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Rivers for Life 3:

Third International Meeting of Dam-Affected People and their Allies

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We wish to acknowledge and give special thanks to the villagers of Temacapulín who have opened their houses to us, and spent many long days and nights preparing the town for this meeting. We also want to thank all the volunteers who have given their time and energy to make sure this meeting is a success.



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to you, the delegates and participants of Rivers for Life 3. Many of you have traveled long distances to arrive at Temacapulín. Some have endured challenging immigration processes. Some have worked tirelessly to prepare for this meeting.

There is one thing we all have in common: we all represent the vibrant and inspiring global movement against dams.

Though our backgrounds and stories are varied, we come together for one common cause—to reclaim our rivers and our rights. For the next week, we will share experiences, create new alliances and strengthen old ones, develop collective strategies and make new friends.

This packet contains important information for your stay in Temacapulín.

- Guidelines for Coexistence
- Your Guide to the Agenda & Logistics at Rivers for Life 3
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- Useful Spanish Phrases
- Maps of Temaca and of the meeting facilities

We hope the next few days will inspire you and give you renewed energy in the fight for our rivers and human rights. Together, we will create a better future for ourselves and for future generations.

In solidarity,

Susanne Wong (*International Rivers*)

& Carmen Díaz (*Mexican Institute for Community Development*)

On behalf of the organizing team, the International Steering Committee, the Mexican Movement of Dam-Affected people and in Defense of Rivers, the Temacapulín community and many volunteers.

Guidelines for Coexistence

The community of Temacapulín is looking forward to hosting Rivers for Life 3: Third International Meeting of Dam-Affected People and their Allies. To ensure a positive and peaceful environment during this time, some basic guidelines have been created in regards to cultural interaction, safety, and respect and cleanliness for the town's public and private spaces.

One of the most rewarding and challenging aspects of an international meeting is that it will bring together individuals with different identities, origins and cultures. Therefore, it is important to respect the diversity of thoughts, beliefs and lifestyles that will be present.

The three virtues that should be used to guide all interactions during Rivers for Life 3 are:

- Respect
- Tolerance
- Responsibility

Each of us practicing these virtues will create an inclusive, respectful setting that fosters dialogue and coexistence. It is important to remember that the residents of Temacapulín have gone to great effort to host this meeting. Out of respect for them and each other, the town's public spaces must be kept clean during Rivers for Life 3.

Most delegates will stay in the homes of community residents. We urge you to keep an open channel of communication with your hosts and come to an agreement on the rules of the house on the first evening (arrival times, keys, use of bathrooms, noise, smoking areas, etc.), based on the needs of the hosts and delegates.

All delegates will be provided identification badges upon registration in Temacapulín. In order to foster dialogue and ensure safety, **all delegates must wear their badges to participate in the various meeting activities.**

There will be a safety/security committee; however, we must all make a commitment to stay alert at all times. If you see any safety risks or incidents that you feel could put someone in danger, stay calm and contact a member of the safety committee. Any unforeseen circumstances or conflicts will be resolved by the safety committee and the meeting coordination team, as needed.

Here are a few additional guidelines to keep in mind.

- Clean up after yourself.
- Ask for permission when using something that is not yours.
- Only post flyers, posters, photos, etc. in clearly designated spaces.
- Dispose of waste in the specifically designated spaces, which will be labeled for separation (organic, plastic, glass and paper).
- Please respect Quiet Time between 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM.
- Use of narcotic substances is prohibited.



Your Guide to the Agenda & Logistics at Rivers for Life 3

AGENDA

The major goals of Rivers for Life 3 include: sharing experiences, information and skills; strengthening regional and international networks; creating new alliances; developing collective strategies; strengthening the local movement to stop El Zapotillo Dam; and evaluating, inspiring and recharging our movement. The following explanations of different agenda elements will illustrate a few of the ways we hope to reach those goals.

OPENING PLENARY & CLOSING PLENARY AND CEREMONY

At the Opening Plenary, delegates will be welcomed to México and Rivers for Life 3 by representatives of the town and the International Steering Committee, learn the logistics and goals of the meeting, and hear highlights of the international movement to protect rivers and rights. The Closing Plenary and Ceremony will be a spiritual and artistic expression of the international movement's renewed commitment to protecting rivers and rights, and its unified front. We hope to close the meeting with a walk to the Rio Verde.

WHERE: **PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)**

GLOBAL OVERVIEW

Affected communities worldwide continue to face similar threats and challenges from big dams. Presenters will provide a global context for the current status of the movement against destructive dams. Topics covered will include real water and energy solutions, and how cross-cutting issues such as climate change are affecting presenters' particular regions.

WHERE: **PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)**

FAIR OF SOLIDARITY AND RESISTANCE

This event will take place on the afternoon of October 2, and will run throughout the meeting. The Fair is a popular education forum for sharing information about your struggles, campaigns, organizations and communities. It can also be used to share and exchange products from your region, to play games or share cultural activities. It is an opportunity to get to know the delegates in the meeting, the places where they come from, their culture and their struggles.

WHERE: **HOTEL PARKING LOT
(JAN VELTROP AND TUPAC AMARU)**

AFFECTED PEOPLE'S FORUMS

People affected by dams are often marginalized and not given political space to voice their concerns and experiences. All representatives of dam-affected communities are welcome to speak. We suggest that you talk about the impacts of dams on your family/community and what successful actions you have taken to stop dams and defend your rights. Delegates will break into five groups, which will be assigned on the first day.

WHERE: **SESSION SPACES**

MÍSTICAS

Each morning, we will start the meeting with a "Mística." This 15-minute session is an opportunity for delegates to sing songs of resistance, read a poem or give a short, inspiring speech. We will have several people participate each day. Please come prepared to share. We hope these Místicas will help to inspire us and give us energy for the meeting.

WHERE: **PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)**

VOICES FROM THE GROUND

These morning sessions will give dam-affected people a chance to share their personal stories with the entire group. Themes of these short presentations will include Women and Dams, The Law, Education and Public Dialogue, and Organizing.

WHERE: **PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)**

CAUCUSES

To facilitate networking and strengthen alliances, regional and topical groups will have the opportunity to meet during three scheduled sessions during Rivers for Life 3.

WHERE: **SESSION SPACES**

DECLARATIONS

Common themes and calls to action from regional declarations will be collected to form the basis of the overall Rivers for Life 3 Declaration, which will be a one-page meeting declaration that covers our shared experiences and outlines our common demands. Delegates are encouraged to contribute additional statements to the declaration, upon which all interested delegates will have a chance to vote. Groups can also prepare individual campaign or regional declarations, as desired.

