



London Indigenous Business Week

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The first ever London Indigenous Business Week brought together Indigenous leaders, Indigenous-led enterprises, and market allies from Latin America and Southeast Asia for a week of learning, exchange, and partnership-building in one of the world's financial capitals.



The event aimed to shift the narrative of Indigenous Peoples from solely "guardians of the forest" to active participants in regenerative economies—as farmers, entrepreneurs, and innovators—while **advancing the foundation for an Indigenous-led global economic movement** through:

- Exploring the creation of an Indigenous “Chamber of Commerce”.
- Raising the awareness among investors and allies about the realities, needs, and opportunities of Indigenous-led enterprises.
- Building partnerships to incubate and scale Indigenous economic models.

Participants included Indigenous organisations like Warisan Makmut Nusantara (Indonesia), Wiñak, Chakra Corporation (Ecuador), Amarcy (Peru), Tonibung (Malaysia), Tosepan (Mexico), and GATC, who were joined by private and public sector allies.

An Indigenous Trade Platform framework is being designed

Supporting Indigenous enterprises to:

- Strengthen technical and organisational capacities
- Connect with markets
- Connect with investors
- Advocate for adapted policies

Underpinned by a set of core principles of Indigenous Economies:

- Grounded in land, culture, community, and traditional knowledge.
- Led by Indigenous organizations and bottom-up governance structures.
- Promoting regenerative investment, not extractive models.
- Embracing diverse, land-based products (e.g., cacao, textiles, renewable energy, ecotourism).
- Using appropriate, community-driven technology and infrastructure.
- Branding built through storytelling, language, and cultural identity



Being developed to address:

- Inconsistent supply and quality.
- Regulatory and certification barriers.
- High logistics costs and poor infrastructure.
- Limited finance and high-interest loans (e.g., 15–16% in Ecuador).
- External threats (mining, deforestation, narcotics).
- Difficulty communicating Indigenous visions in business terms.



Next Steps

- **Establish a Working Group** to further advance the concept, help build the governance structures and develop the next-phase strategy.
- **Map out indigenous economic initiatives** that already exist and identify their needs (market database).
- **Strengthen storytelling and communications** to promote Indigenous economies globally, including developing relevant tools and knowledge.
- Facilitate South-South **exchanges between Indigenous entrepreneurs and farmers' organizations**, and between north-south Indigenous Peoples groups.
- **Leverage global platforms** (e.g. COP30, Davos) to highlight the relevance of Indigenous economies in climate and biodiversity finance.
- **Define management and structural modalities** for the housing of both technical and operational capacity of the trade facility
- **Secure funding** to support marketplace development, communications, knowledge development, working group activities and the operational modalities.

And to build on the following opportunities:

- Products across food, beverages, spices, textiles, energy and more.
- Certification schemes (e.g., Ecuador's Chakra Stamp).
- Blended finance (philanthropic + private + public).
- Partnerships with ethical buyers and long-term contracts (e.g., cocoa in Peru).
- Renewable energy to support processing and value addition.

Working with businesses that believe in:

- Direct trade with Indigenous communities, protecting and valuing Indigenous rights, culture and traditional knowledge.
- Fair pricing and transparency in negotiations, with profits flowing back to communities.
- Focusing on non-extractive, long-term investments.

