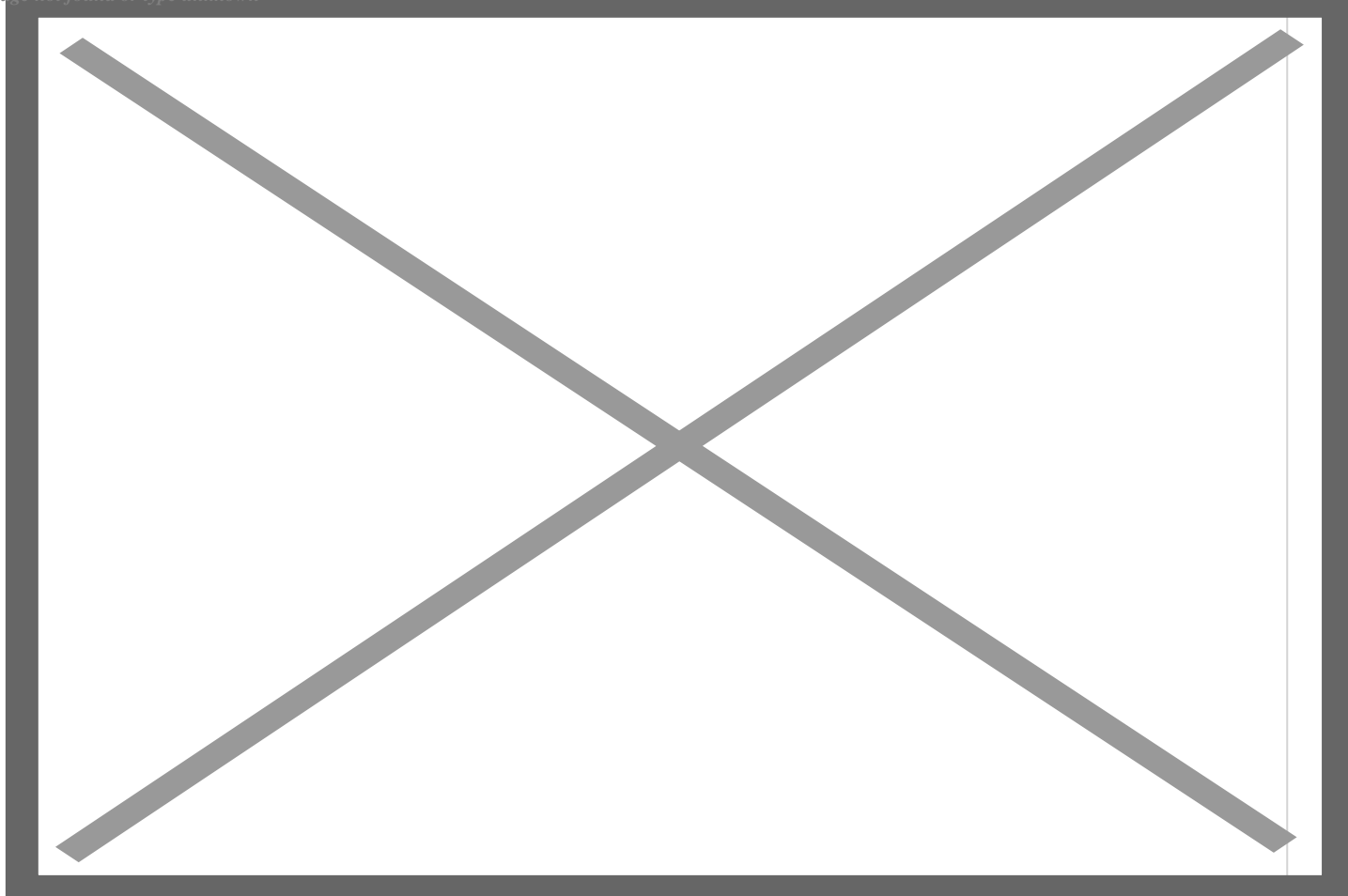


Indigenous communities in Colombia hold summit to strengthen unity

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**Indigenous communities of Colombia will celebrate today the Indigenous Peoples Summit.
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Bogota, July 27 (RHC)-- Indigenous communities of Colombia on Wednesday are holding the Summit of Indigenous Peoples to strengthen the path of unity and autonomy of these populations.

The meeting is taking place in the municipality of Silvia Cauca, a territory of ancestral interculturality with the aim of strengthening their processes of struggle and resistance.

"To strengthen the path of unity and autonomy of the native peoples, collectively weaving the Colombian indigenous movement's own agenda, is the main objective of the Summit," which will run through Friday.

The Regional Indigenous Council of Cauca and six other organizations will participate in an agenda that contains topics to build political guidelines to establish agreements to define the organizational scenario of the indigenous peoples within the framework of unity.

Likewise, the space will serve to identify the way to confront the current political situation and to specify a programmatic agenda for the indigenous peoples of Colombia.

They will also contribute to the construction of a balance on the path of unity of the Indigenous Movement, will discuss the legislative agenda and structural reforms, and will raise the challenges of the movement in the face of the National Development Plan 2022-2026.

The Colombian indigenous movement, in full, invites native peoples from different territories of the country, communities and social organizations, media and other interested sectors, to participate in this meeting that aims to weave unity and continue to walk the talk in the processes of struggle and resistance.

President-elect Gustavo Petro, who since his election campaign has expressed his support for the ancestral peoples, is expected to be present, and has even appointed three prominent figures from these communities to occupy important positions in his government.

Last week, Petro appointed Arhuaca social leader Leonor Zalabata as Colombia's ambassador to the United Nations. He also announced that Patricia Tobón, an Embera lawyer and Truth Commissioner, will head the Victims Unit and Giovanni Yule, a Nasa sociologist, will head the Land Restitution Unit.

In this way, the next government of the Historical Pact begins to comply with the participation of the different social sectors in Colombian politics.

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