WHERE: SESSION SPACES

LOGISTICS

SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS & SPACES

Planned sessions will be held on October 3 and 5. These sessions are arranged in seven tracks representing broad themes. There will also be space for open sessions during the day on October 3 and 5 and during the nights of October 2-5. Open session topics will be determined by popular consensus. Please contribute to the creation of open sessions under the arches in the Plaza.

WHERE: SESSION SPACES

COMPUTER CENTER & OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

There is no cell phone access in Temacapulín. There are a few phones available in the town. You are responsible for the costs of your own phone calls. Instructions for making international phone calls will be posted at the phones. Internet access is limited; two computers in the computer center will be reserved for urgent personal communication daily from 1-3pm and 6-8pm. We request that delegates limit their computer usage to 10 minutes.

WHERE: CULTURAL CENTER (ALFREDO PLACENCIA)

VIDEO ROOM

There will be a space for showing videos throughout the meeting; there will also be wall space for sharing other communications efforts, including success stories and slogans.

WHERE: ADJACENT TO PLAZA

REGIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

This committee of one delegate from each region will meet nightly to discuss any points of concern relating to their regions. Each member of the committee will act as a liaison to their regional delegation and inform them of important logistical or other issues. Delegates should bring specific concerns to their regional representative.

WHERE: SCHOOL (BENITO JUÁREZ)

CULTURAL EVENTS & CELEBRATION FOR RIVERS AND RIGHTS

Each night after dinner, delegates will have an opportunity to share and experience each other's cultures through videos, music, songs and dance. During the last evening, we will commemorate the meeting with a Celebration for Rivers and Rights. Delegates are encouraged to share traditional beverages.

WHERE: PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)

FOOD & DRINK

Three meals a day will be provided for all registered delegates. Regular, vegetarian and meals without pork will be provided. Light snacks will also be provided during the breaks. Drinks will be provided, such as coffee and water. If you have special tea or coffee needs, please bring your own. **Delegates should not drink the tap water.** Large bottles of purified water will be available in the plaza and in each meeting space. Everyone will receive a reusable water bottle at registration, which you will need to keep with you throughout the meeting. Disposable cups will not be provided.

WHERE: CULTURAL CENTER FOR MEALS, SESSION SPACES FOR SNACKS

BATHROOMS

Public bathrooms are open from 8am-11pm. Some bathrooms in Temaca are able to flush paper, others are not, delegates should ask their host family. Almost all houses have toilets, and most have showers.

MEDICAL CENTER

Access to medical care in Temacapulín is limited. The municipality will provide an ambulance during the meeting. There will be homeopathy and herbal medicine available. A medical clinic is located a half hour drive from Temacapulín. Large hospitals are located two hours away by car. Delegates are responsible for their own medical expenses.

Agenda Overview

	Friday 1 October	Saturday 2 October	Sunday 3 October	Monday 4 October	Tuesday 5 October	Wednesday 6 October
7:00		Breakfast 7am-8am	Breakfast 7am-8am	Breakfast 7am-8am	Breakfast 7am-8am	Breakfast 7am-8am
8:00		Opening Plenary 8am - 10 am	Mistica/Announcements	Field Trip	Mistica/Announcements	Mistica/Announcements
			Voices from the Ground		Voices from the Ground	Voices from the Ground
9:00			Break		Break	Break
10:00		Break	Session 3.1 9:30am - 11am		Session 5.1 9:30am - 11am	Caucuses 9:30am - 11:00am
11:00		Global Overview 10:30am - 12pm	Break		Break	Break
12:00		Free Time/ Fair Setup 12pm - 1:30pm	Session 3.2 11:30am - 1:30pm		Session 5.2 11:30am - 1:30pm	Declarations 11:30am - 1:30pm
1:00						
2:00		Lunch 1:30pm - 3pm	Lunch 1:30pm - 3pm		Lunch 1:30pm - 3pm	Lunch 1:30pm - 3pm
3:00	Registration 12pm - 6:30pm	Affected Peoples' Forums 3pm - 4:30pm	Session 3.3 3pm - 5pm		Session 5.3 3pm - 5pm	Free Time 3pm - 4pm
4:00						
5:00		Fair of Solidarity and Resistance 4:30pm - 6:30pm	Break		Break	Closing Plenary 4pm - 6:30pm
6:00			Caucuses 5:30pm - 6:30pm		Caucuses 5:30pm - 6:30pm	
7:00	Dinner 6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner 6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner 6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner 6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner 6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner 6:30pm - 8pm
8:00	Fair Setup/ Registration 8pm - 9pm	Cultural Event/ Open Sessions 8pm - 9pm	Cultural Event/ Open Sessions 8pm - 9pm	Cultural Event/ Open Sessions 8pm - 9pm	Cultural Event/ Open Sessions 8pm - 9pm	Celebration for Rivers and Rights 8pm -

Notes: Breakfast will be offered from 7am-8am on Thursday, 7 October
Oct 1-5th, **Regional Liaison Committee Meeting** 7:30-8pm

Workshop Track List

Track 1: Effective Activism



Creative Activism: Intersection of Art, Advocacy and Culture - 3.1, Sunday 3 October, 9:30am-11am
Gender and Development - 3.1, Sunday 3 October, 9:30am-11am
How to Fight a Dam: Strategies and Stories - 3.2, Sunday 3 October, 11:30am-1:30pm
Movement-Building: The Importance of Coalitions and Regional Networks - 3.3, Sunday 3 October, 3pm-5pm
Challenges of Activism in Repressive States - 5.1, Tuesday 5 October, 9:30am-11am
Effective Fundraising - 5.2, Tuesday 5 October, 11:30am-1:30pm

Track 2: Climate Change and Water Management



Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Reservoirs - 3.3, Sunday 3 October, 3pm-5pm
Water in a Warming World - 5.1, Tuesday 5 October, 9:30am-11am
Dams and Carbon Trading: Influencing the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and What Comes Next - 5.2, Tuesday 5 October, 11:30am-1:30pm
Community Water Solutions - 5.3, Tuesday 5 October, 3pm-5pm

Track 3: Communications



Developing an Effective Communications Strategy - 3.1, Sunday 3 October, 9:30am-11am
Video Advocacy Part 1: How to Use Advocacy Videos - 3.2, Sunday 3 October, 11:30am-1:30pm
Video Advocacy Part 2: Basic Video Training - 3.3, Sunday 3 October, 3pm-5pm
Communicating Effectively: How to Inspire Action - 5.1, Tuesday 5 October, 9:30am-11am

Track 4: Dam Standards and Financiers



The Great HSAF Debate: Will the Dam Industry Undermine the WCD? - 3.1, Sunday 3 October, 9:30am-11am
Protecting Rivers and Rights: Dam Standards 10 Years After the World Commission on Dams (WCD) - 5.1, Tuesday 5 October, 9:30am-11am
Follow the Money: An Overview of Dam Financiers and Strategies to Confront Them - 5.2, Tuesday 5 October, 11:30am-1:30pm
The New Global Dam Builders - 5.3, Tuesday 5 October, 3pm-5pm

