

CALL OF THE EARTH LLAMADO DE LA TIERRA

Indigenous Wisdom for Sustainable Livelihoods

An Indigenous Peoples' Initiative on Cultural and Intellectual Property Policy

Side Event on Indigenous Peoples' Practical and Legal Experiences Regarding the Protection of Traditional Knowledge

To all participants of the meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity Ad-Hoc Working Group, 4th meeting on Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS WG 4):

Please join **Call of the Earth Llamado de la Tierra (COE)** for short presentations on "*Indigenous Peoples' Practical and Legal Experiences Regarding the Protection of Traditional Knowledge*".

This event will profile indigenous peoples' legal experiences regarding the protection of traditional knowledge in various countries/regions. Short presentations will be made by:

- Mr Rodrigo de la Cruz (Kichwa, Ecuador) on the Andean regional project for the protection of traditional knowledge;
- Mr Alejandro Argumedo (Quechua, Peru) on a proposal for a sui-generis model of protection for indigenous knowledge based on customary law; and
- Ms Le'a Kanehe (Kanaka Maoli, Hawaii) on the legal experiences of a few North American tribes, including their concerns, strategies and tools for the protection of traditional knowledge and cultural property within their own legal systems. Le'a will also provide an overview of a model law, the Indigenous Research Protection Act, designed for tribes interested in establishing codified legal protections within their own tribal jurisdiction based on their inherent sovereignty and right of self-determination.

Date/ Time: Thursday 2 February 2006, 13:15 – 14:45

Venue: Room # Albeniz (level 2), Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos de Granada

Moderator: Mr Alejandro Argumedo, COE Co-Chair (Quechua, Peru)

Simultaneous translation to/from English and Spanish will be provided. Light refreshments will also be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Alejandro Argumedo & Aroha Te Pareake Mead

*Co-Chairs, Call of the Earth Llamado de la Tierra**

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