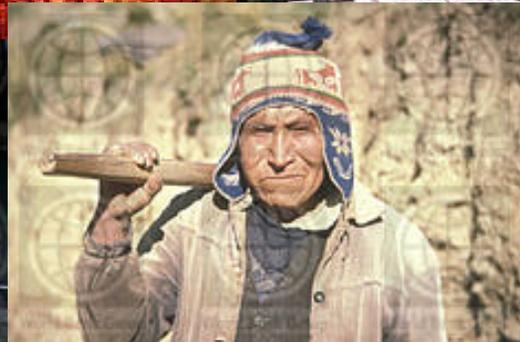


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⊖ A. Background Statement

Indigenous peoples make up over 40 % of the population of Latin America and in some countries with the largest percentage of indigenous population, they comprise the poorest sectors of the population. Paradoxically, despite significant changes in national poverty rates overall, the proportion of indigenous peoples living in poverty did not change much in most of these countries from the early 1990s to the initial years of the 21st century. Earlier studies examining the reasons for these outcomes, focused primarily on human development indicators, such as the limited access of indigenous peoples to quality education, health and other social services.

More recent work conducted by a group of economists at the World Bank follows up on these previous studies by examining the composition of income and income-generating activities of rural and urban indigenous households and communities in comparison to those of non-indigenous households and communities in the same above. This recent work also investigates some of the factors determining the participation of indigenous households and communities in income-generating activities with a particular emphasis upon the role of social networks and peer relations in determining income generation. In addition, it identifies possible key features of policies and programs that could effectively increase the economic opportunities available to and the well being of indigenous peoples in Latin America.

This more recent World Bank study, "Indigenous Peoples and Economic Opportunities in Latin America" will form the basis of the conference to be held at Georgetown University on February 9, 2007. The conference, whose draft agenda is presented below, is being organized by the Student Working Group on Indigenous Peoples (SWGIP) of the National Resource Center for Latin American Studies at Georgetown University and will include the participation of economists from the World Bank, several consultants who have helped to prepare each of the indigenous economic opportunity country studies, and some representatives of indigenous economic organizations who have been referred to Georgetown University by the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), an independent foreign assistance agency of the United States government located in Arlington, Virginia.

⊙ **B. Agenda**

⊙ **9.00 am Opening Comments**

- ⊙ **Arturo Valenzuela, Director of the National Resource Center for Latin American Studies, Georgetown University**
- ⊙ **Guillermo Perry, Chief Economist, Latin America and Caribbean Region, The World Bank**
- ⊙ **Kevin Healy, Foundation Representative for Bolivia and Colombia, Inter-American Foundation**
- ⊙ **Anne Deruyterre, Chief of the Indigenous Peoples and Community Development Unit, Inter-American Development Bank**

⊙ **9.30 am Globalization, Migration and Economic Opportunities for Indigenous Peoples in Latin America**

- ⊙ **Shelton Davis, Senior Fellow, National Resource Center for Latin American Studies, Georgetown University**

⊙ **9.50 am Indigenous Peoples and Economic Development: Overview**

- ⊙ **Harry Anthony Patrinos, Lead Economist, World Bank**

⊙ **10.05 am *Coffee break***

⊙ **Part I – Andean Countries: Promoting Economic Opportunities and Social Networks For Indigenous Peoples**

Chair: **Bjorn Soren Gigler**, Research Fellow at Georgetown University

○ **10.15 am**

- ⊙ **Bolivia**
Diana Kugler, Professor in the Department of Economics at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso, Chile
- ⊙ **Ecuador**
Christian Borja-Vega, Economist, World Bank
Trine Lunde, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

- ⊙ **Peru**
Javier Escobal, Research Director and Senior Researcher at the Grupo de Análisis para el Desarrollo, Peru

- ⊙ **11:30 am Regional Discussants and Questions:**
 - ⊙ **Kevin Healy, Inter-American Foundation**

- ⊙ **Bernardo Apaza, Bolivian Social Entrepreneur, El Ceibo Coop Federation**

- **12:15 pm *Lunch at Georgetown University***

- ⊙ **1:15 pm**
Film screening of 15-minute film titled “Circle of Light”. The film shows how increasing access to economic development is helping Aboriginal businesses in Canada flourish and contributing to self-sufficiency.

- ⊙ **1:30 pm Discussion with various Aboriginal Business Leaders from Canada (To Be Confirmed).**

- ⊙ **Part II – Mesoamerican Countries: Promoting Economic Opportunities and Social Networks for Indigenous Peoples**

Chair: **Anne Deruyterre**, Chief of the Indigenous Peoples and Community Development Unit of the Sustainable Development Department at The Inter-American Development Bank

- ⊙ **2.00 pm**
 - ⊙ **Guatemala**
María Victoria Fazio, Economist, World Bank

- ⊙ **Mexico**
Vicente A. Garcia-Moreno, Economist, World Bank
Trine Lunde (SAIS-John Hopkins)

- ⊙ **3:00 pm Regional Discussants and Questions:**
 - ⊙ **Alejandro Ramirez, CEO of Cinopolis**
 - ⊙ **Juan Martinez, Sr. Social Scientist, World Bank**

- ⊙ **3:45 pm *Coffee Break***

**Ⓞ Part III: The Challenges of Promoting Economic Opportunities
for Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and Other
Regions of the World**

Chair: **Jaime Saavedra**, Sector Manager, World Bank

Ⓞ 4:00 pm Economic Opportunities for Indigenous Peoples in Latin America
Ⓞ **Emmanuel Skoufias**, Lead Economist, World Bank

Ⓞ 4:30 pm Discussants and Questions

- Ⓞ **Gillette Hall**, Senior Social Development Specialist, World Bank
- Ⓞ **Navin Rai**, Lead Social Development Specialist, World Bank
- Ⓞ **Jose Barreiro**, National Museum of the American Indian
- Ⓞ **Harry Anthony Patrinos**, Lead Economist, World Bank

Ⓞ 5:15 pm Closing Remarks

- Ⓞ **Bolivian Ambassador Gustavo Guzman**
- Ⓞ **Shelton Davis**
- Ⓞ **Monica Hernandez**, Senior Fellow and Chair of the Student Working Group on Indigenous Peoples, Georgetown University