## VI MEETING COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS ANCESTRAL MEDICINE ORIGINATING FROM ABYA YALA (AMERICAS)

Tezontepec, Hidalgo, Mexico

November 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2023



## **DECLARATION:**

The members of the Council of Ancestral Indigenous Medicine of Abya Yala, present for the Pre-existing Peoples and country: Tayta Shanti Santiago Agui Mendoza (Yaru-Peru), and Mama Bertha Collahua Quechua-Peru); Amauta Wari Rimachi Javier Rios (Quexhua-Argentina), Amauta Kantuta Killa Mariel Camillo (Quechua-Argentina), Grandfather Mazatzin Guadalupe Casas Acosta (Chichimeca-Mexico), Grandfather Ollin Yolotzin Jose Luis Arredondo, (Ñañu'Mexico), Grandmother Rossy Gonez (Mexica, Mexico), Kasike Kalaan Nibonri Kaiman Robert Pairman (Caribe Taino, Jamaica), Grandmother Lory Paoa Huki (Rapa Nui -Chile); ñ, Grandfather Oscar Pakomio (Rapa Nui - Chile), we conclude that:

1) We, the Healers, Healers of Pre-America / Abya Yala, indigenous natives, who practice and continue to awaken the Medicine of our Peoples, which Mother Earth gives us, Propitiating the encounter of the Peoples of the Condor, the Eagle, the Quetzal and the Warawao.

- 2) We reaffirm our commitment to continue on the path of the struggle for knowledge on the part of our brothers and sisters, and recognition of the private and public, academic, and state institutions of the Original Medicines, of the Ancestral Healers, of the Intercultural Health Centers, and of the Practices and Methods transmitted from generation to generation, allowing us to exercise our universal rights, according to the prescriptions of the 169 ILO convention, the rights of the indigenous peoples, of the Intercultural Health Centers, and of the Practices and Methods transmitted from generation to generation, allowing us to exercise our universal rights, according to what is prescribed by agreement 169 OIT, the rights of indigenous peoples of the United Nations UN, and the Organization of American States.
- 3) We understand Ancestral Medicine as a legacy of our Peoples. Therefore, we propose to reaffirm the Knowledge of Ancestral Medicine of each People and Community, as a path to the awakening of the original identity, maintaining the purity and specificity of the Knowledge of each region, and thus work together, united, recognizing the diversity in integration.
- 4) Ancestral Healers and traditional midwives and midwives, we express the need and urgency regarding the recognition of our professional competence that enables us to exercise and practice Ancestral Medicine in the context of public institutional medicine, and primary health care centers. As well as the municipal, provincial and national qualification of the Offices and Intercultural Centers of Original Health.
- 5) The Ancestral Indigenous Medicine of Abya Yala is intimately linked to Indigenous Justice. Therefore, for a people to be healthy and live in harmony in body, spirit and habits, it must develop in an environment of social justice, equal opportunities and access to the means of subsistence, leaving aside the colonized practices of discrimination and unfair competition.
- 6) We reaffirm that the Ancestral Indigenous Medicine of Pre-America / Abya Yala, is one more aspect of the strengthened awakening of our Ancestral Culture, of our Original Identity and of the Codes and Principles bequeathed by our Ancestors, oriented towards balance and good living (Sumaq Kawsay Good Living; Suma Qamaña Living Well; Küme Mongen Good Living Anhankatu Eauno Mora- Ashkan Nikan Semanawan); the principles Ama Qella (not to be lazy), Ama Llulla (not to lie) and Ama Sua (not to steal); and the practice of Ayni (Reciprocity of our Original Peoples).

- 7) We reiterate the recommendation that the Healers, as personal members of the Community, should each work on their own ailments and diseases of the past and present, so that their medicine is complete and reaches all past and future lineages. The Ancestral Medicine Council of Abya Yala will accompany them without judgment, in a healing that strengthens the whole.
- 8) The Council of Indigenous Ancestral Medicine of Abya Yala reaffirms its commitment to accompany, in all concepts related to the Ancient Ancestral Medicine of Pre-America/ Abya Yala, in public health policies of peoples and countries, in social and political, cultural and spiritual processes, and in public and institutional spaces, as a consultative and advisory body.
- 9) The Council of Indigenous Ancestral Medicine of Abya Yala is committed by each of its members to accompany a draft regulation of the Council by country for the next meeting in 2024.
- 10) The venue for the 2024 Meeting of the Council of Indigenous Ancestral Medicine of Abya Yala is fixed in the country of Chile, in the city of Arica, failing that, Ecuador, and as a third possibility, Colombia.
- 11) The self-management character of the Council of Ancestral Indigenous Medicine of Abya Yala is emphasized, pending the treatment of the legal status.

Signed by the present members of the Council of Original Indigenous Medicine of Abya Yala: Tayta Shanti Santiago Agui Mendoza (Yaru -Peru), Grandmother Bertha Collahua (Quechua - Peru), Amauta Wari Rimachi Javier Rios (Quechua - Argentina), Amauta Kantuta Killa Mariel Camillo (Quechua -Argentina), Mazatzin Guadalupe Casas Acosta (Chichimeca - Mexico), Ollin Yolotzin Jose Luis Arredondo (Ñañu - Mexico), Grandmother Rossy Gomez (Mexica - Mexico), Kasike Kalaan Nibonri Kaiman Robert Pairman (Caribe Taino - Jamaica), Grandmother Lory Paoa Huki (Rapa Nui - Chile), Grandfather Oscar Pakomio (Rapa Nui - Chile).