

# HOW TO PROMOTE THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES IN DIVIDED ENVIRONMENTS?

## MAIN PROTAGONISTS OF THIS MEETING



### COICA

Coordination of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin COICA, it coordinates international efforts, dreams and ideals of many nationalities, peoples and indigenous organizations in the Amazon Basin, in order to promote, defend and exercise the right to life, fundamental part of nature and of the universe. Since 2002, COICA is a member of the Consultative Council of Indigenous Peoples of the Andean Community. In 2003, it acquired the ECOSOC status and in 2004 was recognized as "civil society" by the Organization of American States. COICA promotes: interaction between organizations, indigenous peoples and defends territorial claims, self-determination and respect for indigenous rights.



### CAOI

Andean Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations CAO I, is a coordination of Andean indigenous organizations of Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Colombia. It was established in 2006 at its founding congress held in Cusco, Peru. Its main objective is the full realization of the rights of indigenous peoples, particularly self-determination, land, consultation, prior free and informed consent; against the criminalization of their demands and the militarization of their territories. Its central proposal is the construction of Good Living and multinational states. CAO I does research and works for the reconstitution of indigenous peoples and their continental articulation with all social movements. It also develops alternative advocacy in international forums.



### CPO

Council of Peoples of the Western highlands of Guatemala CPO, is a joint effort of fourteen institutions of indigenous peoples (linguistic communities) of Maya origin whose territories are located in departments of western Guatemala. The CPO is being coordinated in search of recognition and full exercise of their collective rights. The CPO provides information, makes visible the struggles and demands of the people, promotes legal actions under the country's legal framework and political actions before the international community.

## FACILITATORS:

CEADESC

*Centro de Estudios Aplicados a los Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales*

### CEADESC

Center for Applied Studies on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, seeks to contribute to a better cohesive society around the exercise of a democratic culture in Bolivia, where human rights, particularly the collective rights of indigenous peoples-are guaranteed. The CEADESC also seeks public participation and transparency in the formulation and monitoring of public policies promoting the rights of communities to self-determination and autonomy, the practice of rights to information and communication, gender equality and non-discrimination; and respect for nature and its rights.



### DUTCH PLATFORM AGAINST IMPUNITY

It is a network of non-governmental organizations of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, since 2002, seeks to develop best practices for the protection and defense of human rights of Guatemalans through lobbying based on the voices and experiences of groups or communities whose rights have been violated or are at risk, seeking to convince relevant international actors to support and promote local and multilateral policies more effectively. Its interventions are complementary to those led by local organizations. Facilitates meetings between representatives of indigenous movement organizations and diplomatic missions and the systematization of experiences and identification of lessons learned in the field, under the consideration that the development of partnerships and joint actions strengthens both local and international actors.

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### DIAKONIA

Diakonia is an international organization that works with local partners in the search for sustainable change to the most vulnerable. The organization's headquarters is in Stockholm, Sweden, was founded in 1966 as a structure within the ecumenical movement of the Free Churches of Sweden. Work with male and female subjects of rights (women, youth, indigenous peoples, community organizations, foundations, churches, networks, etc.), and with those who have obligations (religious leaders, politicians, public servants, representatives of international and multilateral institutions, among others). From the strategy and the notion of change, Diakonia assumes the role of partner and companion, which requires building of alliances with partner organizations, based not only on the coincidence of interests and strategies to respond to them, but in relationships of respect and long-term commitment.



### HIVOS

A free, fair and sustainable world. This is what Hivos aspires, the Humanist Institute for Cooperation to Development. Together with local organizations in developing countries, Hivos seeks a world in which citizens - women and men - have equal access to the media and development opportunities. It is a non-governmental organization inspired by humanist values. Some of its key values are human dignity and self-determination, rejection of dogma and authoritarian systems, and a sense of mutual solidarity. The organization feels united to poor and marginalized people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Hivos aims at sustainable improvement of their situation, especially the strengthening of the social position of women. It is part of the network CIFCA and the Dutch Platform against Impunity.



### CORDAID

Cordaid is a Dutch Catholic organization for cooperation to development that works in more than thirty countries in the world to fight poverty. With a network of almost a thousand partner organizations in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Develops programs about discriminated minorities in situations of exclusion and poverty, women and violence, disaster prevention and help, reconciliation and reconstruction in post-conflict countries. It is part of the Catholic network CIDSE and the Dutch Platform against Impunity.

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