



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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Pride. If you take heed of the definition, you will find that as a noun it could mean that a person or organization feels and takes deep pleasure or satisfaction in themselves, their work, or of others. As a verb, one would be aware and mindful of oneself or dignity. If you are part of the LGBTQIA2S+ community then you know that the definition of Pride goes even deeper than what Meriam Webster's definition states. For as long as societies have convened, evolved, and existed, our LGBTQIA2S+ relatives have always strived to do the same; exist.

When I was growing up there was very little to no disdain for our queer, two-spirit relatives and communities. It was only as I grew older, that there was more opposition and criticism, and judgment, and it always felt wrong to hear and see. As a Diné, I grew up learning and knowing our two-spirit relatives were to be just as respected as our leaders, healers, and medicine people. We all have significant roles and some of us more than others. I truly believe and know that our LGBTQIA2S+ relatives and colleagues have a critical role in caring for our non-human relatives and Mother Earth. I also realize that people do not agree with and/or judge our two-spirit people, and I would only ask for their respect in our right to know that everyone has the right to be happy, loved, educated, and exist.

Ten years before my birth into this world, I learned that people were speaking and standing up for their civil rights as LGBTQ community members at the [Stonewall Riots](#) but also long before then. I am not always able to attend many community events, so last year was my first time attending our

community's Pride event, and the love and respect shown altered my consciousness. This year, our [ITEP colleague, Zane Jacobs](#), served his first year as the president of our local Pride organization and the whole event was even more fulfilling.

Some of you may be wondering, what does this have to do with the environment or climate change? Everything! I have learned that the happier and more content I am with myself, the more motivation I have to do what I can to care for the land, animals, and people. If we continue to respect our relatives and let them be who they are, then we are only encouraging our warriors to hone their skills and knowledge to take care of our communities. We care for the land so we can ensure our young people will have healthy water and land to live with. Let's take [Pride in ourselves](#), our lands, waters, and all relatives.

Let's continue to live and be in harmony! Hózhó jí!

With gratitude and respect, on behalf of the [climate warriors at ITEP](#), Nikki Cooley

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In The News

[Spring on Alaska's Unuk River Shouldn't Mean Fighting for Our Way of Life](#)

In Southeast Alaska, winter fades and the return of the ooligan (also known as eulachon) in the Unuk River marks the arrival of spring. Ooligan, sm'algyax, is the fish that saves. It forms the basis of an entire regional ecosystem, and it is why our people have thrived here since time immemorial. The Unuk flows through the history of our origin and migration, its place names reflecting our ancestors and events critical to our history. © High Country News, 05/29/24

[Water Inequality on the Colorado River](#)

For the last couple of decades, water managers in southern Nevada have promoted a plethora of conservation measures, from fixing leaks in the vast system of pipes snaking beneath Las Vegas to encouraging reduced-flow faucets to banning ornamental turf. Golf courses are irrigated with treated wastewater, and water-gulping swamp coolers are discouraged. All this has helped Nevada stay within tight limits on how much it can draw from the Colorado River, bringing per capita consumption down to just over 100 gallons per day — about one-fourth of what it was in 1991. © High Country News, 06/01/24

[How An Aboriginal Woman Fought a Coal Company and Won](#)

In 2019, Australia was on the cusp of approving a new coal mine on traditional Wiridi land in Queensland that would have extracted approximately 40 million tons of coal each year for 35 years. The Waratah coal mine would have destroyed a nature refuge and emitted 1.58 billion tons of carbon dioxide. But that didn't happen, thanks to the advocacy of Murrawah Maroochy Johnson, a 29-year-old Wiridi woman of the Birri Gubba Nation, who led a lawsuit against the coal company in 2021, and won. © Grist 06/03/24

[\\$2.8 Billion Proposed to Protect Public Lands, Support Conservation Efforts](#)

The Departments of the Interior and Agriculture announced a proposed investment of \$2.8 billion in fiscal year 2025 through the Great American Outdoors Act to protect and sustain public lands and schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education. The budget proposal also

includes full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, part of which will go toward helping tribes acquire lands for natural and cultural resource conservation and recreation access. © Department of Interior, 06/04/24

[Biden-Harris Administration Announces Actions to Strengthen Tribal Food Sovereignty, Co-Stewardship, and Knowledge of Tribal Agriculture Policy](#)

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced a series of actions by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Biden-Harris Administration to strengthen Tribal sovereignty and fulfill long-standing Tribal requests for USDA to better partner with Tribal Nations, and make our overall food system more resilient. Today's announcements include over \$42 million for awardees under the Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program, \$18 million for projects under the Tribal Forest Protection Act, and \$2.3 million to support the service of Indigenous foods in school meal programs. © USDA, 06/05/24

[Conservation Group Builds Bridges With Tribes, Embraces Traditional Ecological Knowledge](#)

