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**VIVIR BIEN EN ARMONÍA CON LA MADRE TIERRA**  
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**Living Well in harmony with Mother Earth**

- Salutations
- Crisis – need for new approaches
  - Main characteristics of Living Well
  - How it became our development model
  - How this model is implemented in the practice –national and international level
  - Steps we are taking to move it forward
- We consider that the problems created by capitalism such as the destruction of Mother Earth, and the deepening of inequalities among and within countries will not be solved by creating more markets and therefore expanding capitalism, at the contrary more markets will deepen the inequalities and generate speculation and will not change the root of the problem. Alternative models are necessary, and the recognition that in the world there are multiple ways of living and thinking.
- The paradigm of the living-well in harmony with Mother Earth is characterized by the understanding of nature or Pachamama, as we call it, as a sacred self -regulated living being with which we have an indivisible, interdependent, complementary and spiritual relationship.
- It is a revolutionary perspective because in it humans are not the masters of nature or the owners of it, but are an intrinsic part of it, and dependent on Mother Earth, recognizing it as a source of life, and therefore endowed with rights. There is thus in this model a transition from the anthropocentric view of the world towards a cosmocentric approach.
- In this model the economy is only one part of social life, and it is not predominant over other aspects. Living Well in harmony with Mother Earth is based on the non-commodification of Mother Earth.
- Whereas the mainstream economic theory considers that the irrational exploitation of Mother Earth will be detained by-Putting an economic value to nature – introducing ecosystems into a market scheme –In the model of living well we recognize that in many societies the balanced coexistence between human beings and Mother Earth has never been broken, and it is the sacredness of Mother Earth and the understanding of the place of humans in the self regulated living being of Mother Earth that fosters this harmony.

- A holistic valuation or the assessment of the comprehensive and integrated relationship between peoples and nature for the reproduction of the systems of life to in Mother Earth implement living well following a rights-based approach is more suitable. This includes the overall valuation of the trade-offs and linkages between :
  - the conservation of environmental functions, maintaining the regenerative capacities of ecosystems,
  - development of sustainable production systems,
  - and people’s access to basic services for poverty eradication.
- By ensuring access of the poor to the environmental functions as community goods –the model of living well creates the conditions for the State to meet one of the great challenges of developing countries: the construction of a society with justice, equity and solidarity and the achievement of the right to development.
- This ancestral practices, knowledge and wisdom originated and still very present in our indigenous peoples and expanded to the rest of the society became the development model of our country since 2005 when President Evo Morales Ayma was elected by a large majority of our population, led by the mobilization of indigenous peoples and marginalized members of our society.
- In 2010 the Plurinational State of Bolivia convened a Conference called People’s Conference on Climate Change and Rights of Mother Earth in 2010, which was attended by some 30 thousand people from around the world. In this Conference people’s organizations proposed the recuperation and strengthening of the knowledge, wisdom and ancestral practices of indigenous peoples affirmed in the concept of Living-Well. The conclusions of the Conference were adopted by the government in order to promote a system based on the respect of the rights of Mother Earth and people’s rights.
- The institutionalization of this approach is being developed at the national and international level. Nationally Living Well was integrated into the Constitution of the Plurinational State of Bolivia in 2009. Also we have enacted in 2012 the law 300 of “Mother Earth and Integral Development for Living Well”-and we have developed technical, methodological and financial mechanisms such as the Joint Mitigation and Adaptation mechanism for the Integral and Sustainable management of Forests and Mother Earth.
- Internationally – recognized in the outcome document of Rio+20– Mother Earth Day – UNGA resolutions – UNEA in 2013 and 2014-and in other forums (Intergovernmental Platform in Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services-IBPES), in the Forum of Forests, in the Convention of Biodiversity, G77+China Summit in Santa Cruz – Bolivia.
- In this regard three steps are being taken that will move us forward in the implementation of Living Well:
  - the Characterization of systems of life,

- the establishment of agreements of complementarity with Mother Earth,
- and the Harmonization of systems of life.
- Also We are undertaking already several ascriptions of existing programs to the JMA in several departments.
- Also we are moving forward in the establishment of indicators of Living Well.
- A society based on the Living Well must put in practice an operational framework that includes the responsibilities, obligations and duties oriented to the management of life systems of Mother Earth that includes:
  - the historical responsibilities of developed countries, who should take the lead in changing its patterns of production and consumption, and providing additional and sustainable means of implementation
  - the obligations of States in addressing the integral development of systems of life of Mother Earth and poverty eradication,
  - and the duties of individuals and societies to take individual and collective actions to strengthen the values of Living –Well.