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Indigenous peoples present climate change proposals

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Servindi, 24 July, 2014.- The Unity Pact of Indigenous Organizations of Peru has proposed to implement climate change adaptation policies with a programmed budget based on agreed, clear and measurable indicators.

The fight against climate change should be reflected in the National Budget, said a Unity Pact spokesman. "Let's not confuse public expenditure on adaptation with other usual expenses in infrastructure or public services."

Ideally, these climate change indicators should be developed before the 2015 National Budget is approved.

Another proposal was to create a fund as insurance for those directly affected by climate change, and to address the damages it may cause to health, agriculture, water and food.

These proposals were presented by the Unity Pact of Indigenous Organizations, a strategic collective of national indigenous organizations, at a press conference on Monday 21, at the National Agrarian Confederation building in Cercado de Lima.

Joint public action

At the institutional and policy level the Pact proposed to build a state policy addressing climate change, expressed in a comprehensive, multi-sectoral and long-term policy framework.

This policy must be expressed in the Climate Change Act and the National Strategy for Climate Change, and build upon consensus with civil society and indigenous peoples in a transparent manner, Pact spokesmen said

In this sense, the way the Peruvian state is trying to pass both laws without sufficient debate was questioned.

One major request is that the state organizes the three levels of government -central, regional and local- and the various ministerial sectors in a coherent way, in order to take effective and concerted action on climate change.

For this purpose it is essential to reactivate the National Climate Change Commission, ensuring adequate indigenous and civil society participation, someone said

The Pact also demanded adequate participation of indigenous peoples in the development and implementation of policies and action plans on climate change, particularly emphasizing the participation of indigenous women.

Approaches and themes for a national climate agenda



The Unity Pact intends to implement cross-cutting approaches to climate change which take into account the holistic view of the indigenous peoples.

Climate change is not only a problem of the environment, resources or greenhouse gas emissions, but of social, economic and power relations that harm Mother Earth.

Therefore the Pact proposes seven approaches: human rights, eco-systemic, territorial, differentiated and intercultural, gender, generational, multi-stakeholder and comprehensive.

It also proposes five topics: a) Protecting the diversity of ecosystems with territorial governance; b) Reducing climate vulnerability and manage risk to protect life and health, c) Prioritizing community-based adaptation for a territorial resilience, d) Protecting the water, agriculture and food for a healthy lifestyle, and e) Public policy to build a Good Living society low carbon.

On the way to the People's Summit

The meeting of the Unity Pact with partner organizations was a good occasion to discuss the strategy and progress in organizing the Alternative Summit of Indigenous Peoples, which will be held in parallel to the forthcoming COP20 UN Climate Conference in Lima in December.

The Alternative Summit of Indigenous Peoples is an autonomous space for indigenous peoples to meet and share knowledge, experiences and proposals, looking for synergies and opportunities to work together.

Its purpose is to mobilize and raise awareness among civil society and the public about the impact of climate change, particularly on food security and food sovereignty.

The Pact also reported on the progress made regarding its coordination with international delegations from Via Campesina and the Latin American Coordination of Rural Organizations and their participation in the alternative summit.

Delegations from Mexico, Bolivia, Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Uruguay and Indonesia have already confirmed that they will participate.

It was also announced that preparations for the Alternative Summit have been enhanced on the basis of democratic, transparent and respectful common work with other organizations such as the National Association of Ecological Producers (ANPE) and the Alliance of Agricultural Organizations.

A proposed working methodology was explained and a draft of the Summit program proposed. The "Global Mobilization in Defense of Mother Earth", scheduled for 10th December, is intended to be the most important political event.

All sectors of civil society - trade unions, universities, grassroots organizations, and youth and children groups - will join the march.

The Unity Pact... camino hacia el Buen Vivir

The purpose of the Pact is to strengthen the national indigenous movement and build joint proposals on the way to exercise self-determination, practice "Buen Vivir" ("Good Living"), and live the "Plena Vida" ("Full Life") as it is understood by Peru's indigenous peoples and communities.

The generic term indigenous or native peoples include various ways of organization: peasant and indigenous communities, rondas campesinas, rural organizations and associations, among others, which self-identify and are recognized as indigenous.

The Unity Pact consists of the following organizations:



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- [Peasant Confederation of Peru \(CCP\)](#) [3]
- [National Organization of Andean and Amazonian Indigenous Women of Peru \(ONAMIAP\)](#) [4]
- [National Union of Aymara Communities \(UNCA\)](#) [5]
- [National Federation of Peasant, Artisans, Indigenous and Native Women of Peru \(FENMUCARINAP\)](#) [6]
- [National Unitary Center of Rondas Campesinas of Peru \(CUNARC\)](#) [7]

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