



Our Work in the Amazon Region

2009 Highlights

Rights for Nature: Following its groundbreaking success last year in championing the inclusion of legal Rights for Nature in Ecuador's new Constitution, Pachamama, in partnership with the Community of Andean Nations, has initiated a campaign to have Rights for Nature adopted into the legal structures of the other Andean nations of Columbia, Peru and Bolivia.

Climate Change: Pachamama participated, and insured that indigenous voices were involved, in a series of Amazonian regional workshops and international conferences in Norway, Germany and Thailand in the lead-up to the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen this December.

Cross-Border Network: Pachamama hosted the first official meeting of the Cross-Border Network, bringing together indigenous peoples whose territories span the borders of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Brazil to discuss complex common issues of security and environmental protection.

Eco-Tourism: Pachamama provided training for the Achuar in financial and natural resource management aspects of eco-tourism and the financial support for the first group of Achuar students to complete a two-year university program in eco-tourism management. These graduates will play key roles in the future leadership of the Achuar's award winning eco-tourism lodge, Kapawi.


Fish Farming: Pachamama supported the initiation and construction of fish farm projects in 14 communities in Ecuador's Amazon, promoting economic development and food sovereignty for the region.

New Money Systems: In order to spur regional economic activity, Pachamama launched a project in partnership with Ecuador's largest national network of credit co-operatives to build a local alternative exchange/money system, complementary to the official US dollar.

Jungle Mamas: Pachamama completed the first phase of a training program on maternal health, designed to ensure safe birthing and the well being of pregnant women and newborns. Fourteen Achuar women and men graduated to become "Master Trainers" and the program will be expanded this coming year.

Pachamama's Rainforest Trips: More than 170 people experienced a life-changing journey to the heart of the Achuar territory, connecting with the indigenous people, the origins of The Pachamama Alliance, and the spirit of the rainforest itself.

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Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Program

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Symposium Growth Continues: In the four years since the Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream (ATD) Symposium was first presented in San Francisco, the Symposium has been delivered in seven languages to over 50,000 people on six continents in over 40 countries. There are more than 32 active ATD community groups around the world.

International Expansion: Responding to demand from around the globe, ATD Symposiums, Facilitator Trainings, or both were presented in 20 countries (that we know about) this year: South Africa, Ghana, Australia, the U.K., India, Thailand, Malaysia, China, The Philippines, Canada, Peru, Algeria (by invitation to a Muslim conference), Mexico, Costa Rica, Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Japan, Korea and the U.S.

Facilitator Training Demand Continues to Increase: Four years ago there were 44 trained Symposium facilitators; today more than 2,000 volunteers around the globe are trained to facilitate the delivery of Symposiums in their communities. Responding to the increasing demand for trainings, this year a new "training leaders" training program was launched, with 45 participants from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, China, Australia, and New Zealand.

Youth Leaders Step Forward: Interest in Youth Symposiums has skyrocketed. High schools and universities have begun including the Symposium in their curricula, and young people are taking on creative educational projects using ATD, including a bus tour with mobile classrooms, and climate-awareness bike treks. Over 20 young people from ages 17 to 31 participated in the first-ever Youth Facilitator Training in New Mexico.

Global Gathering of Facilitators: The Awakening the Dreamer facilitator community around the world connected over two days through a series of electronically linked events this fall where participants shared experiences, learnings and enthusiasm.

New Symposium Version Launched: As part of a continuing process of updating and refining the content of the Symposium, the eighth version of the Awakening the Dreamer Symposium is now being made available to facilitators around the world. In response to the rapidly growing global community of facilitators, the new version is more international and designed to be an effective cross-cultural tool readily adaptable to local audiences. It has been enriched with updated information on the current world situation, and includes 26 additional global speakers and inspiring new footage.

The mission of The Pachamama Alliance is to preserve the earth's tropical rainforests by empowering the indigenous people who are its natural custodians; and to contribute to the creation of a new global vision of equity and sustainability for all.

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