Track 5: Rights and Remedies



Legal Strategies to Confront Dams - 3.1, Sunday 3 October, 9:30am-11am
International Human Rights Law and Mechanisms: Opportunities for Legal Advocacy in Large Dam Cases - 3.2, Sunday 3 October, 11:30am-1:30pm
Water as a Human Right - 3.3, Sunday 3 October, 3pm-5pm
Reparations: Seeking Justice, Healing Affected Communities - 5.2, Tuesday 5 October, 11:30am-1:30pm
Local Votes, Grievance Mechanisms and Other Tools to Confront Dams - 5.2, Tuesday 5 October, 11:30am-1:30pm

Track 6: Energy Solutions



Energy Planning: A Primer for Citizen Activists - 3.1, Sunday 3 October, 9:30am-11am
Community Energy Solutions - 3.2, Sunday 3 October, 11:30am-1:30pm
Renewable Energy: Can Clean Replace Mean (Big Dams)? - 3.3, Sunday 3 October, 3pm-5pm
Efficiency: The Greenest Energy - 5.2, Tuesday 5 October, 11:30am-1:30pm

Track 7: Protecting and Restoring Rivers in Policy and Practice



Protecting International and Transboundary Rivers - 3.2, Sunday 3 October, 11:30am-1:30pm
Integrated River Basin Management - 5.1, Tuesday 5 October, 9:30am-11am
Downstream Impacts of Dams & Their Mitigation - 5.2, Tuesday 5 October, 11:30am-1:30pm
Taking Back the River: Dam Removal, Reoperation, and River Restoration - 5.3, Tuesday 5 October, 3pm-5pm
Women, Rivers and Dams (women only, please) - 5.3, Tuesday 5 October, 3pm-5pm

Agenda in Detail

Day 1, Friday, 1 October

12pm - 6:30pm	Registration	Plaza (Doña Mago)
6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
8pm - 9pm	Registration	Plaza (Doña Mago)

Day 2, Saturday, 2 October

7am - 8am	Breakfast	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
8am - 10am	Opening Plenary: Mística and Welcome Messages <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mística - Father Gabriel, Temacapulín, México■ Lupita Lara, Arcediano Dam, México■ Carlos González, Municipal President, México■ María de Jesús García, Comité Salvemos Temaca, Acasico y Palmarejo, México■ Carmen Diaz & Susanne Wong, International Steering Committee■ Abigail Agredano, Temacapulín, México■ Ikal Angelei, Friends of Lake Turkana, Kenya■ Introduction of IMDEC and IR coordinators	Plaza (Doña Mago)
10am - 10:30am	Break	Plaza (Doña Mago)
10:30am - 12pm	Global Overview of International Movement & Regional Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Patrick McCully, International Rivers, USA■ Shripad Dharmadhikary, Manthan Resource Centre, India■ Soniamara Maranhão, Movement of Dam-Affected People, Brazil■ Sena Alouka, Young Volunteers for the Environment, Togo	Plaza (Doña Mago)
12pm - 1:30pm	Fair Setup/Free Time	
1:30pm - 3pm	Lunch	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
3pm - 4:30pm	Affected Peoples' Forums <i>Please check your badge for space assignments.</i>	Session Spaces
4:30pm - 6:30pm	Fair of Solidarity and Resistance	Hotel Parking Lot (Jan Veltrop/Tupac Amaru)
6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
8pm - 11pm	Cultural activities Music from La Peñita & Francisco Barrios "El Mastuerzo"	Plaza (Doña Mago)

Day 3, Sunday, 3 October

7am - 8am	Breakfast	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
8am - 8:30am	Mística & Announcements	Plaza (Doña Mago)
8:30am - 9am	Voices from the Ground	Plaza (Doña Mago)
9am - 9:30am	Break	
9:30am - 11am	Workshop Session 3.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Creative Activism: Intersection of Art, Advocacy and Culture ■ Energy Planning: A Primer for Citizen Activists ■ Developing an Effective Communications Strategy ■ The Great HSAF Debate: Will the Dam Industry Undermine the WCD? ■ Legal Strategies to Confront Dams ■ Gender and Development 	Plaza (Doña Mago) School (Benito Juárez) Sports Field (Nokos Emberas) Glory Hill (Chief Kapika) Pool Parking Lot (John Muir) Church Atrium (Baba Amte)
11am–11:30am	Break	
11:30am - 1:30pm	Workshop Session 3.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How to Fight a Dam: Strategies and Stories ■ Video Advocacy Part 1: How to Use Advocacy Videos ■ International Human Rights Law and Mechanisms ■ Community Energy Solutions ■ Protecting International and Transboundary Rivers 	Plaza (Doña Mago) School (Benito Juárez) Sports Field (Nokos Emberas) Glory Hill (Chief Kapika) Pool Parking Lot (John Muir)
1:30pm - 3pm	Lunch	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
3pm - 5pm	Workshop Session 3.3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Movement-Building: The Importance of Coalitions and Regional Networks ■ Video Advocacy Part 2: Basic Video Training ■ Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Reservoirs ■ Renewable Energy: Can Clean Replace Mean (Big Dams)? ■ Water as a Human Right 	Plaza (Doña Mago) School (Benito Juárez) Sports Field (Nokos Emberas) Glory Hill (Chief Kapika) Pool Parking Lot (John Muir)
5pm - 5:30pm	Break	
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Caucuses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Latin America ■ Africa ■ Middle East/Central Asia ■ South Asia ■ Southeast & East Asia 	Plaza (Doña Mago) Glory Hill (Chief Kapika) Sports Field (Nokós Emberas) Pool Parking Lot (John Muir) School (Benito Juárez)
6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
8pm - 11pm	Cultural Activities Music by La Turka Zampa Open Mic for International Participants Music by Manual Carvajal	Plaza (Doña Mago)

Day 4, Monday, 4 October

Field Trips to La Yesca Dam, the Santiago River, the Arcediano Dam/Water, Rivers and People Exhibit, the proposed El Zapotillo Dam site, and a Temaca Area Nature Walk. From 8pm-11pm there will be Cultural Activities with a focus on women in the movement for rivers and rights.