For many tribes in the southeastern U.S., conservation efforts by outsiders have often meant a disregard for traditional practices. The Southeastern Grasslands Institute (SGI), which is based at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., wants to make sure it doesn't make the same mistake. The group engages in an array of grassland restoration projects across the Southeastern United States. Those projects range from reviving dead ecosystems by planting new grasses to mapping and protecting existing grasslands. The group wants to expand that work to collaborations with tribes - and that means meeting them where they are, said SGI Executive Director and Co-Founder Dr. Dwayne Estes. When the opportunity arose through a grant from the Department of Agriculture, SGI hired the first of its tribal liaisons. © Tribal Business News, 06/13/24

[NOAA Fisheries Authorizes Makah Tribe to Whale Hunt](#)

Today, NOAA Fisheries announced the final rule and decision to grant the Makah Tribe a waiver from the take prohibitions in the Marine Mammal

Protection Act (MMPA). This waiver provides for a limited subsistence and ceremonial hunt of Eastern North Pacific gray whales in accordance with the [Treaty of Neah Bay](#) of 1855 and quotas established by the [International Whaling Commission \(IWC\)](#). This waiver authorizes the Makah Tribe to resume hunting up to 25 Eastern North Pacific gray whales over a 10-year period in U.S. waters. © NOAA Fisheries, 06/13/24

[The Mille Lacs Band Will See the Return of 18 Acres of State Trust Land](#)

After decades of advocacy, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe will see 18 acres of land returned to them by the state of Minnesota. The move comes after lawmakers passed legislation last month to formally return [state trust lands](#) inside the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Band's reservation. Minnesota's returning of Indigenous land is part of a much broader global [landback movement](#) that has been gaining momentum in part due to [studies that show](#) Indigenous guardianship leads to more effective ecological outcomes. © Grist, 06/18/24

[Santa Ana Pueblo Takes Back Ancestral Land, Declares Conservation Efforts, Trespassing Enforcement](#)

An area of high desert hills and prairie near Albuquerque, which was once called Alamo Ranch, will again be known by its original name: Tamaya Kwii Kee Nee Puu. The 60,000 acres represent ancestral farming and hunting grounds of the "Tamayame," the original Keres word for the people of the land. Spanish conquistadors later renamed the place after the Catholic patron Saint Anne. The people renamed by colonizers on June 12 officially reacquired more than 100 square miles of the ancestral land where Santa Ana Pueblo citizens will continue to live with the land to hunt, produce clay for pottery and minerals for other ceremonial uses, said Jay Garcia, a former lieutenant governor and council member with the tribe. © Roswell Daily Record, 06/20/24

Resources

[Biden-Harris Administration Releases Agency Climate Adaptation Plans, Demonstrates Leadership in Building Climate Resilience](#)

On June 20, 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration released [updated Climate Adaptation Plans](#) developed by more than 20 federal agencies that expand agency efforts to ensure their facilities, employees, resources, and operations are increasingly resilient to climate change impacts like extreme weather. This work advances the Biden-Harris Administration's [National Climate Resilience Framework](#), which helps to align climate resilience investments across the public and private sector through common principles and opportunities for action to build a climate-resilient nation. These efforts are backed by President Biden's Investing in America agenda, through which more than \$50 billion is being delivered to advance climate adaptation and resilience across the nation, including in communities that are the most vulnerable to climate impacts. In coordination with the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), agencies updated their Climate Adaptation Plans for 2024 to 2027 to better integrate climate risk across their mission, operations, and asset management.

[Podcast Episode- Wild Thoughts on RAWA](#)

In this cross-pollinating episode featuring "Wild Thoughts" and returning co-host Julian Nesbitt, Tykee discusses the Recovering America's Wildlife Act with special guests from the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. The episode features education coordinator Ashley Mueller and Executive Director Julie Thorstenson. Together, they explore their careers in conservation, human-wildlife conflict, and also engage in some creative thinking about animal trait-based resumes.

[Grassroots Response to the Navajo Water Rights Settlement- Diné Water Rights Coalition](#)

Response from Grassroots, Diné Water Rights Coalition to the Navajo Nation Department of Justice, President Buu Nygren, and the Navajo Nation Council. The Diné Water Rights Coalition, formed in 2012, comprises Diné community group organizations like Tó Nizhóní Ání and individual community members concerned about the Navajo Nation's future water rights. The Diné Water Rights Coalition has submitted a written comment on the approved water rights legislation.

[Indigenous Climate Action at the Speed of Consent: 2024 Gilbert F. White Lecture](#)

During this lecture, Dr. Kyle Whyte will discuss Indigenous climate action and why respect for Indigenous consent is among the fastest methods for mitigating dangerous climate change.

[Tribal Resilience Action Database](#)

The Tribal Resilience Action Database project brings together a group of project partners and advisors representing more than two dozen Tribes across North America to create a culturally sensitive, easily accessible, and useful database of climate adaptation strategies and community examples already published by Tribes that can be used to inform ongoing and new climate adaptation and resilience work in Tribal communities.

[Climate Mapping for Resilience & Adaptation](#)

Check how conditions related to common climate hazards are projected to change over the next several decades. Results can help you understand if people, property, and infrastructure could be exposed to climate-related hazards.

