

# *Indigenous Americans Demand Greater Role in Shaping Society*

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Panama City, April 30 (RHC-teleSUR), -- Indigenous representatives across Latin America demanded Thursday to be integrated into discussions on poverty and development as part of the Congress of Indigenous American Parliamentarians, hosted this week in Panama.

The conference featured representatives from 18 countries, including Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, Bolivia, Paraguay and Venezuela.

"Without the participation of the indigenous populations, poverty will not be eradicated," said Ausencio Palacio, president of the Indigenous Parliament of Latin America.

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