Day 5, Tuesday, 5 October

7am - 8am	Breakfast	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
8am - 8:30am	Mística & Announcements	Plaza (Doña Mago)
8:30am - 9am	Voices from the Ground	Plaza (Doña Mago)
9am - 9:30am	Break	
9:30am - 11am	Workshop Session 5.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Protecting Rivers and Rights: Dam Standards 10 Years After the World Commission on Dams (WCD) ■ Communicating Effectively: How to Inspire Action ■ Water in a Warming World ■ Challenges of Activism in Repressive States ■ Integrated River Basin Management 	Plaza (Doña Mago) School (Benito Juárez) Sports Field (Nokos Emberas) Glory Hill (Chief Kapika) Pool Parking Lot (John Muir)
11am - 11:30am	Break	
11:30am - 1:30pm	Workshop Session 5.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reparations and Recovery: Seeking Justice, Healing Affected Communities ■ Downstream Impacts of Dams and Their Mitigation ■ Dams and Carbon Trading: Influencing the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and What Comes Next ■ Follow the Money: An Overview of Dam Financiers and Strategies to Confront Them ■ Local Votes, Grievance Mechanisms and Other Tools to Confront Dams ■ Efficiency: The Greenest Energy 	Plaza (Doña Mago) School (Benito Juárez) Sports Field (Nokos Emberas) Glory Hill (Chief Kapika) Pool Parking Lot (John Muir) Video Room
1:30pm - 3pm	Lunch	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
3pm - 5pm	Workshop Session 5.3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Effective Fundraising ■ The New Global Dam Builders ■ Community Water Solutions ■ Women, Rivers and Dams (Women Only) ■ Taking Back the River: Dam Removal, Reoperation, and River Restoration 	Plaza (Doña Mago) School (Benito Juárez) Sports Field (Nokos Emberas) Glory Hill (Chief Kapika) Pool Parking Lot (John Muir)
5pm - 5:30pm	Break	
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Caucuses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Latin America ■ Africa ■ Middle East/Central Asia ■ South Asia ■ Southeast & East Asia 	Plaza (Doña Mago) Glory Hill (Chief Kapika) Sports Field (Nokos Emberas) Pool Parking Lot (John Muir) School (Benito Juárez)

6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
8pm - 11pm	Cultural Activities Ceremony by indigenous Tecuexes & Caxcanes Open Mic for Mexican Delegates	Plaza (Doña Mago)

Day 6, Wednesday, 6 October

7am - 8am	Breakfast	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
8am - 8:30am	Mística & Announcements	Plaza (Doña Mago)
8:30am - 9am	Voices from the Ground	Plaza (Doña Mago)
9am - 9:30am	Break	
9:30am - 11am	Caucuses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Latin America ■ Africa ■ Middle East/Central Asia ■ South Asia ■ Southeast & East Asia 	Plaza (Doña Mago) Glory Hill (Chief Kapika) Sports Field (Nokós Emberas) Pool Parking Lot (John Muir) School (Benito Juárez)
11am - 11:30am	Break	
11:30am - 1:30pm	Declarations	Plaza (Doña Mago)
1:30pm - 3pm	Lunch	Cultural Center (Alfredo Placencia)
3pm - 4pm	Free Time	
4pm - 6:30pm	Closing Plenary and Ceremony	Plaza (Doña Mago)
6:30pm - 8pm	Dinner	To be determined
8pm -	Celebration for Rivers and Rights	Plaza (Doña Mago)

Workshop Descriptions

Spanish/English interpretation will be available at all sessions, unless otherwise noted. Interpretation for all other languages will be chosen by language groups.

Session 3.1: Sunday, 3 October, 9:30am-11am

CREATIVE ACTIVISM: INTERSECTION OF ART, ADVOCACY AND CULTURE

PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)



From street theater to guerilla art, concerts to photo exhibits, campaigning can be an art, and art can be used to fight injustice. In this skill share and training session, we will explore a range of strategies that push us to “think outside the box” in terms of how to build capacity in communities, grow a movement and keep the media’s attention. We will also discuss what strategies are appropriate for specific regions and particular stages of a struggle.

PRESENTERS: IMDEC staff, Stephen Burgess (*Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, Australia*), Gustavo Castro (*Otros Mundos, México*), Glenda Pickersgill (*Save the Mary River Coordinating Group, Australia*), Daniel Ribeiro (*Justiça Ambiental, Mozambique*), Katy Yan (*International Rivers, USA*)

ENERGY PLANNING: A PRIMER FOR CITIZEN ACTIVISTS

SCHOOL (BENITO JUÁREZ)



Spanish interpretation not available

This panel will ask the questions: What are factors that lead to prioritization of big dams and other megaprojects? What did the World Commission on Dams (WCD) recommend for assessing water and energy options? Also discussed will be Cuba's green energy revolution, and what it took to get there.

PRESENTERS: Shripad Dharmadhikary (*Manthan Resource Centre, India*), Liane Greeff (*EcoDoc Africa, South Africa*), Laurie Guevara-Stone (*Solar Energy International, USA*), Terri Hathaway (*International Rivers, Cameroon*)

DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

SPORTS FIELD (NOKÓS EMBERAS)



This session will provide information and training on developing a communications strategy, one of the most important elements of effective activism. We will discuss the essential elements of a communications strategy such as developing goals, determining audiences, and crafting good messages. We will cover traditional and new media, including strategies for dealing with journalists, blogging, using photos and videos, and social networking sites.

PRESENTERS: Aviva Imhof and Brent Millikan (*International Rivers, USA/Brazil*)

THE GREAT HSAF DEBATE: WILL THE DAM INDUSTRY UNDERMINE THE WCD?

GLORY HILL (CHIEF KAPIKA)



This session will include a lively debate and critique of The Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum (HSAF), a process led by the dam industry, which will launch a new protocol for hydropower projects by the end of 2010. Will the new approach complement or undermine the World Commission on Dams (WCD) framework as the global standard for dams? We will also brainstorm how best to respond to this challenge.

PRESENTERS: Peter Bosshard (*International Rivers, USA*), Brian Richter (*The Nature Conservancy, USA*), Michael Simon (*Oxfam Australia, Australia*)

LEGAL STRATEGIES TO CONFRONT DAMS

POOL PARKING LOT (JOHN MUIR)



This panel will discuss lawsuits in Europe and Latin America against dam builders and governments, based on both criminal and civil law. Some of the cases that will be covered include Merowe Dam in Sudan, Jirau and Belo Monte dams in Brazil and La Parota Dam in México.

PRESENTERS: Shripad Dharmadhikary (*Manthan Resource Centre, India*), Claudia Gomez (*Colectivo COA, México*), Nick Hildyard (*Cornerhouse, UK*), Ipek Tasly (*Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive, Turkey*), Fernanda Venzon (*Environmental Defense Law Center, USA/México*), Kerim Yildiz (*Kurdish Human Rights Project, UK*)

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

CHURCH ATRIUM (BABA AMTE)



This session will include a panel discussion and brainstorm on how gender disparities are ever present but often overlooked in development, and how women often bear a disproportionate amount of the impacts. We will also discuss steps that communities and groups are taking to address these disparities, how to facilitate open dialogue between women and men about gender inequalities, and how to better integrate women into the struggle for free-flowing rivers and human rights

PRESENTERS: Robert Kugonza (*African Rivers Network*), Representative from MAB (*Movement of Dam-Affected People, Brazil*), Representative from Temaca (México)

Session 3.2: Sunday, 3 October, 11:30am-1:30pm

HOW TO FIGHT A DAM: STRATEGIES AND STORIES

PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)



This session will provide an opportunity to share and learn about effective strategies to fight dams. We will discuss choosing targets, developing objectives and tactics, building alliances, using legal strategies and developing a communications strategy. We will also share stories of successes and lessons learned.