[Breaking Point: The State of Tribal Forestry Today: Challenges & Opportunities Story Map](#)

There is a unique tribal vision of forest management, but numerous urgent challenges exist in sustaining tribal forests for the benefit of Indian people— including deep disparities in funding, a backlog of stewardship and restoration projects, and limited staffing. Increases in co-management with federal agencies, tribal self-determination, and the creation of new programs that support tribal workforce development may begin to alleviate these challenges, allowing tribal forestry to continue serving as a positive example of promoting environmental stewardship. The following challenges and opportunities are provided by the Indian Forest Management Assessment Team (IFMAT) in the most recent decadal report documenting the state of tribal forest management in the United States.

[Stewarding Native Lands Webinar Recording Now Available](#)

First Nations' Stewarding Native Lands team hosted a webinar to share best practices and funding opportunities to strengthen and steward national forest lands. A recording and presentation materials for "Indigenous Stewardship on National Forest Lands: Webinar 2: East Region" can be accessed

[Podcast Botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer: 'The Clock Is Ticking But The World Will Teach Us What We Need To Do'](#)

For a long time, western science and Indigenous knowledge have been seen as distinct ways of learning about the world. But as we plunge the planet deeper into environmental crises, it is becoming clear that it is time to pay attention to both. Bridging that gap has been the driving force behind the career of the botanist and author of Braiding Sweetgrass, Robin Wall Kimmerer. She tells Madeleine Finlay what we can learn from the most ancient plants on Earth, why we need to cultivate gratitude for the natural world and what western science can learn from Indigenous knowledge.

[FEATURE ITEP Tribal Profile: Hope Earth Day](#)

On April 22, 2024, the Hopi Nation's Department of Natural Resources collaborated with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) to bring together Hopi community members, school children, elders, educators, and environmental departments from across the state of Arizona to celebrate Earth Day as a day to honor Mother Earth. Hands-on activities engaged students with changes they're seeing in their environment and allowed them to fully understand all the causes and effects of climate change. Students ranged from kindergarten to middle school, yet the activities had everyone learning something new about their local environment, regardless of age.



Job & Internship Opportunities

[Changemaker Fellowship- NDN Collective](#)

The NDN Changemaker Fellowship is a two-year fellowship designed to invest (\$150,000 USD) in the visions, leadership, and personal and professional development of 21 Indigenous Changemakers working in their communities. The purpose and intention of the NDN Changemaker Fellowship is to amplify, deepen, and catalyze the power of Indigenous Leaders across Turtle Island. Leaders who change and empower their communities through social change, embrace the opportunity to grow through personal and professional development, and model wellness and self-care. **Application deadline: July 1, 2024**

[2024-2025 Native Agriculture & Food Systems Scholarship](#)

First Nations' Native Agriculture and Food Systems Investments Scholarship program supports Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian college students who are entering agriculture and food systems fields so that they can better assist their communities with their food systems efforts. First Nations will award 20 to 25 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to \$1,500 each for the 2024-2025 academic school year to Native college or university students majoring in agriculture and agriculture-related fields. **Application deadline: July 11, 2024**

[2024 NAFWS Scholarship](#)

To help Native American and/or Alaskan Native students pursue their career and educational goals in the field of natural resources, by providing financial assistance. The NAFWS National Scholarship amount is \$1500.00 to \$2500.00 and will be given to recipients for the Fall of 2024. **Application deadline: July 19, 2024**

[National Tribal Water Council: Membership Recruitment for Region 6 & 7](#)

The National Tribal Water Council is a technical and scientific body established to advocate for the best interests of federally-recognized Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in matters pertaining to water. The Council is currently accepting applications from tribal water professionals to fill two open positions.

- Region 6 Representative (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX) **Application deadline: July 31, 2024**
- Region 7 Representative (IA, KS, MO, NE) **Application deadline: August 15, 2024**

[Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, Bay Area Environmental Research Institute](#)

The Bay Area Environmental Research (BAER) Institute with NASA's Indigenous Peoples Initiative (IPI) is seeking an Indigenous Engagement Coordinator (IEC) for supporting, building, and maintaining relationships between Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities with NASA's Earth Science Division (ESD). The IEC will primarily work to engage Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities on behalf of and alongside the IPI and NASA ESD programs, explicitly with FireSense and the Geological Earth Mapping Experiment (GEMx) research project, and with other elements such as Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) and Missions Applications Teams, as the need arises. **Application deadline: open until filled**

[Fish and Wildlife Department Director, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho.](#)

The Fish and Wildlife Department Director provides the planning, organization, coordination, monitoring, and direction necessary to ensure effective operation of the Tribe's Fish and Wildlife Department. The Fish and Wildlife Director guides implementation of projects that address fish and wildlife restoration, habitat improvement, and biological monitoring. This position promotes effective operations and programs based on existing Tribal goals, strategies, and objectives, within compliance with all applicable Tribal and Federal policies, regulations, and procedures. Contact: kdavid@kootenai.org for more information and application. **Application deadline: open until filled**

[First Nations Development Institute - Several Job Openings](#)

Join First Nations in advancing our mission to uplift and sustain the lifeways and economies of Native communities through advocacy, financial support, and knowledge sharing. We're excited to share the following career opportunities. **Application deadline: open until filled**

