



# Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals



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Welcome to our monthly newsletter which provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues.



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*As you may have noticed, we took a break in August and now we are back. It's good to be consistent but sometimes we just need a break. It's okay to do so. You have too many things going on and it's a form of self-care to be okay with not doing something you do consistently. In this case, I am always happy to share space and provide the opportunity for you to get to know someone else. I am pleased to share this month's narrative space with our colleague who works with our team on event planning. We are so proud of her and want to provide opportunities when we can. -Nikki*

**J**ust a few months ago, I never would have thought I would be where I am today, working for ITEP and for that I am truly grateful. My name is Madeline Cesar, the events coordinator assistant to Zane Jacobs at the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals. I am a senior marketing major here at NAU who had no idea what she wanted to do and was honestly very lost. Trying my hand at event planning turned out to be the best decision I ever made because it led me here to ITEP. I have been able to work with many departments here at ITEP including the Air Quality team, Wellbeing team, and Waste and Response team. Each member of which took me in and guided me through every aspect of what it means to be working with Tribal nations. Coming into this team as someone who is not Tribal affiliated, gave me the opportunity to learn more about a subject I was previously unfamiliar with. One of the most eye opening parts of this role was learning how deeply environmental planning is tied to a culture. Planning an event with such powerful meaning, and knowing that this team can help create voices for Tribal members and communities from around the country gives you motivation that you may not have had with just any event.

I had the opportunity to attend the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) this past May as my first ITEP conference. I was able to connect with sponsors, vendors, and native artisans, helping them get acquainted and networking with them as the conference went on. Towards the end of the event, I even had the chance to attend a very informational and impactful session, presented by our wellbeing team, which gave me a deeper understanding of the work being done in this space.

Later on in the summer, after months of preparation, we traveled to Minneapolis Minnesota for the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF). This experience was incredibly rewarding. Witnessing members from across the country come together in one space to enjoy Native singers, drummers, dancers, and speakers who represent their communities was powerful. Being at the TLEF, I also gained a deeper appreciation for the logistics and coordination that go into hosting such a large-scale event. I am forever grateful for the entire department who not only welcomed me, but trusted me enough to help grow relationships with sponsors and vendors at their events.

Both experiences were incredibly rewarding, not only for the valuable information shared but also for the connections made with colleagues and partners who are doing impactful work in tribal communities across the country. I look forward to applying what I've learned as we continue planning upcoming events, and I am deeply thankful to ITEP for supporting my professional development through these experiences.

# In The News

## [The Land Acknowledgment Revolution: How Bazile Panek Transformed Empty Rituals into Environmental Action](#)

Walk into most environmental conferences these days and you'll hear the familiar refrain: a brief acknowledgment of the Indigenous peoples who originally stewarded the land where the event takes place. Then everyone moves on to the real business at hand, as if checking that box somehow addressed centuries of exclusion from environmental decision-making. Bazile Minogizhigaabo Panek was tired of watching organizations treat land acknowledgments like corporate disclaimers. So he built something revolutionary: a framework that transforms these symbolic gestures into concrete environmental outcomes. "Most land acknowledgments are performative theater," Panek explains. © New York Weekly, 07/31/25

## [Reclaiming Data for Indigenous Dreaming & Self-Determination](#)

Since NDN Collective was founded, we have known the importance of collecting data that is by Indigenous people, for Indigenous people. We do this work through research and evaluation, which are processes of gathering, understanding, and acting on data. Terms such as research, evaluation, learning, and monitoring are often used when talking about how people and organizations can collect data to measure impact, or the real-world effects of their work. It might seem like these practices are confined to academic settings, or that they are removed from human-centered and community-based work because of their focus on data collection and analysis. © NDN Collective, 07/31/25

## [What the presence of sheep means to the Diné](#)

Like many of the Diné people who frequent Lowe's Market in Window Rock on the Navajo Nation, I have seen Milton Snow's photographs showing Diné agricultural lifeways during the first half of the 20th century. The black-and-white images on the supermarket walls create a nostalgic environment for people seeking groceries in the heart of a food desert. Yet I never made any connection between my shopping trips and the man behind the lens. And I certainly never connected those images to the U.S. government-

sponsored Livestock Reduction Program of the 1930s and 1940s, which killed more than 250,000 reservation animals. © High Country News, 08/01/25