PRESENTERS: Representative from CECOP (*La Parota, México*), Aviva Imhof (*International Rivers, USA*), Aleksandr Kolotov (*Plotina, Russia*), Glenda Pickersgill (*Save the Mary River Coordinating Group, Australia*), Yu Xiaogang (*Green Watershed, China*)

VIDEO ADVOCACY PART 1: HOW TO USE ADVOCACY VIDEOS

SCHOOL (BENITO JUÁREZ)



This informational session will teach participants how to use video as an effective campaign tool, including how to plan and produce an advocacy video, constructing powerful visual stories that will motivate target audiences and decision-makers to act and plan for timely and strategic distribution.

PRESENTERS: Molly Clinehens (*International Accountability Project, USA*), Sarah Kelly (*Adapting to Scarcity, USA/México*)

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND MECHANISMS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEGAL ADVOCACY IN LARGE DAM CASES

SPORTS FIELD (NOKÓS EMBERAS)



This informational and training session will offer practical tools on how to use international human rights mechanisms and international law to address environmental and social impacts caused by large dams. We will discuss access to information, public

participation procedures, indigenous and tribal peoples' rights, displacement, loss of livelihoods, and access to justice. Through a dynamic role-play, participants will act out the different sides of a fictitious large dam case by playing the roles of affected community members, government agents, multinational corporations, NGO activists, and international human rights bodies. Discussion will include the United Nations universal system, the Inter-American system and other regional human rights mechanisms as well as using international law domestically.

PRESENTERS: Andrés Pirazzoli and Astrid Puentes (*Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense, USA/México*)

COMMUNITY ENERGY SOLUTIONS

GLORY HILL (CHIEF KAPIKA)



Sustainable energy expert and educator Laurie Stone from Solar Energy International will discuss community energy planning, and what it takes to get these systems built.

PRESENTERS: Laurie Guevara-Stone (*Solar Energy International, USA*)

PROTECTING INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSBOUNDARY RIVERS

POOL PARKING LOT (JOHN MUIR)



Spanish interpretation not available

This session will consist of a panel discussion and skill share about working to protect rivers and communities that cross national borders. Areas discussed will include the Mekong region, the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, and South Asia, among others.

PRESENTERS: Pianporn Deetes (*International Rivers, Thailand*), Niwat Roykawe (*Chaing Khong Conservation Group, Thailand*), Ipek Tasli (*Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive, Turkey*), Yu Xiagong (*Green Watershed, China*)

Session 3.3: Sunday, 3 October, 3pm-5pm

MOVEMENT-BUILDING: THE IMPORTANCE OF COALITIONS AND REGIONAL NETWORKS

PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)



Participant input will determine the format for this session on the spot. Topics to be discussed will include experiences from around the world on building coalitions and regional networks, including cross-topic, cross-culture, women and youth. Stories on successes and lessons learned will be highlighted.

PRESENTERS: Marco von Borstel (*Mexican Institute for Community Development, México*), Joan Carling (*Asian Indigenous Peoples' Pact, Philippines*), Gustavo Castro (*Otros Mundos, México*), Rodolfo Chavez Galindo (*La Parota, México*), Robert Kugonza (*Africa Rivers Network, Uganda*), Juan Pablo Soler (*Otros Mundos, Colombia/México*)

VIDEO ADVOCACY PART 2: BASIC VIDEO TRAINING

SCHOOL (BENITO JUÁREZ)



Some breakout groups will be held in Spanish

It is highly recommended that participants also attend Video Advocacy Part 1. This hands-on training will cover basic shooting skills, including lighting, sound, composition and editing. Participants will also learn interviewing techniques specific to producing videos for human rights campaigns, including how to guarantee safety and security of interviewees and themselves. Small breakout groups will put these theories into action. All training will be done on Flip cameras. This session is limited to 25 participants.

PRESENTERS: Molly Clinehens (*International Accountability Project, USA*), Ian Elwood (*International Rivers, USA*), Liane Greeff (*EcoDoc Africa, South Africa*), Sarah Kelly and Arthur Richards (*Adapting to Scarcity, USA/México*), Pablo Prieto Gutiérrez, Pato Esquivel, and Bernardo Lizardi (*IMDEC, México*)

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM RESERVOIRS

SPORTS FIELD (NOKÓS EMBERAS)



This session will provide an informational overview of the science and politics of greenhouse gas emissions from reservoirs. A discussion on how to communicate about this topic will be included.

PRESENTERS: Philip Fearnside (*National Institute for Research in Amazonia, Brazil*)

RENEWABLE ENERGY: CAN CLEAN REPLACE MEAN (BIG DAMS)?

GLORY HILL (CHIEF KAPIKA)



This informational and brainstorming session will cover the basics of new energy technologies and constraints on their adoption using case studies. There will also be small group breakout sessions to brainstorm on strategies to push for renewable energy access.

PRESENTERS: Betty Obbo (*National Association of Professional Environmentalists, Uganda*), Andrés Pirazzoli (*Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense, USA/México*), Lori Pottinger (*International Rivers, USA*), Daniel Ribeiro (*Justiça Ambiental, Mozambique*)

WATER AS A HUMAN RIGHT

POOL PARKING LOT (JOHN MUIR)



During this brainstorming session, share your thoughts on how the dams movement can or should link up with the water privatization movement to create a new water justice coalition.

PRESENTERS: Ercan Ayboga (*Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive, Turkey*), Shripad Dharmadhikary (*Manthan Resource Centre, India*)

Session 5.1: Tuesday, 5 October, 9:30am-11am

PROTECTING RIVERS AND RIGHTS: DAM STANDARDS 10 YEARS AFTER THE WORLD COMMISSION ON DAMS (WCD)

PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)



This panel and brainstorm will discuss the 10th anniversary of the WCD report and how WCD principles have been implemented in practice. Learn how communities and NGOs are celebrating the anniversary with activities in their own countries, and discuss ideas for future work on dam standards, including a new global dialogue on dams.

