

Venezuelan president announces Indigenous Movement Congress next month



Indigenous peoples protesting against U.S. sanctions, Caracas, Venezuela, October 12, 2022. | Photo: Twitter/ @venanalysis

Caracas, October 13 (RHC)-- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has announced that his country will host "the Congress of the Indigenous Movement's New Era" on November 12th. During a ceremony held at the Miraflores palace this week, the Bolivarian leader reported that the congress will formulate a "work plan" to promote actions in favor of Indigenous peoples.

"We have to hand over Indigenous lands to continue supporting food production, the dissemination of native culture, the in-depth education of our Indigenous children and youth, technological development, and ancestral knowledge," Maduro said.

Proposed by the United Indigenous Movement of Venezuela (MIUVEN), the Indigenous Congress will invite delegations from Central American countries, Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Mexico, the United States, and Canada. Maduro ordered his ministerial cabinet to prepare a "government plan" that includes special actions in the areas of housing, health, food, and education for Indigenous peoples.

During the ceremony, in which there were nearly one thousand citizens belonging to Indigenous communities, the Bolivarian leader decreed that October 12th was commemorated as "Day of Indigenous Resistance and Decolonization of the Americas." "We must go beyond resistance. We must go to a process of decolonialization of our societies, countries, culture, and education," he said.

Representatives of Venezuelan Indigenous peoples went to the United Nations headquarters in Caracas to deliver a document to multilateral officials denouncing the sanctions implemented by the United States and the European Union against this South American nation.

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