- Director of Human Resources – New!
- Communications Associate – New!
- Program Officer, Stewarding Native Lands
- Development Officer (Technical)
- Lead Grants Development Officer

[Program Officer- Stewarding Native Lands- First Nations Development Institute](#)

First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) is a 44-year-old Native American controlled nonprofit organization whose mission is to uplift and sustain the lifeways and economies of Native Communities through advocacy, financial support, and knowledge sharing. The Program Officer will be assigned to the Stewarding Native Lands program. The Stewarding Native Lands program believes that the world will be more sustainable and prosperous when Native knowledge is centered in the stewardship of lands. The Stewarding Native Lands program supports Tribes and Native nonprofits across four strategic initiatives: Community Pathways, Ecological Stewardship, Environmental Sovereignty & Justice, and Climate. **Application deadline: open until filled**

[Education & Training Manager](#)

Indigenous Climate Action (ICA) is looking for someone who is ambitious, personable and passionately committed to true Indigenous Climate Justice to serve as its Education and Training Manager. This position requires a deep understanding of the intersectional approaches of climate justice and Indigenous rights in application to education and training contexts. The Education and Training Manager you will work with ICA Leadership to coordinate educational resources, develop and oversee the delivery of training on climate justice through a variety of ICA's programs such as, but not limited to, Climate Leadership, Just Transition, and Divestment. **Application deadline: open until filled**

[Program Associate- Stewarding Native Lands- First Nations Development Institute](#)

The Program Associate's primary responsibility is to assist and support program officers and the Director of Programs in the administration and implementation of First Nations' Stewarding Native Lands projects. Additional responsibilities include thoughtful contributions to Indigenous land stewardship and environmental justice conversations; coordination of technical assistance and training; participation in onsite visits, grantee communications, and grant management; and monitoring of consultant work. **Application deadline: open until filled**

[Tohono O'odham Nation - Environmental Specialist](#)

Under general supervision, this position protects the land, natural resources, and eco-system conditions of the Tohono O'odham Nation by assessing environmental impacts of past, present and future operations. Conducts tests and field investigations to obtain data for use in determining sources and methods of controlling pollutants in air, water, and land. **Application deadline: open until filled**

[First Alaskans Institute - Indigenous Stewardship Fellow](#)

Primary focus of this position will be to create a network of Indigenous and other entities supporting Indigenous-led marine stewardship; create a replicable model for Indigenous marine stewardship; identify geographies in Alaska in which there is a need, Tribal support, and Native leadership for expanding this work. **Application deadline: open until filled**

Funding Opportunities



Additional Sources for More Opportunities:

1) More Funding Opportunities can be found at the Tribes & Climate Change website: <http://www7.nau.edu/itcp/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. www.grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp

4) Conservation Innovation Grants (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

[Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages](#)

The primary objective of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons of low- and moderate-incomes. These funds are awarded on a first-come first-serve basis until the amount set aside for this purpose is expended. **Application deadline: July 15, 2024**

[Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds](#)

Under National Priority Area IV in the Request for Applicants, the EPA are seeking to establish a 5-year, \$500K grant/cooperative agreement with an entity to provide technical support to Tribal NPA programs across the country through 1) convening Tribal NPS Technical Exchanges, 2) providing direct NPS technical assistance to Tribal NPS programs, 3) convening technical NPS trainings for the Tribal NPS programs 4) coordinating with

other federal agencies to leverage technical and financial support 5) providing travel support for Tribal NPS staff to attend NPS-related trainings, etc. **Application deadline: July 17, 2024**

[NDN Collective Community Self-Determination Grant](#)

Community Self-Determination Grants are intended to support, strengthen and invest in the long-term visions, sustainability, and building of collective power of Indigenous Tribal Nations, Pueblos, tribal communities, grassroots movements and Indigenous-led organizations. While we consider national efforts, we intentionally prioritize grassroots, community-based efforts and solutions. Significant, flexible, multi-year funding may include the infusion of general operating support, power building, capital and holistic support for comprehensive initiatives and specific programs. **Application deadline: July 17, 2024**

[Tribal Domestic Water Infrastructure](#)

On April 2, The Department of the Interior announced that up to \$320 million is available under President Biden's Investing in America agenda through the Bureau of Reclamation to assist federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations as they plan and construct domestic water infrastructure. This funding opportunity is open to Tribes in the 17 western U.S. states served by Reclamation, which will implement the program in two phases: phase one funding will be for planning, design or construction in fiscal year 2024; and phase two funding will be for construction in fiscal years 2027 and 2028. **Application deadline: August 4, 2024**

[USDA Forest Service Inflation Reduction Act Forest Landowner Support: Tribal Access to Emerging Private Markets for Climate Mitigation and Forest Resilience](#)

The Forest Service is providing at least \$20 million in competitive funds to federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native corporations and villages to support tribal participation in emerging private markets for climate mitigation or forest resilience. Examples of emerging markets may include markets for water quality and quantity, carbon, biodiversity, and wetland restoration. Proposed activities must benefit nonindustrial private forest land, which includes land that is rural, forested or able to grow trees, and owned by a tribe, tribal member(s), or non-Tribal private forest landowner(s). **Application deadline: August 21, 2024**

[WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase II](#)

Reclamation began providing funding for watershed group development, watershed restoration planning, and watershed management project design (Phase I). Submit proposals for the second application period for Phase I activities to develop a watershed group, complete watershed restoration planning activities, and design watershed management projects. Reclamation will award a successful applicant up to \$100,000 per year for a period of up to three years, with no non-Federal cost-share required. **Application deadline: September 4, 2024**

[NDN Collective Community Action Fund](#)

Community Action Fund (CAF) grants support direct actions and organizing efforts that are often urgent and time sensitive. CAF prioritizes frontline, grassroots and community-based efforts that defend Indigenous peoples rights, communities and nations, including responses to climate disasters. The average grant is \$15,000 but can range up to \$40,000. **Application deadline: Open on a monthly basis until October 31, 2024**

[Community Change Grants Program](#)

EPA's new [Environmental and Climate Justice](#) Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants) has announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity for approximately \$2 billion dollars in [Inflation Reduction Act](#) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input. **Application deadline: November 21, 2024**

[Tribal Energy Plan Grant, Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund \(TSAF\)](#)

The Tribal Energy Plan Grant program is open until funding is fully subscribed. Applicants may apply for funding up to \$25,000 for up to one year. The development of Tribal Energy Plans are intended to help tribal communities quickly and efficiently triage the known practical and impactful strategies to reduce greenhouse gas, reduce energy costs, and operate more sustainably. The grants can be used to compensate the planning team for their time, contract the services of consultants or other third-party experts, and cover the costs of public meetings and other methods soliciting public input. **Application deadline: open until funds are fully subscribed**

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>

July

Webinar: July 9, Virtual **[Global Stories, Local Impact: Your Part in the Global Solutions Diary](#)**

Join us for an inspiring and informative webinar on the power of climate storytelling and our new initiative, the Global Solutions Diary. In this session, we'll explore the essence of climate storytelling—what it is, why it matters, and how it can drive meaningful change by connecting personal experiences with global issues. We'll go into the importance of sharing your story, demonstrating how personal narratives can influence others, inspire action, and build a deeper understanding of climate solutions.

August

Conference: August 1-4, Cherokee, NC

[18th Protecting Mother Earth Conference](#)

Protecting Mother Earth (PME) Conferences are all-outdoor events, and this year, the theme will be Indigenous Just Transition. The PME is Indigenous-initiated, organized, and led to elevate the critical voices of those fighting the frontline battles against the violation of our treaty rights, self-determination, environmental injustice, and climate change. We welcome Indigenous Peoples, frontline grassroots groups, and tribal nation representatives – allies and CJ/EJ advocates across Turtle Island.

Conference, August 9th, 2024, Online

[Global Indigenous Youth Summit on Climate Change \(GIYSCC\) 2024](#)

The Global Summit provides a platform to accelerate global engagement with Indigenous youth communities, cultures, languages, ethnicities, countries, and continents across the world. Rapidly changing climatic conditions have increased levels of uncertainty and anxiety among the youth on Earth, nonetheless, the mobilization of youth around the world shows the massive power they possess as essential contributors. Youth, and especially Indigenous youth have key roles to enhance multilateral cooperation on climate action.

Summit: August 11-16, North Bend, Oregon

[2024 Changing Currents Tribal Water Summit](#)

Changing Current Water summits are inter-tribal convenings designed to bring together staff and leadership from Northwest Tribes and Native communities

to foster dialogue & collaboration around common water interests and work toward a shared agenda. Changing Currents: Tribal Water Summit began as an idea and concept of a few tribal water leaders that were inspired by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs leadership with the Deschutes River Conservancy. The thought being, if divergent interests such as those found on the Deschutes River could come together and work on common interests in that basin; why not replicate that on a state, regional and national level.

Forum: August 12-15, Eugene, Oregon

[ITEP Tribal Lands & Environment Forum](#)

This is the fourteenth annual forum for environmental professionals from Tribes, US EPA, State/Local/Federal agencies, community organizations, and other interested parties to meet, share knowledge and learn from one another how to improve management, protection and restoration of Tribal lands for us and all our relations.

Conference: August 13-15, Lemoore, California

SAVE THE DATE!

[36th Annual Southwest Regional Conference- Native American Fish & Wildlife Society](#)

More information coming soon!

Climate Camp: August 25-30, Corbett, Oregon

[ATNI Tribal Climate Camp](#)

Native communities are among the most climate-sensitive groups within the Northwest, Southern and Eastern regions of the United States. Increasing the resilience of tribal governments and native communities is critical to prepare for future climate change scenarios. Learning objectives will focus on building a common knowledge base in climate science and on building individual and team capacity to lead and manage for change and adaptation across departments within a tribe and between the tribe and partner agencies and organizations.

September

Conference: September 9-12, Anchorage, AK

[National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference](#)

This event will convene our relatives, partners, and colleagues from across Mother Earth to share their knowledge about their efforts to address the climate impacts on their communities, natural

environment, and non-human relatives. This includes the sharing and honoring of Traditional and Indigenous Knowledges while ensuring that these knowledges belong to the Indigenous communities and people from where and who they came from.