PRESENTERS: Gopal Siwakoti (*Himalayan and Peninsular Hydro-Ecological Network-HYPHEN, Nepal*), Liane Greeff (*EcoDoc Africa, South Africa*), Betty Obbo (*National Association of Professional Environmentalists, Uganda*), Richard Twum (*Volta Basin Development Foundation, Ghana*), Wang Yongchen (*Green Earth Volunteers, China*), Katy Yan and Peter Bosshard (*International Rivers, USA*)

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY: HOW TO INSPIRE ACTION

SCHOOL (BENITO JUÁREZ)



This training and brainstorm will provide information and training on the best ways to talk about a struggle (re-framing), and how to use photos, video, new media and narrative storytelling to get your message across and have people respond the way you want them to. We will work on re-framing issue-specific and project-specific messages.

PRESENTERS: Berklee Lowrey-Evans, Lori Pottinger and Pianporn Deetes (*International Rivers, USA/Thailand*), Mexican journalists

WATER IN A WARMING WORLD

SPORTS FIELD (NOKÓS EMBERAS)



This session will feature a panel presentation on the impacts of climate change on dam performance and safety, aquatic ecosystems, and water resources management. We will also discuss the implications of these impacts on dam struggles and efforts to promote solutions.

PRESENTERS: Shripad Dharmadhikary (*Manthan Resource Centre, India*), Brian Richter (*The Nature Conservancy, USA*)

CHALLENGES OF ACTIVISM IN REPRESSIVE STATES

GLORY HILL (CHIEF KAPIKA)



Spanish interpretation not available

This panel presentation will cover the challenges of fighting dams and protecting rivers and communities in both absolutely authoritarian and officially democratic repressive states. Presentations will cover Iran, Brazil, Turkey, México, Burma, Uganda, Thailand, and India, among others.

Presenters: To be announced.

INTEGRATED RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT

POOL PARKING LOT (JOHN MUIR)



This panel session will examine how river basin management models can be used to promote sound water management for all and as an effective strategy to stop destructive dams. Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is a generally accepted international best practice for managing river basins. Destructive dams go against IWRM's key principles of participatory planning and managing water resources for all users. We will focus on lessons learned from dam struggles in China, India, Turkey and Australia.

PRESENTERS: Latha Anantha (*River Research Centre, India*), Stephen Burgess (*Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, Australia*), Grace Mang (*International Rivers, USA*), Daniel Ribeiro (*Justiça Ambiental, Mozambique*), Yu Xiaogang (*Green Watershed, China*)

Session 5.2: Tuesday, 5 October, 11:30am-1:30pm

REPARATIONS: SEEKING JUSTICE, HEALING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)



Participants in this session will share experiences and explore the meaning and process of reparations after a dam is built. We will identify key lessons, and suggest helpful tools in the struggle to build rights-protective spaces, make a case for reparations, establish and participate in a negotiations process and secure meaningful remedies for communities displaced by large dams.

PRESENTERS: Monti Aguirre (*International Rivers, USA*), Juan de Dios García (*Asociación del Desarrollo Integral de las Víctimas, Guatemala*), Barbara Rose Johnston (*Center for Political Ecology, USA*)

DOWNSTREAM IMPACTS OF DAMS AND THEIR MITIGATION

SCHOOL (BENITO JUÁREZ)



Spanish interpretation not available

This session will provide information on the downstream impacts of dams, emphasizing the intertwined environmental and social impacts. Short case studies will illustrate these concepts with first-hand accounts. We will also present some tools and approaches to mitigate downstream impacts, including environmental flows. A significant amount of time will be devoted to discussion and audience participation.

PRESENTERS: Aimal Khan (*Sungi Development Foundation, Pakistan*), Brian Richter and Jeff Opperman (*The Nature Conservancy, USA*), Neeraj Vagholikar (*Kalpavriksh, India*)

DAMS AND CARBON TRADING: INFLUENCING THE CLEAN DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM (CDM) AND WHAT COMES NEXT

SPORTS FIELD (NOKÓS EMBERAS)



In this training session, we will learn about the history of the CDM, its links to dams, how to influence the process, the current state of the international carbon trading system and proposals for the future of global carbon credits.

PRESENTERS: Patrick McCully (*International Rivers, USA*)

FOLLOW THE MONEY: AN OVERVIEW OF DAM FINANCIERS AND STRATEGIES TO CONFRONT THEM

GLORY HILL (CHIEF KAPIKA)



This informational session will cover the important role financiers play in dam projects. Activists need to “follow the money” and target financiers to stop destructive projects and change the rules of global dam building. This session gives an overview of the most important dam financiers from around the world, their changing roles, and strategies to confront them.

PRESENTERS: Ikal Angelei (*Friends of Lake Turkana, Kenya*), Peter Bosshard and Pianporn Deetes (*International Rivers, USA/ Thailand*), Nick Hildyard (*Cornerhouse, UK*)

LOCAL VOTES, GRIEVANCE MECHANISMS AND OTHER TOOLS TO CONFRONT DAMS

POOL PARKING LOT (JOHN MUIR)



This session will be a place to share global case studies and learn of other tools for pressuring dam builders, such as compliance mechanisms, judicial review, and local votes on proposed dams. Topics will include Cerro de Oro in México, Merowe Dam in Sudan, and many others.

PRESENTERS: Rodolfo Chávez (*Comunidades Opositoras a La Presa La Parota, México*), Claudia Gomez (*Colectivo COA, México*), Manana Kochladze (*CEE Bankwatch Network, Georgia*), Marcos Ramírez (*Fundación Guillermo Toriello, Guatemala*), Fernanda Venzon (*Environmental Defense Law Center, USA/ México*)

EFFICIENCY: THE GREENEST ENERGY

VIDEO ROOM



This informational session will feature video interviews with experts on energy efficiency, followed by a brainstorm on how to advocate for efficiency measures.

PRESENTERS: Lori Pottinger (*International Rivers, USA*) will facilitate a discussion after the videos.

Session 5.3: Tuesday, 5 October, 3pm-5pm

EFFECTIVE FUNDRAISING

PLAZA (DOÑA MAGO)



This panel will discuss methods and best practices in fundraising. Topics covered will include grassroots fundraising and writing effective proposals to institutional donors. Panelists will include speakers from foundations and northern and southern NGOs and movements.

PRESENTERS: Karolo Aparicio and Aviva Imhof (*International Rivers, USA*), Gustavo Castro (*Otros Mundos, México*), Theodoros Chronopoulos (*Sigrid Rausing Trust, UK*), Richard Twum (*Volta Basin Development Foundation, Ghana*)

THE NEW GLOBAL DAM BUILDERS

SCHOOL (BENITO JUÁREZ)



Availability of Spanish interpretation to be determined

This session will provide a brief overview of new dam builders and financiers from China, India, Brazil and Thailand, who are increasingly dominating the global hydropower sector. We will discuss who these actors are and how movements can respond and brainstorm strategies regarding these new dam builders, the World Bank and other actors in breakout groups. It is recommended that participants also attend the preceding “Follow the Money” session.

