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A MEETING TO STRENGTHEN THE TRANSMISSION OF ANCESTRAL KNOWLEDGE



In Puyo, Pastaza, the Workshop for the Structuring of the **Ancestral Knowledge Transmission Program** was held, a space for exchange and learning with the participation of women from NASHE and Amupakin.

This workshop is part of the five axes of the project Amazonía Esencia Viva, led by the Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica (COICA), with the support of Conservation International and financing from the government of France.

One of its key achievements was the joint construction of a digital repository to document ways of transmitting ancestral knowledge, making the role of women visible and coordinating efforts with government institutions to strengthen public policies to safeguard it.

The participants structured the four modules of the Ancestral Knowledge Transmission Program:

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- Safeguarding of ancestral knowledge.
- Medicinal use of plants.
- Transmission of knowledge through the chagra/aja.
- Public policies and protection of ancestral knowledge.

This workshop reinforces the preservation and transmission of Amazonian peoples' knowledge for future generations.



AMAZONIAN INDIGENOUS WOMEN STRENGTHEN THEIR VOICE IN ADVOCACY COMMUNICATION



The training program **Elevating Territorial Voices**, aimed at community communicators and indigenous leaders of the Amazon basin, is successfully advancing. This course, taught in Spanish, English and Portuguese, strengthens skills in political communication strategy and production of key content for the defense of indigenous rights and the Amazon.

Experts in communication, filmography, storytelling and indigenous rights have guided participants in militant communication strategies and the creation of effective content for political advocacy.

From strategic storytelling to the production of reports and testimonials, each module is designed to empower indigenous women communicators in debate and decision-making.

This effort reaffirms the commitment to leadership and the visibility of indigenous voices, ensuring that their message transcends borders and generates real impact.



INDIGENOUS ECONOMY: THE PATH TO THE CONSERVATION OF THE AMAZON AND THE PROGRESS OF COMMUNITIES



Amazonian indigenous peoples face a vision of development that threatens their natural resources and violates their rights. It is essential to promote inclusive biodevelopment that respects their worldview and principles of life.

The indigenous economy strengthens territorial governance and allows access to direct financing. One example is the **Amazon Fund for Life, created in partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank**, which demonstrates the possibility of establishing international alliances for the benefit of communities.

Another key initiative is the Regional Bioenterprise Incubator, formed by COICA and NESsT, which supports sustainable enterprises in the Amazon through training, financing and technical assistance.

The commitment of the indigenous organizations is clear: to strengthen their communities and generate responsible actions in defense of the Amazon. It is essential to continue raising our voices so that words are transformed into action.

WE PROTECT OUR AMAZON THROUGH THE CHAKRAS



Thanks to mechanisms such as the Holistic Agreements for a Full Life, indigenous peoples have accessed direct financing from global climate funds. This has made it possible to restore degraded areas and strengthen Amazonian bioenterprises.

In Ecuador, in the San Jacinto del Pindo community (Pastaza), we implemented the chakra approach with native species identified by the community. In Colombia, with ASOPAMURIMAJSA (Guaviare), we developed an agroforestry mechanism that integrates cultural and horticultural activities.

Chakras are more than cultivation spaces: they are key territories for the transmission of ancestral knowledge and the preservation of indigenous identity. However, extractive activities such as mining and deforestation threaten their balance.

From COICA, together with indigenous organizations, we work on the restoration of degraded hectares, promoting the planting of timber, fruit and medicinal species in harmony with nature. It is not only a matter of reforesting, but of planting with meaning, ensuring diversity of species and a balanced harvest.

The restoration of chakras and chagras is a way to protect our Amazon, Living Essence.







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