Brief Summary of Seminar

On February 1-2, 2007 FOCAL carried out a seminar on Governance and the Extractive Industries on Indigenous Territories in partnership with CooperAcción and the Consorcio de Investigación Económica y Social – CIES. The objective of the seminar was to identify elements that contribute to equitable and sustainable development on Indigenous and Campesino territories. Ninety-one participants from the public and private sector, Indigenous and Campesino communities, academics, and civil-society organizations took part in the discussions and workshops. Due to the location of the seminar and because the seminar focused on the Peruvian context, the majority of participants were from Peru. Regardless of the focus on the Peruvian context, the seminar sought to compare knowledge and experiences with representatives from Guatemala and Ecuador. Representation from Ecuador was greatly limited due to the recent change in Government in that country.

A select group of panelists representing businesses, the government, Indigenous organizations, and Civil Society from Peru, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Canada presented their perspectives and experiences on the topic of the seminar. Emphasis was given to the conflicts originating from the mining, oil, and gas industries.

The debates allowed for an appreciation of the present situation and practices with relation to the Extractive Industries and the expectations for a process of dialogue that benefits all the actors involved.

Topics Discussed:

1. The extractive industries and governance in Peru: Mining, oil and gas, public policy, laws, decision making, and the use of natural resources
   - Extractive industries on Indigenous territories and governance in Peru: public policies in terms of human dignity: Mercedes Manrique
   - The ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Groups: rights of consultation and participation in the use of natural resources: Wulile Ruiz Figueroa
   - International reflections on governance in relation to the extractive industries: the case of Peru

2. Community and civil society involvement in the extractive industries
   - Community and civil society involvement in the extractive industries: Juana Kuramoto (Group for the Analysis of Development – GRADE)
   - Community and civil society involvement and social management: Alan Dabas (Social Capital Group)
   - A vision for community and civil society involvement and Social Responsibility: Peruvian cases: Ludwig Huber (Institute for Peruvian Studies – IEP)
3. Governance, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and good practices
   - PDAC, e3 and Corporate Social Responsibility: Ian Thomson
   - The Granja Project in the region of Cajamarca, Peru: Anne Marie Harman (Rio Tinto Inc.)
   - The District of Baños del Inca: an experience in the investment of the benefits from the mining Canon: José Pajares (former mayor of Baños de Inca)

4. Case studies and the guarantees sought by communities
   - The perspective of the Confederation of Amazonian Nations of Peru – CONAP on governance and the extractive industries on Indigenous territories: Cesar Sarasara
   - The Institute for the Development of Andean, Amazonian, and Afro-Peruvian Communities – INDEPA: Rodrigo Ojeda
   - The impacts of mining on communities: Luis Riofrío (National Confederation of Peruvian Communities Affected by Mining – CONACAMI)

5. Initiatives for the prevention of conflicts
   - Towards sustainable mining: Building capacities through outreach services: Pierre Gratton (Mining Association of Canada – MAC)
   - Experiences in conflict prevention and management in a social and environmental context: Cesar Guzmán-Barrón (Center for Conflict Analysis and Resolution)

6. Experiences: Guatemala and Ecuador – a vision towards the future and opportunities for inclusion and dialogue
   - The Achuar Nation of Ecuador – NAE and its development vision: Anibal Klay Santi
   - Mining in Guatemala: Jorge Antonio García (Ministry of Energy and Mines)

Additional Activities:

During the seminar two Workshops were carried out the help of the Center for Conflict Analysis and Resolution of the Catholic University of Peru.

**Workshop 1**: How to construct a permanent dialogue between Indigenous communities, the government, academia, and the private sector in the context of Social Responsibility?

**Workshop 2**: Mechanisms for the participation of Indigenous communities in the benefits generated by the extractive industries (mining, oil, and gas) in their territories.

A final report on the debates that took place during the seminar and the recommendations from the workshops will follow this summary.