## [Yurok Tribe gains federal authority to set water quality standards on its reservation](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency has approved the Yurok Tribe Environmental Department's application for Treatment as a State (TAS), giving the tribe authority to set and enforce water quality standards on the Yurok Reservation in northern California. The designation, based on a 1987 amendment to the Clean Water Act, allows the department to administer federal environmental laws including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act within reservation boundaries. The approval applies to 44 miles of the Klamath River and its tributaries, according to a Yurok news release. Under TAS, the tribe may determine beneficial water uses based on local cultural, environmental and community considerations. © Tribal Business News, 08/02/25

## [From Vision to Volatility: EPA's Solar For All Program \\$500M Investment in Tribal Communities Threatened by White House Action](#)

After the recent passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill" Act with its rollbacks of solar incentives, another shock wave ripples through the solar industry with threats to claw back the \$7 billion investment into low-income communities through EPA's Solar For All Program. As reported by the New York Times and other outlets earlier this week, EPA is preparing termination letters for all Solar For All grantees, including the \$500 million directly funding Tribally-driven projects. These grants have already been legally obligated through contractual agreements. That Act, however, did not provide any new authority for EPA to go back on its contractual promises and terminate active Solar For All grants, which are well into planning, piloting, and implementation phases. © Native News Online, 08/07/25

## [Chief Devon Parfait - Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw](#)

Chief Devon Parfait spent his early years in Dulac, a bayou community at the edge of Louisiana. He caught fish from the dock, bounced on his

neighbor's trampoline, and went out on his grandfather's shrimp boat. But Hurricane Rita destroyed his family's home in 2005, when he was 8, setting off years of displacement. The extended family migrated inland and eventually settled in the New Orleans suburb of Marrero. Trauma followed Chief Devon for much of his childhood. Yet even as he struggled in school, the adults in his life believed and invested in him.

## [Press Statement regarding U.S. v. Alaska Fishing Rights Victory](#)

Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the United States, and Alaska Native Rights Advocates Claim Victory in Protecting Subsistence Fishing Rights and Defending the Katie John Cases from Attack by the State of Alaska in the Ninth Circuit. Yesterday morning, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued a thorough and well-reasoned opinion affirming the Federal District Court for the District Court of Alaska's permanent injunction blocking the State of Alaska from repeating its unlawful actions on the Kuskokwim River. © Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, 08/21/25

## [What Actually Counts as Land Back?](#)

Whether stewardship rights, such as those granted through land trusts and the like, constitute Land Back is a great question. The question and its framing are instructive of the very issues the Indigenous-led Land Back movement raises in its many and multifaceted efforts to reclaim the more than 90 million acres of Indigenous land stolen by the U.S. government. © 09/15/25, New City

## [How to build a food sovereignty lab](#)

Bureaucracy and budget constraints couldn't stop CalPoly Humboldt's Native American Studies Department from founding an Indigenous foods research lab. Amug of nettle tea steams by a fresh slice of huckleberry pie. The oven stands dormant, sinks quiet and clean. Baskets, jars of herbs and bulk ingredients like dried plums, tricolor popcorn and several varieties of seaweed adorn the shelves alongside gleaming pots and hanging garlic braids. © High Country News, 09/15/25



# Resources

## **Survey: [Emergency Management Organizational Structures, Staffing, and Capacity Study](#)**

In collaboration with Argonne National Laboratory, FEMA and several emergency management associations are conducting the Emergency Management Organizational Structures, Staffing and Capacity Study. This study will provide a better understanding of current state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management structures, staffing and capacity. As part of the study, emergency managers from all federally recognized tribes are invited to complete a survey open through Sept. 30 that should take no more than 20 minutes to complete. Survey topics include the following:

- Emergency Management Organizational Structure
- Staffing and Staff Activities
- Cross-Governmental Roles and Responsibilities
- Requirements
- Funding and Technological Resources
- Organizational Challenges
- The Emergency Manager Position

Results of the study can support and inform examination of FEMA roles and functions to support state, local, territorial and tribal partners. **Deadline: September 30, 2025**

## **Call for Proposals: [U.S. Indigenous Data Sovereignty & Governance Summit 2026](#)**

SUBMIT A PROPOSAL! The U.S. Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network invites Tribal and Indigenous leaders, Indigenous community programs, Indigenous data-focused scholars, policy experts, and other data actors and practitioners to submit a proposal for the 2026 Summit, “Coming Home: Indigenous Data Governance By Us For Us.” **Deadline: October 30, 2025**

## **Call for Speakers: [Tribal Climate & Health Adaptation Summit](#)**

We are still seeking speakers for specific sessions. If you are part of a Tribe or a Tribal-serving organization that provides relevant research, practices, or support in any aspect of climate change, particularly in emergency and disaster preparedness, we would like to hear from you. We aim to amplify the voices of Tribal attendees and facilitate peer-to-peer knowledge sharing during the Summit. If you have experiences you would like to share, please include them in the space provided in the registration form.