Summit: September 30-October 4, Keshena, WI

SAVE THE DATE Shifting Seasons Summit #4

Registration coming in June

October

Summit, October 8-10, 2024, Geneva, Switzerland

[Just Transition: Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives, Knowledge and Lived Experiences Summit](#)

The goal of the summit is to challenge mainstream interpretations and implementations of what the Just Transition to a "green economy" is being defined as, which often does not represent a full transition from harmful impacts or real justice for Indigenous Peoples. The summit will affirm a rights-based approach related to any potential extractive projects proposed on Indigenous lands, with criteria and safeguards for projects and actions aligned with the Just Transition. This framework is based on the inherent collective rights articulated in UNDRIP. Over 150 representatives of Indigenous Peoples from the seven socio-cultural regions of the world will gather to collectively define a Just Transition and the "green economy" from Indigenous perspectives.

Conference: October 16-17, Spokane, WA

SAVE THE DATE: 2024 Tribal Exchange Network Conference

Registration coming soon
The Tribal Exchange Network Group (TXG) and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) host this FREE event for Tribal staff and other partners working with environmental data, particularly those seeking to leverage information technology solutions to streamline their work and enhance data management capacity. Others who may benefit from attending include those serving in Tribal leadership roles, Tribal staff developing and/or supporting information technology (IT) tools or systems, and other collaborators.

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International News

[Bonn Climate Change Conference - June Climate Meetings Take Modest Steps Forward: Steep Mountain Still to Climb Ahead of COP29](#)

The Bonn Climate Change Conference started on June 3rd; the ten-day event is an important halfway point between COP28, which was held in the UAE last year, and COP29 which is taking place in Azerbaijan this November. Typically, the conference in Bonn features meetings of the two subsidiary bodies – the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation – which support the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The negotiations held within the subsidiary bodies usually set the agenda for COP climate meetings later in the year and significantly influence their outcome. The Bonn conference is also the only opportunity for in-person interaction (outside of the COP climate meetings) between the governments, the high-level climate champions, and stakeholders such as regions, cities, Indigenous Peoples groups, and financing institutions, collectively known as ‘non-state actors.’ [The Bonn Summary Report can be found here.](#) @UN Climate Press Release, 06/13/2024

[Climate and Health Resolution receives strong support from WHO Member States](#)

At the World Health Assembly in Geneva last week, World Health Organization (WHO) member states adopted a resolution on Climate Change and Health. The Resolution clearly identifies climate change as a major threat to public health, and sets out a framework to build climate-resilient and sustainable health systems. Among various proposed measures were multi-sectoral cooperation, awareness raising on the interdependence between climate change and health, and decarbonization to tackle the root cause of climate change. The adoption demonstrates a political commitment by governments and WHO to scale up climate action as a public health priority to protect people from the growing health impacts of climate change. [The resolution can be found here.](#) @Climate Adapt, 06/03/2024

[Nations agree landmark treaty on traditional knowledge, protecting Indigenous Peoples' rights](#)

Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – a specialized UN agency – on Friday agreed to a groundbreaking new treaty addressing intellectual property (IP) in relation to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge. The [Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge](#) also includes key provisions aimed at protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities. Its approval by consensus marked the conclusion of negotiations that began in 2001. “Today we made history in many ways. This is not just the first new WIPO Treaty in over a decade but also the first one that deals with genetic resources and traditional knowledge held by Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities,” said Daren Tang, the agency’s Director-General. @UN News, 05/24/2024

[Panama prepares to relocate Indigenous residents of island threatened by rising seas](#)

The Gunas of Gardi Sugdub are the first of 63 communities along Panama’s Caribbean and Pacific coasts that government officials and scientists expect to be forced to relocate by rising sea levels in the coming decades. Gardi Sugdub is one of about 50 populated islands in the archipelago of the Guna Yala territory. It is only about 400 yards (366 meters) long and 150 yards (137 meters) wide. Every year, especially when the strong winds whip up the sea in November and December, water fills the streets and enters the homes. @PBS News, 06/01/2024

[IWGIA Submission to the UN Human Rights Committee: Indigenous Peoples are Being Targeted for their lands & natural resources in India](#)

The submission by the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) covers major issues affecting the human rights of Indigenous Peoples in India and provides recommendations to the UN Human Rights Committee for its 141st Session to ensure the protection of Indigenous Peoples’ rights in India. In India, about 705 ethnic groups are listed as Scheduled Tribes (usually referred to as Adivasis, literally meaning original inhabitants). With an estimated population of 104 million, Indigenous Peoples comprise 8.6% of the total population. They face disproportionate human rights violations, often targeted or penalized for preserving nature and natural resources on their lands and territories. The submission voices concern over the systematic nullification of the legal protection to Indigenous Peoples/scheduled tribes and their right to free, prior and informed consent. @IWGIA, 06/04/2024

[Indonesian Senate leader: Protect uncontacted Tribe from nickel mining](#)

