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## AGENDA FOR THE SEMINAR ON

### Indigenous Governance and Democracy in the Americas

Date: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
International Development Research Centre -- IDRC (250 Albert, Ottawa)  
Boardroom/Nayudamma, 14<sup>th</sup> floor  
9:00 - 16:00 hrs.

**Registration: 9:00 – 9:30**

**First section: Indigenous Peoples in Latin America -- Chair: Oscar del Alamo**

**9:30 – 10:00 Ivan Ignacio** (Consejo Andino de Naciones Originarias-CANO/ Andean Council of First Nations): The Sacred Duality of Couples within the Indigenous Social Structure and Decision-Making Process in the Andes -- La Sagrada Dualidad de la Pareja en la Estructura Social Indígena y la Toma de Decisiones en los Andes

**10:00–10:30 Tomas Alarcón** (Comisión Jurídica para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos / Legal Commission for the Development of Andean First Nations, Peru): The Ayllu, the Basic Social Unit of the Aymara People – El Ayllu, la Unidad Básica Social del Pueblo Aymara

**10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break**

**10:45 – 11:15 Lorenza Laynes** Reynoso (Fundación Rigoberta Menchu Tum / Rigoberta Menchu Tum Foundation): El Rol de la Mujer en la Gobernabilidad Indígena en Guatemala The Role of Indigenous Women within Indigenous Governance in Guatemala –

**11:15 – 11:45 Oscar del Alamo** (Instituto Internacional de Gobernabilidad, España / International Institute on Governance, Spain): Indígenas, Democracia y Gobernabilidad en la Región Andina Indigenous Peoples, Democracy, and Governance in the Andean Region

**11:45 – 12:30** Question & Answer Period

**Lunch: 12:30 – 13:30**

**Second section: Indigenous Peoples in Canada -- Chair: Patrick Brazeau**

**13:30 – 14:00 Brian Selmeski**, Royal Military College of Canada / Colegio Militar Real de Canadá: Presentation of the RMCC project in Bolivia -- Presentación del Proyecto del CMRC en Bolivia

**14:00 – 14:30 Patrick Brazeau** (Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, Canada / Congreso de los Pueblos Indígenas, Canadá): Indigenous Governance and Democracy in Canada – Gobernabilidad Indígena y Democracia en Canadá

**14:30 – 15:00 Marilyn Whitaker** (Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Canada / Departamento de Asuntos Indígenas y del Norte, Canadá): Aboriginal Self-Governance: Canadian and International Experiences – La Autogobernabilidad Indígena: Experiencias Canadienses e Internacionales

**15:00 – 16:00** Question/Answer Period & Closing Remarks

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