


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				"Global"
Project Name	Strengthening Governance Systems and Indigenous Women's Networks			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	International Indigenous Women's Forum/Foro Internacional de Mujeres Indígenas			Grant ID: 2595
Co-lead Org				
Thematic Area(s)	Political Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Decision Making Participation of Indigenous Women at global level			
Grant Amount	\$300,000	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2010	
Total Budget	\$300,000			



Partner Agencies	
Government	0
Civil Society	Enlace: Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas; Asian Indigenous Women's Network; North American Indigenous Women's Network; Continental Network of Indigenous Women; African Indigenous Women's Network; Autonomous Regional Government of Nicaragua.

Programme Summary
The primary objective is to engage relevant stakeholders in dialogue, consultation and advocacy in order to infuse gender equality perspectives into the work of the indigenous people's movement and indigenous governance systems. Through the strengthening of indigenous women's networks, the programme will increase indigenous women's participation, visibility and leadership capacity at the local, regional and international level.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
Plan de Accion de la Segunda Decada de los Pueblos Indigenas	International Commitments	2005	Gender Mainstreaming	High
Declaracion de las Naciones Unidas sobre los Derechos de los Pueblos Indigenas	International Commitments		Gender Mainstreaming	High
Recomendaciones (500) emitidas por el Foro Permanente para las Cuestiones Indigenas	International Commitments	2003	Gender Mainstreaming	High

General Programme Goal
Indigenous women networks in various regions are strengthened by improving their organizational, leadership and coordination capacities, and increasing their active participation in decision-making forums at national, regional and international level.

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: Indigenous women's organizations actively participate in various decision-making forums at national and local level, strengthening their leadership and advocacy. capacities.
Outcome 2: FIMI Regional networks of indigenous women, strengthened their organizational capacities and improved their global coordination.
Outcome 3: Indigenous women's organizations actively participate in various areas of decision-making at regional and international levels, strengthening their leadership and advocacy skills.

Main Achievements

During this first year, tangible progress towards the programme goal included facilitating the participation of women in decision making at the international level (such as the consultation process prior to the General Assembly of United Nations; through thematic tables at the MDG Summit + 10 and through coordination among organizations such as the preparatory meeting to Sixth Continental Meeting of Indigenous Women of the Americas).

These initiatives have increased the organizational capacity, knowledge and ability to influence decision-making at the national, regional, international levels and have complemented the process of strengthening, coordination and leadership among indigenous organizations.

Indigenous leaders developed targeted advocacy strategies for the UN General Assembly and the thematic tables at the MDG Summit +10, to ensure the visibility of their demands. As a result, the final outcome document included six explicit references to indigenous peoples, reaffirming that States must, according to international law, take steps to ensure respect and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples based on equality and non-discrimination, and recognize the value and diversity of their distinct identities, cultures and social organization.

Key Highlights

The dialogue between decision makers and indigenous leaders has allowed the latter to strategically position their priorities to strengthen their advocacy skills in relation to processes that affect them.