## **[Decolonize scientific institutions, don't just diversify them](#)**

Indigenous scholars set out eight steps to stop marginalization in academia and to enable a shared Indigenous agenda in science. Diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives intend to support Black, Indigenous and other marginalized scholars — but the pace of change has remained slow. Too often, Indigenous people continue to be objects of research; they must be allowed to become research leaders. For this to happen, extractive research that is taken from Indigenous people without their meaningful involvement, benefit or consent must stop. Indigenous communities must be in charge of whether or not they participate in research, and what happens with any data collected. (August 8, 2025)

## **[Tree rings reveal persistent Western Apache \(Ndee\) fire stewardship and niche construction in the American Southwest](#)**

Indigenous fire stewardship—the practice of using controlled fire to achieve cultural goals—was well documented in contemporary communities and in the ethnographic record but has often been undetected in historical fire records. Here, we use well-replicated tree-ring records from Western Apache homelands in Arizona to show that fire regimes here were structured by Indigenous fire stewardship for centuries even as many fire regimes elsewhere in the region were driven primarily by lightning ignitions and climate over the

last few millennia. Western Apache fire stewardship persisted on the San Carlos Reservation well into the 20th Century and provides an alternative model to current institutional prescribed burning for restoring cultural fire regimes and resilience to Southwestern dry forests. (August 4, 2025)

## **Podcast: [Business Leader Interview - Bazile Panek – Communities Are Your Stakeholders](#)**

In this episode, Bazile Panek - founder of Good Sky Guidance and member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa - shares how he bridges tribal communities and business leaders through cultural consulting, land stewardship, and traditional ecological knowledge (TEK). His work helps organizations engage respectfully with Native American communities and make long-term, sustainable decisions. From fire management rooted in ancestral memory to building land acknowledgements with action plans, Bazile offers practical insights for businesses, universities, and public agencies looking to collaborate with Indigenous groups. (August 2, 2025)

## **[“The Seed is the Law”: Creating New Governance Frameworks for Indigenous Heirloom Seeds and Traditional Knowledge](#)**

The United Nations World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) held a diplomatic conference in May 2024 where participants adopted a historic new treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge. The treaty is intended to improve the patent system by preventing erroneous patents that are derived from genetic resources and associated knowledge belonging to Indigenous peoples or local communities. The treaty will require contracting parties to establish a new disclosure requirement for patent applicants whose inventions are based on genetic resources or associated traditional knowledge. (August 1, 2025)

## **[Insights for Investing in California Tribal Communities](#)**

The “Insights for Investing in California Tribal Communities: A Rigorous Needs Assessment of Grantee Tribal Partners” report synthesizes feedback from 39 California Tribal Fund community partner organizations and shares findings on visibility, leadership, funding, workplace culture, program delivery, and more. It concludes with recommendations for funders who work with California Tribal communities on how best to help build and maintain meaningful relationships with Tribal grantee partners. (2025)

## **[The Dam Truth: What Glen Canyon Tells Us About a Drying West](#)**

The Glen Canyon Dam once symbolized American engineering might. But the Colorado River it was built to tame is shrinking. Shane meets dam managers, river advocates, and tribal leaders to explore the legacy — and limitations — of the West's water megaprojects. Can a 20th-century marvel survive the realities of a 21st-century climate? July 23, 2025

## **[Final Report: Designing Wabanaki Adaptive Capacity for Climate Change](#)**

NE CASC is pleased to announce that the project, “Designing Wabanaki Adaptive Capacity for Climate Change”, has been completed. Wabanaki Tribal Nations (Abenaki, Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot) and other Tribal Nations in the Northeast CASC region will face a disproportionate impact from climate change. These impacts will affect resources such as forestry products, fish, game, wild crops, and water that are important to tribal economies and well-being. To combat this, varying levels of tribal community preparedness and the ability to build effective adaptive capacity to extreme events will be crucial for future resiliency efforts. (July 31, 2025)

