

# 1993 YEAR OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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Nabguana, Panama  
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## Second Continental Encounter of Indigenous Nations and Organizations

The fifth meeting of the Continental Commission of Indigenous Nations (CONIC) took place from April 2-4, 1993, in the Ceremonial Center Ixacacal Guardia, in Quitana Roo, Mexico.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue preparations for the Second Continental Encounter, a follow-up to the First Continental Encounter of Indigenous Nations and Organizations which took place in Quito, Ecuador in July 1990. At the April meeting, it was decided that the Second Continental Encounter will take place from October 8 - 13 1993 in the Otomi - Nahuatl Ceremonial Center in the State of Mexico.

The aims of the Second Continental Encounter are:

- To promote Indian unity on a Continental level, upon the basis of our own spirituality, wisdom, traditional organization and political philosophy;
- To create systems of communication and coordination on a continental level;
- To propose viable alternatives and solutions, based upon self-determination, which address the issues facing our people.

The main themes for the Second Encounter are:

1. Spirituality and Tradition
2. Self-determination, Legislation, and Indigenous Rights
3. Land Rights, Development, and the Environment
4. Women, Family, and Community
5. Education, Culture and Youth
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An international organizing committee with representatives from six regions was formed to plan the Encounter. More than 300 hundred delegates and guests are expected to participate. The participation of spiritual leaders, women, and young people is strongly encouraged.

Given the historical pattern of domination of the South by the governments of the North, it seems very fitting that this effort to create Continental Indigenous Unity is being initiated by the Indigenous people of South and Meso America. Yet our unity will not be complete without the participation of our Indigenous brothers and sisters of the North. Any North American Indigenous communities and organizations that would like to send a representative to this meeting, please contact SAIIC or:

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A detailed outline for the Encounter can be obtained from SAIIC.