BREAKOUT GROUP LEADERS: Peter Bosshard, Grace Mang, Samir Mehta, Pianporn Deetes and Brent Millikan (*International Rivers, USA/India/Thailand/Brazil*), Christine Eberlein (*Berne Declaration, Switzerland*), Nick Hildyard (*Cornerhouse, UK*), Yuki Tanabe (*Japan Center for a Sustainable Environment and Society, Japan*), Eri Watanabe (*Friends of the Earth Japan, Japan*), Aynabat Yaylymova (*Bank Information Center, USA*)

COMMUNITY WATER SOLUTIONS

SPORTS FIELD (NOKÓS EMBERAS)



Availability of Spanish interpretation to be determined

This panel presentation will cover topics such as urban water conservation, rainwater harvesting, flood management strategies, small-scale rural water supply projects, desalinization and recycling and watershed restoration.

PRESENTERS: Jeff Opperman (*The Nature Conservancy, USA*), Glenda Pickersgill (*Save the Mary River Coordinating Group, Australia*)

WOMEN, RIVERS AND DAMS

GLORY HILL (CHIEF KAPIKA)



In this women-only sharing circle, women will share experiences of their connection to rivers and how and why they decided to become part of the movement to protect rivers and communities from big dams. We will discuss the impacts of dams on our families and communities.

TAKING BACK THE RIVER: DAM REMOVAL, REOPERATION, AND RIVER RESTORATION

POOL PARKING LOT (JOHN MUIR)



This session will start with a panel and then have a brainstorm on experiences and strategies around dam decommissioning and other river restoration opportunities.

PRESENTERS: Ercan Ayboga (*Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive, Turkey*), Stephen Burgess (*Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, Australia*), Daniel Ribeiro (*Justiça Ambiental, Mozambique*)

Field Trips



1. La Yesca Dam: Broken promises

(TRAVEL TIME, 3 HOURS EACH WAY)

La Yesca Dam is one of the largest and highest profile hydropower projects in México. Without consulting affected people in Llano de las Velas, the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) decided to evict them. The commission ignored the community's demands for a fair price for their lands and has failed to implement promised compensation projects. Affected communities are negotiating for fair compensation. Many affected people are demanding that the project be halted until the Santiago River, one of the most polluted rivers in the country, is cleaned up. The project is about 12% complete and would flood nearly 3,500 hectares.

The beginning of the field trip may include a visit to Arroyo La Tuba in the Municipality of Tequila, Jalisco. This site is where tequila (traditional Mexican alcoholic beverage) factories discharge waste without treatment. Next, the group will travel to the construction site of La Yesca Dam. The group will then travel to Hostotipaquillo for a meeting with community members affected by the project. If possible, participants may also meet with residents affected by other hydroelectric dams built on this river.

More information available at:

<http://www.jornada.unam.mx/2010/05/08/index.php?section=economia&article=021a1eco>

<http://www.otrosmundoschiapas.org/index.php/represas.html>

2. Santiago River: An expedition through a dead river

(TRAVEL TIME, 2 HOURS EACH WAY)

The damming of the Santiago River unleashed a level of industrial development that has destroyed the life of the river. In the past, the people of El Salto and Juanacatlán benefited from the river's clean water and enjoyed visiting El Alto waterfall for recreation. Now, El Alto waterfall has little water. The water that does flow is filled with industrial and residential wastewater discharge from the Guadalajara metropolitan area. It contains high levels of chemical fertilizers, insecticides, and herbicides. The rotting water emits foul odors that affect residents and visitors permanently, causing headaches and stinging eyes. In addition, children who play on the riverbanks suffer from respiratory diseases and skin allergies. This has led to chronic health problems in the local communities. So far, authorities have refused to acknowledge the environmental and health crisis.

In response, local organizations and young people are fighting to restore the river. They are working to raise awareness and force authorities to take action. This field trip will take participants on a walk through the most impacted areas in the basin to learn what community members in El Salto and Juanacatlán have to endure every day, and their efforts to improve the situation.

More information available at:

<http://www.aldeah.org/es/México-salto-vida>





3. Arcediano Dam and the Water, Rivers and People Exhibit

(TRAVEL TIME, 2 HOURS EACH WAY)

In 2001, the Jalisco state government proposed building the Arcediano Dam on the Santiago River, one of the most polluted rivers in the country. The dam was proposed for water supply, although the river is contaminated by municipal and industrial waste. This action came from a government that has failed to address the severe water management problems in Guadalajara, México's second largest city. In 2003, the government evicted 25 families and destroyed their homes for the project. Everyone left except Doña Maria Guadalupe Lara Lara and her family, who refused to sell their land and launched a long struggle against the dam. In 2009, authorities finally canceled the project, concluding that geological conditions made the project economically unviable. Community members are fighting for compensation. Rivers for Life 3 participants will be accompanied by Maria Guadalupe Lara Lara and visit the canyon Huentitan-Oblates.

Participants will then visit the photo exhibit "Water, Rivers and People," located in the historic center of Guadalajara. This exhibit shows the human side of global conflicts over water—large dams and mass displacement of populations, human rights violations, violence, ecosystem degradation, and poverty. The exhibit also highlights victories over dams and real solutions to meeting people's water and energy needs. A public forum will be held with the Collective of Citizen's Groups for Water and the Mexican Movement of People Affected by Dams. This forum will highlight critical water issues people are facing and strategies for action.

More information available at:
<http://www.aguariosypueblos.org/>
<http://www.internationalrivers.org/en/node/1941>

4. El Zapotillo Dam

(TRAVEL TIME, 1 HOUR EACH WAY)

El Zapotillo Dam is proposed to supply drinking water to the city of León, Guanajuato by transferring water from the Río Verde to the city of Guadalajara and 14 municipalities in los Altos de Jalisco. Despite regulatory issues, strong opposition of local communities, the existence of alternatives, and the recommendation by the Human Rights Commission of Jalisco to suspend the project, federal and state authorities have not yet cancelled El Zapotillo Dam. The communities of Temacapulín, Acasico and Palmarejo have received support from national and international organizations, media outlets, citizens and scholars. However, despite the social, environmental, economic and legal arguments, work on the 105-meter-dam continues.

On this field trip, On this field trip, we will visit the El Zapotillo construction site and demand that the rights of people affected by the dam are respected. This action will be carried out in a way that will not jeopardize the safety of field trip participants. Participants will then travel to Talicoyunque, where the State Water Commission's authorities are building a relocation center for people who will be displaced. Afterwards, we will visit El Salto Dam, which was built 16 years ago for water supply although not a single drop of water has been drawn from it since then. Participants may also visit La Zurda Dam.