# Job & Internship Opportunities

## Summer 2026 Internship- ITEP's Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations Program

Applications are now open for Host Sites in the ITEP Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations Program. We are honored to partner with organizations across Mother Earth who are leading efforts to protect and uplift our human and non-human relatives. Host sites will develop a project work plan focused on resilience, which may include community outreach and engagement, research and interviews, implementation of resilience actions, transformative art projects, and more. Internships are 10 weeks at 40 hours per week and can be in-person, hybrid, or virtual. Each host site must provide a dedicated mentor to guide and support the intern's professional development. For questions, please contact [kim.shaw@nau.edu](mailto:kim.shaw@nau.edu) **Application deadline: November 21, 2025.**

## Sustainable Building Apprentice - Red Cloud Renewables

Join our dynamic team as a Sustainable Building Apprentice and gain hands-on experience in sustainable construction practices and building efficiency. This comprehensive 9-week program is designed to equip apprentices with essential skills and knowledge in the growing field of sustainable building. Apprentices will receive tools necessary for their trade at the end of the program. Mentorship and practical training in real-world scenarios. Opportunity for career growth in sustainable construction and building management. To apply contact [Dylan@redcloudrenewable.org](mailto:Dylan@redcloudrenewable.org) or call (605) 923-8326. **Application deadline: ASAP**

## Public Lands Program Manager

Conserve Southwest Utah is seeking a dedicated conservation leader who is passionate about inspiring others and leading grassroots environmental change. We welcome candidates who have recently completed their education and are eager to jumpstart their conservation careers, as well as professionals seeking to transition from other fields. This position will focus on protecting local public lands and engaging community voices in the conservation of these lands. Start date: No later than January 12th, 2026. **Application deadline: ASAP**

## Biologist II- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

This position will be primarily field-based and focused on the restoration and the research, monitoring, and evaluation of the enhancement of Pacific Lamprey as well as their habitats in the John Day, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Tucannon, Grande Ronde and Imnaha river basins. The position will utilize principles of fishery science, population dynamics, statistics, sampling theory, and experimental design while functioning in this position. Biologist II will work in both field and office settings to carry out assigned projects including data collection, analysis, reporting and the presentation of project findings. **Application deadline: ASAP**

## River Assessment and Restoration Assistant

The Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership (SNAP) is seeking enthusiastic, conservation-minded people to commit to 11 months of service, protecting Sierra natural resources and working to create sustainable communities, including one individual to be placed with American Rivers as the River Assessment and Restoration Assistant. The River Assessment and Restoration Assistant will gain project management, restoration, assessment, and outreach skills and experience on a diversity of projects at American Rivers. Assessment experience will include field work as well as desktop methods. Field assessment will include vegetation, groundwater, hydrology, fuel loading,

water quality, geomorphology/topographical surveys, and other biological assessments conducted in Sierra streams and high-elevation meadows. The position will start on November 1, 2025 and end on September 30, 2026 **Application deadline: ASAP**

## Climate Adaptation Project Manager II. Networking and Knowledge Sharing – ANTHC Climate Initiatives

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) Climate Initiatives department is recruiting a motivated, organized leader who thrives by connecting people. This is an opportunity to join a dynamic team that is creating change from the local to national levels. This new position will support planning, developing, coordinating, and overseeing the activities of the networking and knowledge sharing branch. Duties include developing and leading a climate adaptation community of practice, gathering and disseminating information on current and planned climate adaptation activities statewide, coordinating peer-to-peer learning opportunities with Tribal communities, social network analysis, and publishing the CETC monthly newsletter. Apply by contacting: [hrrecruiting@anthc.org](mailto:hrrecruiting@anthc.org). **Application deadline: ASAP**

## Community Knowledge Coordinator - Kuskokwim River Inter-tribal Fish Commission

The Community Knowledge Coordinator works to develop, manage, and expand community-based, social scientific fisheries research initiatives with and for Kuskokwim Tribal communities. These initiatives include ongoing and new projects to meet KRITFC's strategic initiatives to Document Traditional Knowledge and expand salmon monitoring. This position is by nature interdisciplinary and seeks a candidate with a co-production of knowledge mindset who can balance, navigate, and bridge both Traditional and modern/Western knowledge systems and research protocols. Location based in Bethel, AK, or other Kuskokwim River community preferred but not required. Alaska-based required unless special exceptions exist. Remote work is possible. Send a resume, cover letter explaining interest in this position, and 2 professional references to [terese@kritfc.org](mailto:terese@kritfc.org) and [kevinwhitworth@kritfc.org](mailto:kevinwhitworth@kritfc.org). **Application deadline: ASAP**

