Lessons from the recent constitution-writing process about what it takes to bring the rights of women, indigenous people, and nature meaningful and into harmony?

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Background

• Work with Indigenous WAORANI Women in the Ecuadorian Amazon
• Type of matriarchy before contact, power communitarian women leaders
• Statistically, most vulnerable group in Ecuador: rural indigenous poor women in vulnerable environment, (Yasuní) the Amazon
• Power struggle with corrupt male leaders and extractivist activities
• Sought to regain power through citizenship, was not enough
• Met a shallow democracy (ID’s, vote)
• Empowered themselves at public spheres other than private spheres, like negotiation tables with oil companies
Climate Change

• We have passed the breakpoint, scenarios of 0.6 to 5°C
• Planetary mass extinction
• We are all on the same single planet
“Developed” countries: GHG energy, transport
“Developing” countries: deforestation
Non sustainable Western “development” model

• Capitalis
• Exponential growth and consumption
• Extract renewable and nonrenewable resources → ecological destruction
• Result: Poverty and inequality

→ Social, cultural, gender, financial and environmental CRISIS
Types of capital

Built capital

Social capital

Human capital

Natural capital
ECUADORIAN CONSTITUTION

• Seeks a new model of “development” in harmony with nature, inter-culturality and diversity respect
• Based on buen vivir, sumak kausay or wellbeing
• Strong focus on RIGHTS, peace and inclusion
• Fundación Pachamama’s work with vulnerable groups: indigenous people, women and nature
Real DEVELOPMENT

• Based on human, social and natural capital
• Herman Daly, an improvement of quality and not quantity that does not exceed nature’s capacity to regenerate
• Amartya Sen: growth not as a goal but as a mean to improve quality of life
• With real, whole, deep and inclusive democracy
• Not lineal but holistic and integral