More information available at:
<http://www.Temacapulín.com.mx>
<http://www.temacajalisco.com>

5. Nature Walk in the Temacapulín Area

(TRAVEL TIME, 30 MINUTES EACH WAY)

Temacapulín is a hidden gem. The town is surrounded by mountains, a river, streams and waterfalls. This field trip will involve a leisurely walk through the surrounding areas of Temacapulín, including the beautiful and threatened Río Verde. We will visit the nearby Colomos Ecological Preserve, which contains the springs of the waters of Temaca, and a wide variety of plants and animals. Local guides will discuss the history of the area, and specific uses of natural materials.

Temacapulín: Fighting to Defend our Heritage

The people of Temacapulín have a history of resistance and activism. Today we are once again rising up in resistance to the planned Zapotillo Dam, a water project being promoted by the Mexican government.

Temacapulín (also known as Temaca) is home to about 800 people. Situated in the state of Jalisco, the village has ancient thermal baths, a wealth of historic buildings, great natural beauty, surrounding mountains and the Río Verde.

There are many buildings of historic importance, such as the royal houses, the Basílica de los Remedios (250 years old), Flamacordis Temple and the Temple of the Virgin of Rosario. The town temple, dedicated to Our Lady of Remedies, dates back to 1759. The area's oldest inhabitants were from the Tecuexe tribe. Archeologists say that the early indigenous settlements in Temacapulín date from the 7th century BC. You can still find remnants of pre-Hispanic cultures that inhabited these lands, including caves, petroglyphs, pot shards and arrowheads. Some of these remnants are on display in the community museum.

The “conquest” of Temacapulín took place in 1530, when, passing through on his way to conquer the Tonalá Kingdom, Spanish Captain Nuño Beltrán de Guzmán sent an army to explore and conquer the region. In 1541, the people of Temacapulín took active part in a widespread indigenous uprising, called the Mixtón War, which was the first revolt of the continent's native people after the Spanish invasion.

There are currently few permanent residents in Temacapulín because of the high migration rate to the US. However, many of the so-called “absent children” are still linked to this land, particularly in these times

of great risk to their community. Its colonial buildings, Río Verde, thermal baths, seasonal waterfalls, unique landscape, and the people's hospitality turned Temaca into a regional tourist destination beginning in the 1990s. This has brought hopes of community development for the residents of Temacapulín and the possibility of moving back home for the “absent children.” However, the townspeople are anxious because of the threat of dam construction, announced in 2005. This has forced them to continue forging their history of resistance and dignity, which will not falter despite the attacks of a government that is set on developing the unviable Zapotillo Dam.

This year México is celebrating the bicentennial of their independence from the Spanish crown. We are also celebrating the centennial of our revolution, which was marked by the campesino movement that fought under the slogan “Land and Freedom.” Rivers for Life 3 will be encircled by these commemorations and by the struggle of a community that proudly defends its territory, its culture and its dignity.

For additional information:
www.salvemostemaca.com
www.temacajalisco.com
www.riosparalavida3.org
www.redlar.org
www.imdec.net



The Struggle Against El Zapotillo Dam

The small towns of Temacapulín, Acasico and Palmarejo are located next to the Río Verde. Besides the common ties of location, language and culture, they all face the threat of inundation if El Zapotillo Dam is built. But the people are fighting back.

Over 1,000 permanent residents will have to be relocated if the towns are flooded. When the seasonal migrant population is included, the number is over 3,000. At a meeting in May 2008, Governor Emilio González Márquez said that if 50% + 1 of the residents were not in favor of the dam, it would not be built. Yet 90% of the combined population is opposed to El Zapotillo Dam. Although there is an audio recording of his promise, the Governor so far has not kept his word and plans are moving forward.

Temacapulín's dam struggle is similar to that of many small communities worldwide. We have been fighting for our survival since 2005, when the government of México and the state of Jalisco began to push the dam, ignoring the wishes of the inhabitants of this territory. Temacapulín is a town steeped in history and has demonstrated a peaceful resistance; we will not allow our rights to be trampled with impunity.

In our struggle against the dam and for our life, we are using reason, solidarity, faith and hope against an oppressive government that uses intimidation, lies, pressure and harassment to try to deprive us of our lands – lands inherited from our ancestors. This adds strength to the local movement, but also seeks to raise awareness of the need to regulate the manner in which Southern governments are pushing huge, destructive infrastructure projects.

The project has had many irregularities, beginning without having proper permission for appropriate land use by local authorities or from the National Institute of Anthropology and History. The responsible authorities have not visited, informed or consulted the affected communities. In addition to multiple mobilizations and actions, our community has sought dialogue with three levels of government, to no avail.

Despite this, construction on the project began in March 2010. In early 2010, the State Commission for Human Rights of Jalisco called for cancellation of the project and an analysis of alternatives to the dam, but the state government instead exerted more pressure on local people, even resorting to direct threats. We are now conducting an international campaign, "The eyes of the world are on Temaca," to pressure the Mexican government to cancel El Zapotillo Dam.

Dam height: 105 meters (344 feet)
Reservoir size: 3,800 hectares; 912 million cubic meters of water
Estimated cost: 10.500 million pesos (US\$813 million)
Beneficiaries: León, Guanajuato and 14 municipalities in the Los Altos region of Jalisco and the city of Guadalajara
Alternatives: Integrated water management for the cities of León and Guadalajara, where 40% is already wasted in supply networks



Useful Spanish Phrases

Greetings

Hello!	¡Hola!
Good morning!	¡Buenos días!
Good evening!	¡Buenas noches!
How are you?	¿Cómo está?
Fine.	Bien.
Very well.	Muy bien.
So-so.	Más o menos.
What's your name?	¿Cómo se llama?
My name is...	Me llamo
It's nice to meet you.	Mucho gusto.
Goodbye.	Adiós.
Where do you live?	¿Dónde vive?
I live in Madrid.	Vivo en Madrid.
I had a wonderful time.	Tuve un tiempo agradable.

Directions

Where?	¿Dónde?
Excuse me, where is...?	¿Disculpe, dónde está...?
Where is the bathroom?	¿Dónde está el baño?
Go straight ahead.	Siga recto. (Siga derecho.)
Go right.	Vaya a la derecha.
Go left.	Vaya a la izquierda.
Go back.	Vuelva.

Basic Phrases

It's delicious!	¡Está riquísima!
It is beautiful.	Está bonita.
The food is spicy.	La comida pica mucho.
I am vegetarian.	Soy vegetariano.
I do not eat pork.	No como puerco.
Water	Agua
Thank you.	Gracias.
You're welcome.	De nada.
Please.	Por favor.
Yes.	Sí.
No.	No.
Excuse me.	Con permiso.
I'm sorry.	Lo siento.
I don't understand.	No entiendo.
Do you speak English?	¿Habla inglés?
Can you help me?	¿Me podría ayudar?
Rivers for life, not for death.	Ríos para la vida, no para la muerte.