



INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON: PARLIAMENTS AND THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Jointly organized by the Plurinational Legislative Assembly of Bolivia and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

7 - 9 April 2014 – Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

AGENDA

- 1. The current legislative framework for the rights of indigenous peoples, including the 2007 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Expected outcomes of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in September 2014.**

Participants will examine the provisions of the UN Declaration, assess the extent to which it has responded to the expectations and rights of indigenous peoples identify lessons learnt and flag issues that need to be addressed during and after the next World Conference.

- 2. Parliamentary action to promote the rights of indigenous peoples.**

Participants will identify the role of parliaments: what parliaments have done and are doing to follow up on the Chiapas Declaration adopted at the International Parliamentary Conference on minorities and indigenous peoples in November 2010. They will identify relevant good practice as well as challenges.

- 3. Free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC)**

FPIC is a basic right to be observed in the process of making decisions and devising policies that affect indigenous peoples. Participants will review how this right is observed or is not observed, what the challenges are and how they can be overcome.

- 4. Parliamentary contribution to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples**

The World Conference will take place in the context of the UN General Assembly in September. Participants will agree on the message that should be conveyed to that conference identifying what parliaments should do in implementing its outcome. They will want to identify how the rights of indigenous peoples will be promoted in the post-2015 development agenda.