## Engagement and Communications Apprentice- Climate Science Alliance

The Engagement and Communications Apprentice (Apprentice) works collaboratively with a diverse set of partners to coordinate events and communications focused on advancing climate resilience, capacity building, and community outreach. Working closely with the Director of Education and Engagement, Director of Communications, and the Convene Program Manager, this position provides programmatic and administrative support for Climate Science Alliance education initiatives, community events, and general communications. The Apprentice assists staff in a wide variety of projects, events, and outreach activities. **Application deadline: ASAP**

## Kurt Grinnell Aquaculture Scholarship Foundation (KGASF)

The Kurt Grinnell Aquaculture Scholarship Foundation is actively soliciting scholarship applications at this time. To qualify, students or prospective students must be: 1) an enrolled Member of a Tribe or First Nation, or a Member of a Metis, Inuit, Alaska or Hawaiian Native group; and 2) be enrolled to study at a university, community college or a technical or trade institution. In addition, students should be pursuing or planning to pursue a degree or certificate focused on: aquaculture; fisheries; natural resource management; or a field closely related to the above subjects, and must have a demonstrated interest in aquaculture. **Application deadline: accepted anytime of the year**

# Funding Opportunities



## Additional Sources for More Opportunities:

- 1) More Funding Opportunities can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website: <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Resources/funding>
- 2) Tribal Climate Change Guide maintained by the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project at the University of Oregon: <http://tribalclimateguide.uoregon.edu/>
- 3) Searchable database of all discretionary grants offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies. <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/>
- 4) Conservation Innovation Grants (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

## Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program

The Emergency Drought Relief Funding opportunity and the Bureau of Reclamation Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program provides technical assistance to assist Indian Tribes in the 17 Western States in developing, managing, and protecting their water and related resources. The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is authorized to provide emergency drought relief for Tribes through the Inflation Reduction Act (Act) of 2022. To provide drought relief to Tribes, Reclamation's Native American Affairs and International Affairs Office (NAIAO) implements the Emergency Drought Relief for Tribes Program (Program). Activities funded through this Program must provide near-term drought relief actions that mitigate drought impacts for Tribes who are impacted by the operation of a Reclamation water project. **Application Deadline: October 14, 2025**

## Exploring Equitable Futures - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The purpose of this Exploring Equitable Futures call for proposals (CFP) is to support projects that seed new and unconventional ideas that could radically advance health equity for generations to come. We aim to fund projects that: Explore the future by researching and experimenting with ideas that are ahead

of the curve or at the edge of our collective imagination; Shine a light on the emerging trends and forces that are shaping our future for better or worse—and suggest ways to navigate them to mitigate harm and advance health equity; Dream big and challenge conventional wisdom to surface possibilities and uncover new paths to dismantle structural racism and build a more equitable future. **Application Deadline: October 15, 2025**

## Direct Action and Organizing Grants, NDN Collective

Available to Indigenous individuals or an Indigenous-led group working to defend Indigenous rights, communities, Nations, and Mother Earth. The purpose of the Community Action Fund is to financially support Indigenous frontline organizers, protectors, and movement mobilizers throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Island Nations of Borikén/Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands, up to \$20,000 USD. **Deadline: October 17, 2025**

## Tribal Electric Boats Program

The Tribal Electric Boats Program (TEBP), funded by the Climate Commitment Act, is awarding \$5 million to tribes to support the electrification and hybridization of marine propulsion power for tribal fishing vessels, including boats for research and patrol activities. Grants include marine charging equipment needed to power the boats. The program upholds tribal sovereignty, advances tribal goals for air quality improvement and climate change resilience, and supports decarbonization of marine vessels for federally recognized tribal governments and tribal enterprises.

- Applications are due 60-90 days after the RFA announcement.
- An evaluator panel is scheduled for September 23-October 15, 2025 (may be subject to change)

## FY 2026 Farm to School Grant Program

The objective of the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Farm to School Grant is to improve access to local foods in eligible Child Nutrition Program sites through comprehensive farm to CNP programming that includes local sourcing and agricultural education efforts. These grants are expected to improve child health and nutrition and reinvigorate American agriculture by better connecting American farmers and producers with USDA's Child Nutrition Programs. **Application deadline: December 5, 2025**

## Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

The Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant program will assist local waste management authorities by supporting improvements to local post-consumer materials management, including municipal recycling programs, and assisting local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems. Consistent with the authorizing statute in Section 302(a) of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, SWIFR will support an economy that uses a systems-focused approach and involves industrial processes and economic activities that are restorative or regenerative by design, enables resources used in such processes and activities to maintain their highest value for as long as possible, and aims for the elimination of waste through the superior design of materials, products, and systems (including business models). **Application deadline: December 12, 2025**

## Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program (IHBG-COMP) for FY2025

The Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program (IHBG-COMP) provides competitive grant opportunities to eligible IHBG formula recipients under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) to carry out eligible affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Tribal families. **Application deadline: January 15, 2026**

## Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

USDA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for up to \$1M for projects that help eligible communities (including Federally recognized Tribes) prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Projects may include: Constructing water transmission line or extension; Repairing breaks or leaks in existing water distribution line; Addressing related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply; Construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water (water source up to and including the treatment plant). **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis**



# Upcoming Events

NOTE: Updated info on events can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website:

<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/Events>

## September

### **Webinar Series: September-December 2025**

#### **Tribal Green Transportation Training Series Session**

4 part webinar series will provide a solid foundation about the latest trends in electric vehicles and EV charging infrastructure. Build your capacity for action while gaining support from technical experts. Collaborate with other Tribes across the PNW interested in transportation electrification (TE) planning that also leads to economic development opportunities.

- [Sep 24, 2025 - 1:00 PM](#) - Session 1: Change Management and Transportation Electrification (TE) Planning
- [Oct 29, 2025 - 1:00 PM](#) - Session 2: Vehicles and Procurement
- [Nov 19, 2025 - 1:00 PM](#) - Session 3: Charging and Infrastructure
- [Dec 10, 2025 - 1:00 PM](#) - Session 4: Workforce and Economic Development, How to Keep It Going

### **Symposium: September 29-October 1, Cove, OR**

#### **Carbon & Culture Symposium**

Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Department of Natural Resources First Foods Policy Program. 3 Day gathering to learn about Indigenous land stewardship and carbon management, hosted at the Ascension School in Cove, Oregon.

### **Conference: September 30-October 4, Denver, CO**

#### **The 11th World Conference on Ecological Restoration (SER2025)**

SER's World Conference is an exciting and inspiring biennial gathering of global experts in ecological restoration, making the 11th World Conference on Ecological Restoration (SER2025) the premier venue for those interested in being active members of the global restoration community.

## October

### **Conference: October 20-22, Milwaukee, WI**

#### **2025 Midwest Climate Resilience Conference**

The Midwest Climate Resilience Conference, hosted by the University of Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership, is the leading event dedicated

to climate adaptation and resilience in the Midwest and Great Lakes region. It aims to advance community and ecosystem resilience through critical discussions and action on key climate issues. The conference fosters collaboration among adaptation practitioners, promotes knowledge sharing, and encourages an inclusive approach that bridges sectors, disciplines, and communities. Beyond the event, it seeks to drive ongoing, coordinated efforts to strengthen climate resilience across the region.

## November

### **Summit: November 4, Pala Casino, CA**

#### **Tribal Climate & Health Adaptation Summit**

Guided by the theme "Realities of Tribal Climate Disaster Resilience," the Summit will focus on arming Tribal-serving professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to prepare for and act during climate change-related emergencies – such as extreme temperatures, wildfires, and storms – that may affect the Tribes they serve.

### **Summit: November 4-6, San Francisco, CA**

#### **Economic Futures Summit**

You are invited to the inaugural Economic Futures Summit—a first-of-its-kind, Indigenous-led gathering to galvanize sustainability solutions and create new pathways for evolving the economy and confronting the climate and nature crises. Hosted in-person on Turtle Island (North America) and open to participants from around the globe, this 2.5-day summit will convene 400 Indigenous and non-Indigenous practitioners, investors, academics, thought-leaders and policymakers in climate, conservation and sustainability.

### **Conference: November 5-6, Deadwood, SD**

#### **Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance Annual Conference**

This gathering will bring together Tribal leaders, elders, knowledge keepers, youth, and partners to share strategies, strengthen connections, and build pathways for climate and water resilience that honor cultural values and protect future generations.

## December

### **Conference: December 9-10, Virtual**

#### **Invasive Species and Climate Change**

The second International Invasive Species and Climate Change Conference is being organized by the Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change (RISCC) Network and hosted by the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA). The 1st IISCCC (January 2024) was a smashing success with nearly 1300 attendees from >20 countries and 6 continents. This conference is VIRTUAL allowing for more international attendance while reducing our carbon footprint.