One of the most senior politicians in Indonesia has said the government should protect an uncontacted Tribe whose territory is being destroyed for the world’s largest nickel mine. Senate leader AA LaNyalla Mahmud Mattalitti, a close ally of Indonesian President-elect Prabowo, said Hongana Manyawa people should be protected from nickel mining and urged the government to “immediately intervene to provide protection to the Indigenous Tribe.” @Survival International, 6/7/2024

[A Landmark Victory: 20 Indigenous communities in Peruvian Amazon secure land titles](#)

On May 21, twenty communities in the Peruvian Amazon received long-awaited legal titles to their traditional lands, marking a significant victory in the struggle for Indigenous peoples’ land rights and environmental protection. Encompassing approximately 75,000 acres, an area three times the size of Manhattan, the titles were delivered during a well-attended ceremony in the Huitoto Murui Indigenous community of Centro Arenal, in the state of Loreto. Indigenous leaders traveled from remote rivers that feed into the Amazon to receive their titles in person. @Rainforest Foundation, 06/11/2024

[Elevating Indigenous Voices is Critical to Global Conservation Efforts](#)

For the past two years, Solomon Kaho’ohalahala of Lāna’i has provided an impactful Indigenous perspective at the international level in the effort to prevent deep-sea mining (DSM). Although deep-sea mining has not yet been approved, the International Seabed Authority (ISA), an arm of the United Nations, has already granted 16 licenses to mine polymetallic nodules in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone (CCZ) of the Pacific Ocean – the western end of which is just 500 miles southeast of Hawai’i Island. The catastrophic environmental impact of deep-sea mining on Pacific Island nations, and Hawai’i in particular, cannot be overstated. @Ka Wai Ola, 06/1/2024

[Climate Change is Fueling the Loss of Indigenous Languages That Could Be Crucial to Combating It](#)

There are roughly 7,000 languages spoken around the world. Indigenous groups speak more than 4,000 of them, despite making up less than 6% of the global population. These languages often hold secrets to the inner workings of the planet, from the best times to plant certain crops to the healing properties of critical medicinal plants. However, a growing body of research shows that climate change is driving the loss of native languages worldwide. Extreme weather events and drought are pushing Indigenous Peoples and local communities away from their historical lands and languages, while changes in the timing of seasons or the distribution of different species are rendering many Native words obsolete. @Inside Climate News, 6/2/2024

International Indigenous Resources & Events

Call for Input

Call for Inputs: United Nations

[Access to information on climate change and human rights](#)

The purpose is to inform the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur on Climate Change on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change to the United Nations General Assembly 79th session. The call for inputs aims at advancing understanding on how the respect, protection and fulfillment of the human right to access to information can support the exercise of procedural rights in relation to climate change, as well as prevent harm and ensure non-discrimination. Input may be sent by email in word form, with a limit of 2500 words to hrc-sr-climatechange@un.org.

International Job & Internship Opportunities

[Climate Adaptation & Resilience - Call for expressions of interest to lead a research consortium promoting socially inclusive climate adaptation and resilience](#)

The United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) are pleased to launch this call for expressions of interest to lead and implement research that enhances urban resilience to climate change in ASEAN member states. This call is the first stage of a process through which CLARE expects to partner with one institution that creates and leads applied research projects in lower-income (ODA-eligible) ASEAN countries while promoting collaboration with institutions in non-ODA-eligible countries. **Applications due: July 9, 2024**

[IPCC Working Group- Climate Change Mitigation Scientist, III Technical Support Unit \(Remote\)](#)

IPCC prepares comprehensive and up-to-date assessments of policy-relevant scientific, technical, and socio-economic information needed to further understand the scientific basis of climate change, potential impacts, and options for mitigation and adaptation. The Climate Change Mitigation Scientist works closely with the TSU Head and Head of Science, providing high-level scientific support to address WGIII commitments – specifically preparing and reviewing the WGIII contribution to the Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) and the AR7 Synthesis Report, and serving as a staff resource for the Special Report on Climate Change and Cities. **Applications due: July 9, 2024**

[First Peoples Law - Articling Program](#) (Canada)

Articling at First Peoples Law provides a unique opportunity to work collaboratively with recognized leading lawyers and on behalf of inspiring clients across the country on cutting-edge Indigenous rights issues. We are seeking articling students who share our commitment to protecting and advancing the rights of Indigenous Peoples through high-quality legal representation and are eager to take part in advocacy and public education initiatives that extend beyond the traditional practice of law. **Application Deadline: June 28, 2024**

[Rights & Resources Initiative - Associate, Asia Program](#) (USA)

The Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) is a global coalition of over 150 organizations dedicated to advancing the forest, land, and resource rights of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Afro-descendant Peoples, and in particular the women within these groups. RRI's members capitalize on each other's strengths, expertise, and geographic reach to achieve solutions more effectively and efficiently. The

Associate will support the Asia Program's initiatives, focusing on sub-granting, operational, logistics and administrative support for the different projects and activities of the Asia program. The Associate will work under the supervision of the Director for Asia, in close collaboration with all members of the Asia team, and coordinating with colleagues across RRI.

