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**Mitsubishi international Corporation Foundation Sponsors
Indigenous Women's Seminar about Climate Change in Colombia**

The Mitsubishi International Corporation Foundation is sponsoring the Third International Seminar on Indigenous Women to be held on September 3, 4 and 5 in Bogota, Colombia. The three day seminar, organized by Colombia's Fundacion Natura together with Colombia's National University and the United Nations, will convene approximately 25 indigenous women from more than twelve countries in Latin America to discuss policies, programs and strategies about climate change control and mitigation - and particularly how climate change affects indigenous women, a voice that is rarely heard on the global stage. The women represent indigenous groups such as the Zapotec community in Mexico all the way to the Mapuche people in Chile. Topics to be discussed at the Seminar include: the Kyoto protocol and the Clean Development Mechanism, impacts of climate change in regions with large Indigenous people's populations and the alimentary effects of climate change. A book will be published as a result of the Seminar and will be utilized to influence the global dialogue about climate change.

Fundacion Natura, based in Bogota, Colombia, since 1983 has been dedicated to conserving nature in Colombia and looking for sustainable uses of the country's rich biodiversity, while contributing to the sustainable development of local communities.

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