## March

### **Workshop: March 4-6, Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA**

#### **Fire Adaption Workshop- Oregon State University**

Join Oregon State University, the Fire Adapted Communities Network and partners for an engaging workshop to transform how we adapt and coexist with wildfire in light of dynamic ecological, social and economic challenges. As new fire policies and adaptation strategies have grown across the Northwest, it is essential that we work together to learn, share and craft actionable visions. The workshop will be a space that honors wildfire adaptation as a collective and long-term journey involving diverse voices, generations, roles and experiences.

## May

### **Forum: May 12-14, Pittsburgh, PA**

#### **7th National Adaptation Forum**

The National Adaptation Forum is a biennial convening for adaptation professionals to innovate, network, and focus on established and emerging climate adaptation issues of the day. The Forum provides opportunities for professional development through training sessions, facilitated presentations and panels, and formal and informal networking sessions. At its core, the Forum is cross-disciplinary, bringing together practitioners from a variety of sectors, spanning natural, built, and social systems. Participants include representatives from governments (local, state, federal and tribal), nonprofit organizations, corporate sector and universities.

# International Indigenous News & Resources

## In the News

### [Indigenous alliance unveils Brazil's first Native-led emissions strategy](#)

Brazil's largest Indigenous organization has launched the country's first Native-led strategy to cut greenhouse gas emissions, ahead of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on Aug. 9. The idea is for the plan to be incorporated into the Brazilian government's own emissions reduction plan, the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), which the country updates and submits every five years as part of its obligations as a party to the 2015 Paris climate agreement. The Indigenous NDC was drawn up by the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB), representing Indigenous peoples and organizations from across the country. APIB's NDC contains 36 demands for inclusion into the Brazilian NDC and National Climate Plan, which set out targets and pathways for cutting emissions and adapting to climate change impacts. ©Mongabay, 08/9/2025

### [Caribbean Chiefs Meet on St. John to Sign a Declaration of Unity](#)

Three chiefs of Indigenous Caribbean Tribes met with tribal members on St. John this week, and their primary purpose was to sign a declaration of unity "to cooperate and assist each other, whenever possible, in matters of mutual interest and concern." It also gave them the chance to tell the public that indigenous Caribbean tribes are not extinct, as some may have thought, but are "surviving and even thriving," in the words of one chief. ©St. Thomas Source, 7/11/2025

### [A healthy environment is a human right, UN Court rules](#)

The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the highest court of the United Nations, has ruled that all humans have "the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment." "The Court is of the view that a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is a precondition for the enjoyment of many human rights, such as the right to life, the right to health and the right to an adequate standard of living, including access to water, food and housing," reads a line in the opinion, issued July 23rd. ©Eos, 7/23/2025

### [Financing and partnerships with Indigenous Peoples Spotlights at HLPF](#)

In a gathering at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), Indigenous leaders and global stakeholders converged for the official side event "Direct Partnerships with and Financing for Indigenous Peoples: Key to Strengthening SDG Implementation." Held at the United Nations Headquarters, the event focused on strengthening Indigenous-led development through direct access to finance, data sovereignty, and inclusive governance. ©Indigenous Navigator, 8/5/2025

### [UN experts hail landmark Inter-American Court opinion on States' extensive duties to protect the climate](#)

UN human rights experts welcomed the Inter-American Court of Human Rights' historic Advisory Opinion on the Climate Emergency and Human Rights, and its detailed clarifications on "reinforced"

### [Canada signs \\$300 million grant to launch one of the world's largest Indigenous-led land conservation projects](#)

Backed by \$375 million in new investments, including \$300 million from Canada and \$75 million from philanthropic partners, NWT: Our Land for the Future will support Indigenous-led stewardship and conservation across some of the world's most intact boreal and tundra ecosystems while creating hundreds of good, culturally meaningful jobs across the territory. Indigenous partners to NWT: Our Land for the Future aim to conserve and steward up to 380,000 square kilometres of land and inland water, which is nearly 30% of the territory, including the protection and conservation of over 2% of Canada in new terrestrial and freshwater areas. This represents a space almost seven times the size of Nova Scotia. ©Canada.ca, 7/21/2025