Application Deadline: Accepted immediately, interviews on rolling basis

[International Funders for Indigenous Peoples \(IFIP\) - Operations Associate](#) (USA)

IFIP is looking for a detail-oriented and highly organized Operations Associate to join their team. The hybrid position is based in Sacramento, CA. Fluency in formal/professional Spanish is required, and a deep understanding of and respect for Indigenous Peoples' values and rights are essential. The Operations Associate plays a key role in supporting operations, office administration, and grants management. IFIP is the only global funders network dedicated to fostering partnerships among Indigenous Peoples and funders around the globe. **Application deadline: Open until filled, preferred start date 06/10/2024.**

[SIRGE Coalition - Coordinator](#) (USA)

SIRGE Coalition is a coalition of Indigenous-led and ally organizations and leaders who champion a just transition to a low-carbon economy. The primary goal of their work is to elevate Indigenous leadership through the creation of a broad coalition and the promotion of constructive dialogue. The SIRGE Coalition Coordinator will serve as liaison with the Coalition and support all of the Coalition's workstreams. They will be responsible for supporting strategies for Indigenous rights in the transition to a green economy through support to communities, policy advocacy, corporate engagement, communications, and research. **Application deadline: no date given (announced 05/22/2024).**

[Indigenous Climate Action - Operations Coordinator](#) (Canada)

Reporting to the Operations Manager, the Operations Coordinator will support and assist with operational and technical duties, including coordination of staff and administrative and logistical processes. Qualified persons of Indigenous Ancestry will be given preference in accordance with s.16(1) of the Canadian Human Rights Act. **Application deadline: open until filled.**

International Resources & Funding Opportunities

RESOURCE: [Final Statement of the Workshop on Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge and The Sciences: Combining traditional knowledge and the sciences for resilience to address climate change, biodiversity loss, food security, health](#)

Sixty-three participants from thirty-three countries, including many Indigenous Peoples' socio-cultural regions of the world, converged in a momentous dialogue on the intersection of traditional knowledge systems and science, addressing critical challenges faced by our planet and humanity. This significant event was jointly organized by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences (PAS) and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences (PASS). It brought together Indigenous leaders, scholars, knowledge holders, and a diverse array of scientists, alongside representatives from United Nations agencies. The Statement provides a summary of key insights and recommendations.

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RESOURCE: [Global database on conservation by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities](#)

Information on hundreds of ICCAs (“territories of life” governed, managed, and conserved by custodian Indigenous Peoples and local communities) is now publicly available on the ICCA Registry website, a global database showcasing these territories and their critical contribution to conserving biocultural diversity. The registry, developed in 2008, is also a reporting platform that strengthens the evidence on the conservation importance of ICCAs, and enhances global understanding of these areas and their custodians.

FUNDING: [Youth Climate Justice Fund](#)

The Youth Climate Justice Fund provides core flexible funding to emerging youth climate justice groups. Focused on funding youth initiatives, the majority of leadership must be young people or individuals with decision-making power should be aged 35 years and below. The fund focuses on groups based in East Asia and Pacific, Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean, South Asia, Europe, Central Asia, and North America. Applications due: July 1, 2024

FUNDING: [Indigenous Youth Roots Creation Grants](#)

Creation is a multi-level funding program that supports strengths-based, community-focused and youth-led projects taking place in communities across Canada. Grassroots youth groups/collectives are eligible to apply for funding to support community programs and projects while receiving innovative mentorship, training and capacity-building opportunities. Funding will be provided to projects/groups that seek to create impactful community change and increase the wellness, resiliency and engagement of Indigenous youth. Applications due: July 31

International Events

Meeting: July 18-19, 2024, Palais des Nations, Geneva
[First intersessional meeting of the \(UN\) Human Rights Council on concrete ways to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the Council](#)

The first of two intersessional meetings mandated by the UN Council on Human Rights to allow States, relevant UN agencies, funds and programmes, international organizations, Indigenous Peoples from the seven Indigenous socio cultural regions, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations to hold a dialogue on concrete ways to enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the work of the (UN) Human Rights Council.

Conference, August 9th, 2024, Online
[Global Indigenous Youth Summit on Climate Change \(GIYSCC\) 2024](#)

The Global Summit provides a platform to accelerate global engagement with Indigenous youth communities, cultures, languages, ethnicities, countries, and continents across the world. Rapidly changing climatic conditions have increased levels of uncertainty and anxiety among the youth on Earth, nonetheless, the mobilization of youth around the world shows the massive power they possess as essential contributors. Youth, and especially Indigenous youth have key roles to enhance multilateral cooperation on climate action.

Summit, October 8-10, 2024, Geneva, Switzerland
[Just Transition: Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives, Knowledge and Lived Experiences Summit](#)

The goal of the summit is to challenge mainstream interpretations and implementations of what the Just Transition to a “green economy” is being defined as, which often does not represent a full transition from harmful impacts or real justice for Indigenous Peoples. The summit will affirm a rights-based approach related to any potential extractive projects proposed on Indigenous lands, with criteria and safeguards for projects and actions aligned with the Just Transition. This framework is based on the inherent collective rights articulated in UNDRIP. Over 150 representatives of Indigenous Peoples from the seven socio-cultural regions of the world will gather to collectively define a Just Transition and the “green economy” from Indigenous perspectives.