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## Indigenous World Today: International news summary



Servindi, November the 7th, 2016.- We share our international news summary with some of the highlights of the week in the indigenous and environmental issues around the world. Free reproduction and diffusion is allowed. All rights are shared.

The current summary has been recorded with the participation of Yannik Boserup.

**Indigenous World Today - November the 7th, 2016** (You can download the audio by right-clicking on the "Play" button and then "Save Audio As...").

**Climate change.** Award-winning actor Leonardo DiCaprio's and directors Martin Scorsese and Fisher Stevens documentary "Before it is too late" was broadcasted worldwide on October the 30th.

The documentary was broadcasted on Nat Geo channels and is available on Youtube to generate a massive awareness of climate change on the planet.

It also presents how different factors are contributing to increasing the greenhouse effect.

Among the most striking data exposed it points, for example, that there are 700 million houses cooking with biomass and that the United States is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases in history.

It also mentions how plantations intended for the production of palm oil - one of the cheapest oils -



are destroying forests because this brings great profits to companies that use it.

DiCaprio, who stars in the film assuming the role of a reporter, explains that what is sought is showing solutions that can be reached with political will.

**Murder of journalists.** The United Nations Organization for Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) condemned the killing of more than 800 journalists since 2006 in the world.

Only seven percent of the total cases have been resolved.

Protection of professionals and the fight against impunity are part of one of the goals of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

One of the goals is to "ensure public access to information and protecting fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international agreements."

The Committee for Protection of Journalists (CPJ) reported this year's impunity index that ranks countries according to the number of journalists killed in the last decade.

**Meat and forests.** The Global Forest Coalition considered that the Committee on World Food Security of the United Nations doesn't adequately address the environmental impact of livestock production.

He said that the Committee's recommendations do not add anything to the commitments on climate change that call for a radical transformation in the livestock sector.

The director of the Coalition considered it necessary to adopt ambitious, concrete and quantifiable measures to limit excessive consumption of meat and other animal products by wealthy elites.

It is estimated that the livestock sector produces 14.5 percent of global emissions of greenhouse gases, and are a key cause of deforestation.

**U.S.** The momentary halting of construction of a pipeline in Dakota because of indigenous resistance, put into discussion the possibility of applying prior consultation invoking the Convention 169 of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

This, thanks to the Organization of American States (OAS) signing of the American Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in mid-2016.

The people in it is protected through the prior consultation, provided that a project collides with their ancestral heritage, such as the Sioux Indians.

**Ecuador.** Two rapporteurs, one of the United Nations and one of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, warned about the effects on the implementation of the Law on Communications in Ecuador.

Since its entry into force in 2013, the rapporteurs have observed that this rule has been an instrument to intervene and punish media content, especially when they question the government.

Therefore, they urged the authorities to bring national legislation to international standards in this area.

**Food slavery.** Large transnational corporations continue to influence eating habits with their economic power and control in food production, seeking to impose GM crops.

This was noted in an article by Harold Calvo Reyes, Alliance Identity Seed's coordinator.

Reyes said the influence of transnational companies causes damage to the environment and health of people.



**Millonaire loans.** The National Bank for Economic and Social Development of Brazil became the millionaire lender builders in the 'Lavajato' case according to the website Ojo-Publico.com

Thus, infrastructure projects in 11 countries in Latin America and 3 in Africa are linked to the largest corruption case of businessmen and politicians in the region case.

The research concludes that 99 percent of loans over US \$ 14 billion financed a handful of companies or affiliates of Odebrecht, Camargo Correa, Andrade Gutierrez, Queiroz Galvao and OAS.

**Amazon.** Thanks to the vapor rivers send from the Amazon to the Pacific coasts, these are not deserts, explains scientist Antonio Donato Nobre.

His research shows that there are real steam rivers running over the Amazon jungle and carry moisture to the continent.

In the study "Climate Future of the Amazon," Donato reveals that forests regulate the biological dynamics that keep precipitation, humidity and climate balance in the continent.

**Amazon Summit.** Mandate approved at the third Amazon Summit, which brought together indigenous representatives from nine countries in the region, committed to a policy of underground oil and cessation of megaprojects.

It also condemns the extractive activities and highlights the value of standing forests and other ecosystems protected by indigenous communities.

Participants felt that all Amazonian people should participate in decisions made about the protection of biodiversity.

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