## Call for Input & Nominations

### [Call for Case Studies: Global Indigenous Peoples' Climate Contributions](#)

ELATIA network and Indigenous Livelihood Enhancement Partners (ILEPA), in partnership with the UN High-level Champion for COP28, Razan Al Mubarak, and with support from the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, are pleased to announce the call for case study submissions for the global data study on Indigenous Peoples and climate change. The Study emphasizes a rights- and responsibilities-based approach, highlighting Indigenous Peoples as agents of change in climate action at local, regional, national, and international levels. It will focus on case studies from the seven socio-cultural regions of Indigenous Peoples: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Arctic, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Russian Federation, illustrating their contributions to climate ambition, mitigation, adaptation, and trends in access to climate finance. **Deadline to Submit: ASAP**

## Job & Internship Opportunities

### [Job: Indigenous Climate Action - Executive Director](#)

Founded in 2015, Indigenous Climate Action (ICA) is an Indigenous-led, values-driven organization operating at the intersection of Indigenous sovereignty and climate justice. ICA is seeking a visionary, values-driven, and relationally attuned Executive Director to lead this powerful organization through its next chapter of growth and transformation. **Deadline: ASAP**

### [Job: Conservation International: Director of Indigenous and Community-Based Ocean Governance](#)

The Director of Indigenous and Community-based Ocean Governance will lead the Community-based Conservation program in Hawai'i, serving as a key organizational leader responsible for achieving transformational conservation outcomes. Leveraging place-based learning emerging from Hawai'i, the Director will help lead strategy development, in collaboration with partners and colleagues, towards a global Indigenous Ocean Governance strategy, lending technical support and oversight across the organization. **Deadline: Until Filled.**



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## **Job: [Deputy Director](#)**

The Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) is seeking a Deputy Director to support and strengthen our mission to protect the sacredness of Mother Earth from contamination and exploitation. IEN is a grassroots-led Indigenous organization dedicated to environmental protection, environmental human and ecological health, climate change, Indigenous Just Transition, and the rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Deputy Director will play a key leadership role in the internal operations of the organization, to ensure the resources and infrastructure are in place to achieve the mission. The Deputy Director oversees much of the work internally, freeing the Executive Director to focus on external matters such as public relations, partnerships, alliances, representing IEN in national, tribal, and international policy spaces, donors, foundations, and media. **Deadline: Until Filled.**

## **Resources & Funding**

### **Funding: [2025 Open Call Movement Fund](#)**

Inviting Alaska Native artists and collectives to apply for grants of \$5,000–\$25,000 under the theme Alaska Native Languages & Resistance. This year's call supports grassroots, intergenerational projects that protect Indigenous rights, revitalize languages, and preserve cultural lifeways through acts of resistance. Applicants must be Alaska Native, live full-time in Alaska, and be at least 18, with priority given to projects in rural communities. **Application deadline: October 20, 2025, at 11:59PM AKT.**

### **Funding: [Youth Wellness Honorarium \(Indigenous Climate Action\)](#)**

Honorariums are intended for Indigenous Youth engaged in frontline activism and/or climate justice organizing. At ICA we know that financial and mental health barriers often impact Indigenous Peoples when engaging in climate justice work. By creating this fund, Indigenous Climate Action hopes to remove some of those barriers that come up when upholding our sacred responsibilities. The fund can be used to pay for counseling sessions, provide an honorarium to an elder for their teachings, pay for an art or yoga class, or for gas to get out on the land if you live elsewhere. **Deadline: ongoing.**

## **Events**

### **Conference, October 9-15, 2025 - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**

#### **[IUCN World Conservation Congress](#)**

"IUCN's 1400+ government, civil society and Indigenous peoples' Member organisations vote on major issues to help guide humanity's relationship with our planet." Proposal/Abstract deadline: February 7, 2025.

### **Conference, October 13-14, 2025 - Colombo, Sri Lanka** **[Regional Climate Change Conference \(RCCC\) 2025](#)**

This year's theme is "The Intersection of Climate Science, Adaptation, and Climate Financing: Focus on the Global South and Inclusivity."

### **Conference, October 13-16, 2025 - Ōtautahi Christchurch, New Zealand** **[Adaptation Futures 2025](#)**

Adaptation Futures is the flagship event of the United

Nations World Adaptation Science Programme (WASP). The premier international climate change adaptation conference series enables practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and academics from across the world to gather to network, collaborate, learn, and inspire.

### **Conference, October 16-18, 2025 - Reykjavik, Iceland** **[2025 Arctic Circle Assembly](#)**

The annual Arctic Circle Assembly brings together governments, organizations, corporations, universities, think tanks, environmental associations, Indigenous communities, citizens and others for a comprehensive and democratic Arctic dialogue. The Assembly is the largest gathering on Arctic affairs. It is a place for international engagement, cooperation, and celebration.