



Telebriefing:

MEGAPROJECTS, SUSTAINABILITY AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA

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Description:

Indigenous communities, from Panama to the farthest reaches of Argentina, often informed only by the arrival of bulldozers, have mounted widespread campaigns to stop "megaprojects" that are encroaching upon their land and rights. Funders discussed these campaigns and how funders can be supportive.

In this telebriefings, funders explored:

- The scale and reach of "megaprojects" in Latin America and how they are impacting indigenous communities and their rights
- A sampling of the campaigns and other strategies employed by indigenous communities to address the impact of megaprojects
- Impressions and actions points from the recent Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development
- Existing grantmaker strategies and entry points for funders seeking to address this issue

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