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The Coordinating Body of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA) will hold the first in-person session of the Coordinating Council (CCC) for the year 2026 on June 2 and 3, 2026, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. The CCC is one of the main forums for governance, political coordination, and decision-making within the regional Amazonian indigenous organization.

The Coordination Council is part of COICA's institutional and political structure and meets periodically as a mechanism for coordination among the indigenous organizations of the nine countries of the Amazon Basin. As part of its governance system, COICA holds in-person sessions of the CCC throughout the year, supplemented by ongoing virtual meetings that ensure the continuity of regional political, strategic, and organizational work.

This in-person session will take place in Bolivia with the support of the Confederation of Indigenous Peoples of Eastern Bolivia (CIDOB), a historic organization in the Amazonian indigenous struggle and the current host of the meeting. The meeting will also take place at a significant moment for CIDOB, under the leadership of its new president, Lino Itoshi Iliurri, and its Executive Board, reaffirming the commitment to organizational strengthening, unity, and regional coordination among the Amazonian indigenous peoples of Bolivia.

The Coordinating Council is taking place at a critical juncture for the Amazon. In the face of the escalating climate crisis, wildfires, the accelerated loss of biodiversity, and scientific warnings about the risk of reaching a point of no return for the Amazon, COICA continues to strengthen political actions aimed at territorial defense, indigenous governance, and the development of solutions rooted in local communities.

During this session, member organizations will advance strategic issues related to the institutional and political strengthening of COICA, the international indigenous agenda, and climate finance mechanisms and direct access to financing for indigenous peoples.

Likewise, the Coordination Council will help strengthen regional mandates to consolidate the direct participation of Amazonian indigenous peoples in international forums related to climate, biodiversity, financing, and territorial governance, promoting proposals and mechanisms for direct access developed from the territories themselves.

With this meeting, COICA reaffirms its commitment to continue strengthening regional unity, Indigenous governance, and collective political action as fundamental pillars to guarantee a living Amazon, with protected territories, empowered peoples, and a future built on the autonomy, self-determination, and historic resistance of those who have cared for the forest for generations.



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