



Global Workshop on Human Rights Strategies For Indigenous Leaders

Dejusticia and the Observatory on Racial Discrimination announce a call for applications to the First Global Workshop on Human Rights Strategies for Indigenous Leaders. The Workshop will take place in Colombia in December 2017.

Workshop Organizers

Dejusticia is a Colombia-based NGO working on strengthening the rule of law and promoting human rights in Colombia and across the Global South.

Dejusticia has work in the following issue areas: anti-discrimination; economic, social, and cultural rights; rule of law, environmental justice; judicial systems; and transitional justice.

Our focus has three components: the production of knowledge that supports a deeper understanding of the systematic failures and rights violations; support for public policy development through action campaigns, strategic litigation, participation in media and academic debates, and human rights education. For more information, see: www.dejusticia.org

The Observatorio de Discriminación Racial (ODR) is a project created by the Black Communities' Process (PCN), the Program on Global Justice and Human Rights at the University of the Andes, and the Center for the Study of Law, Justice and Society (Dejusticia). The objective of the ODR is to provide legal support and academic research for interventions in academic and public policy debates, as well as legal cases, around racial discrimination in the Global South.

ODR materials are created for use by communities, activists, students, academics, state institutions, and private sector actors who are interested in racial justice. For more information, see: www.odracial.org

The Workshop (December 2017)

The First Global Workshop on Human Rights Strategies for Indigenous Leaders will be focused on the theme of indigenous communities' rights to participation and territory in the context of extractive industry. We invite applications from indigenous leaders from the Global South who are involved in the defense of their rights and those of their communities with respect to the protection of their lands, territories, and ways of life in their regions.

We understand this theme as a broad umbrella that will allow each of the leaders to share their experiences, work, and modes of mobilization for the protection of their rights against the actions of the state and private actors that affect them.

Fifteen leaders from America, Africa, and Asia will be selected to participate in the Workshop.

The Workshop will take place from **December 9-16, 2017 in indigenous territory in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in northern Colombia.** Over the course of the Workshop, participants will take part in sessions on strategic litigation, social mobilization, multimedia communications, and advocacy around human rights and indigenous rights. The Workshop will include discussion sessions as well as fieldwork. The sessions will be led by social leaders and international experts with experience in activism and research around indigenous rights.

Objectives

The Workshop has three main objectives. First, it seeks to **strengthen alliances and connections** between activists and indigenous organizations from the Global South. Second, it seeks to **strengthen participants' skills in**

analysis, advocacy, and mobilization, through sessions focused on collective learning and reflection on these issues. Finally, the Workshop seeks to **build a global strategy** for the defense and promotion of indigenous rights.

Participant Profile

Dejusticia and the Observatory on Racial Discrimination invite applications from indigenous leaders who work on the defense of their rights and those of their communities. Applicants should be between 25 and 40 years old and affiliated with an indigenous group or organization. Participants should be interested in building their knowledge around the defense and promotion of indigenous rights, increasing their networks of solidarity around different causes, and participating in a long-term legal and political strategy.



Cost

All costs related to travel, lodging, food, and materials for the Workshop will be covered for participants.

The costs of the Workshop and follow-up work are possible thanks to support from the **Ford Foundation.**

Requirements and Procedure

There will be translation in English and Spanish during the Workshop. Applicants must be proficient in at least one of these languages.

Applicants should send:

1. One letter of recommendation from the indigenous organization to which the applicant belongs. This letter should include the name of the applicant, his or her role in the organization, and his or her main responsibilities. (Please send the document in Word or PDF format.)
2. A written description (maximum two pages, 12 point font, 1.5 spaced) of one of the cases on which the applicant is working. This should include the applicant's role in the case, the strategy the case is following and the results (achieved or hoped for). (Please send the document in Word or PDF format.)
3. Resume/CV. (Please send the document in Word or PDF format.)

Application materials should be sent to the Center for Information on Prior Consultation at consultaprevia@dejusticia.org by June 10, 2017.