

High-Level International Seminar Indigenous Peoples' Economic Autonomy: Structural Challenges and Global Opportunities

October 5 and 6, 2026 · Mexico City

DAY 1: Conceptual frameworks, structural challenges and public action

08:30 – 09:00 | Participant registration

09:00 – 09:30 | Ceremony

Scheduled participation:

Traditional opening ceremony - Ernestina Ortiz Peña

09:30 – 10:30 | Inaugural session and opening remarks: context and objectives

Opening remarks:

High-level representative - Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (SHCP)

High-level representative - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE)

Mtra. María del Rocío Mejía Flores - Financial Institution for Well-Being (FINABIEN)

Lic. Adelfo Regino Montes - National Institute of Indigenous Peoples (INPI)

William Wiseman - The World Bank

10:30 – 11:45 | **PANEL 1: Contributions of Indigenous Peoples and enabling regulatory frameworks**

Participants:

Adelfo Regino Montes - National Institute of Indigenous Peoples (INPI)

Francisco Nocamea Hernández - National Council of Indigenous Peoples

Sagrario Zamora Jiménez - National Institute of Indigenous Peoples (INPI)

Armando Wuoriyu - Permanent Roundtable of Indigenous Peoples, Colombia

Moderator: Erika Poblano - National Institute of Indigenous Peoples (INPI)



DAY 1: Continued

11:45 – 13:00 | PANEL 2: Breaking down structural barriers of inequality and linkage with the wealth of Indigenous Peoples

Participants:

Darío Mejía - Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC)

Eduardo Juárez - Oaxaca State Council of Coffee Producers

Representative of Finance and Public Credit - Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (SHCP)

Moderator: Representative of the Development Banking Unit - Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (SHCP)

13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch and visit to the Indigenous Business Expo

14:30 – 15:45 | PANEL 3: Public policies for the economic autonomy of Indigenous Peoples: Mexico

Participants:

Saúl Vicente - United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

Abiel Cano - Hispanus / Mexican migrant entrepreneur in Houston, USA

Hugolino Mendoza Sánchez - National Institute of Indigenous Peoples (INPI)

Rocío Mejía - Financial Institution for Well-Being (FINABIEN)

Moderator: Rigoberta Menchú - Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, SRE

15:45 – 17:00 | PANEL 4: Public policies for the economic autonomy of Indigenous Peoples: International experience

Participants:

Eduardo Bitrán - Adolfo Ibáñez University / Espacio Público / CODELCO, Chile

Tane Waetford - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand

Javier Díaz Fajardo - Finance in Common (FiCS)

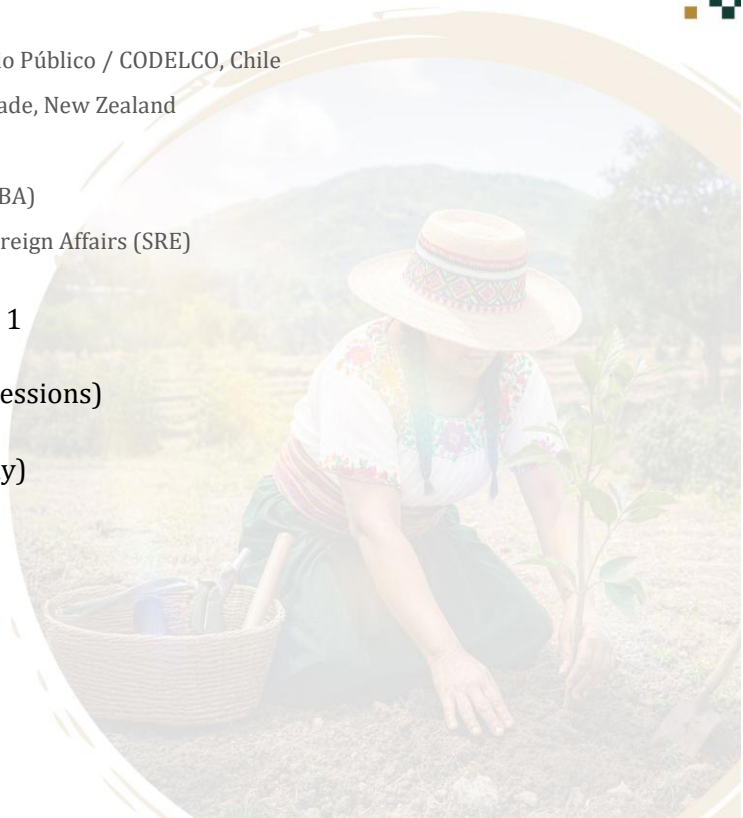
Darren Godwell - Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)

Moderator: Farid Hannan Goyri - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE)

17:00 – 17:30 | Open dialogue and reflections on Day 1

17:30 – 18:00 | Structured networking (iB2iB/iB2G sessions)

Indigenous Business Expo (open throughout the day)



DAY 2: Experiences, financing, sustainability and innovation

09:00 – 09:10 | Day 1 recap

09:10 – 10:30 | **PANEL 5: Experiences of Indigenous entrepreneurs**

Participants:

José Bernardo Salinas Vázquez - Au'dam Industrial Forestry Company, Durango

Víctor Manuel Rodríguez Matuzima - Union of Cooperatives of the Mixe Renaissance

Alma Rosa Guadalupe Rivera - Uarhiti Anchikuriricha Indigenous Women's Fund, Michoacán

Sergio Alejandro Guzmán Barrios

Community Forest Enterprises of Petén, Guatemala (ACOFOP)

Felipe Mincitar Velázquez - Indigenous Community of Nuevo San Juan de Parangaricutiro, Michoacán

Francisco Valencia - Popocatepetl Regional Indigenous Fund

Moderator: Mtra. Rocío Mejía - Financial Institution for Well-Being (FINABIEN)

10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break and networking at the Expo

11:00 – 12:30 | **PANEL 6: Access to financing for Indigenous Peoples**

Participants:

Sebastián Cantuarias - The World Bank

FNBC Representative - First Nations Bank of Canada

Tiffany Sacks - First Nations Financial Management Board (FNFMB), Canada

Ernest Daniels - First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA), Canada

Rocío Mejía - Financial Institution for Well-Being (FINABIEN)

Moderator: Germán Freire - The World Bank

12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch and visit to the Indigenous Business Expo



DAY 2: Continued

14:00 – 15:30 | **PANEL 7: Green finance: investments for sustainability and decarbonization**

Participants:

Roberto de León Huerta - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE)

Efraín Maheda García - National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR)

Ramiro Batzin - International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB/FIIB)

Josep Gari - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Geneva

Moderator: Katharina Siegmann - The World Bank

15:30 – 16:00 | **Closing session:** Towards a global agenda for Indigenous economic autonomy

16:00 – 17:00 | Structured networking (B2B/B2G sessions)

Indigenous Business Expo (open throughout the day)

