



Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals



Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations Program Newsletter

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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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Willow tree in spring time with small buds emerging with blurred mountain background and lake. Adobe.stock

Program Pulse

Caring for our Relatives Website Launch

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (ITEP) Caring for Our Relatives program offers comprehensive Technical Assistance (TA) to support Tribes in moving from climate change adaptation planning to implementation. The program provides direct, ongoing support for ecological resilience projects, helping Tribes address challenges like project scoping, funding, and grant writing. TA is available to Federally-recognized, Unrecognized, State-Recognized Tribes, and Alaska Native Villages, and lasts from several weeks to 6+ months. Services are free, and ITEP tailors its assistance to meet the specific needs of each Tribe, ensuring a collaborative approach to building climate resilience. The Caring for Our Relatives program also provides several in-person ecological resilience trainings per year on a variety of topics.

The website for the Caring for Our Relatives Program has launched. Follow this link to learn more about the program, sign up for technical assistance services, explore funding opportunities, view upcoming events, and to review many resources related to ecological resilience. Keep an eye on our calendar and events page for updates!

URL: <https://sites.google.com/view/caringforourrelatives/home>

In The News

[Preserving Aboriginal Lands And Advocating For National Monument Protections](#)

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Inter-Tribal Coalition Forms to Protect and Preserve Aboriginal Lands and Advocate for Monument. Today, representatives of six tribes, including the Hopi Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Zuni Tribe announced the formation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Inter-Tribal Coalition. “We are the living descendants of the ancestors that left their footprints and writings across Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument,” said Autumn Gillard, Cultural Resources Manager with the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. “In Southern Paiute teachings, we are taught from infancy that we are the stewards of these lands which must be protected and preserved for future generations.” ©The Independent, Southern Utah, 03/26/25

[Seed Banks Buffer Central American Farmers Against Climate Change](#)

Growing up in the mountains of western Guatemala, Feliciano Perez Tomas cultivated the same type of native maize his family had for generations. The breed of corn was central to his Indigenous K'iche' community's diet, a grain- and pulse-heavy intake that dates back to the time of the Maya civilization. © YES! Magazine, 03/26/25

[How Alaska Native Youth Are Protecting The Land For Their Future](#)

Alaska Native youth are living through a pivotal time, bearing witness to the dramatic impacts of climate change that have occurred during their lifetimes: rapidly melting permafrost, warming oceans and declining salmon runs. Subsistence living, which is critical to Alaska Native culture and rural food security, has suffered in turn, whether it involves Iñupiaq whale hunts, Gwich'in caribou harvest or Tlingit salmon fishing. The threat to a shared way of life is uniting many Indigenous people across the state, calling them to protect Alaska Native homelands and cultural continuity. © High Country News, 04/01/25

[The Makah Tribe Is Calling Back the Whales](#)

A single road provides access to the town of Neah Bay, Washington, on the Makah Reservation—a narrow ribbon of asphalt that skirts the lush cloak of evergreen skyscrapers called the Olympic Rainforest. As we get closer, I see the waters of the Strait of Juan De Fuca to the north flowing into Puget Sound. This location on the northwest corner of the Olympic Peninsula places the Tribe precisely where prevailing currents converge, bringing eastern North Pacific gray whales near shore as they travel in yearly migrations. © YES! Magazine, 04/02/25

[White House ends funding for key US climate body: ‘No coming back from this’](#)

The White House is ending funding for the body that produces the federal government's preeminent climate report, which summarizes the impacts of rising global temperatures on the United States. Every four years, the US Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) is required by Congress to release a new national climate assessment to ensure leaders understand the drivers of – and threats posed by – global warming. It is the most comprehensive, far-reaching and up-to-date analysis of the climate crisis, playing a key role in local and national decision making about agriculture, energy production, and land and water use. © The Guardian, 04/09/25

[New Stream Gauges and Weather Stations Poised to Help Wyoming Tribes Endure Flooding and Drought](#)

The new devices, which are part of a slew of planned infrastructure upgrades, will help the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho improve their disaster warning system. Travis Shakespeare and Lokilo St. Clair of the Northern Arapaho tribe were driving through central Wyoming's Wind River Indian Reservation in May 2010 to check the integrity of bridges during a wet spring full of snow and rain that sent water roaring through rivers across the reservation. © Inside Climate News, 04/15/25

[Self-Determined: Foundations Must Match the Far Right's](#)

It's common to hear statistics like the \$40 billion it would take to end world hunger or the \$30 billion to end homelessness in the United States. And yes, a billionaire like Jeff Bezos could single-handedly pay to make sure everyone in this country is fed and sheltered for the next 3½ years—even if he never made another penny. These statistics highlight how wealth redistribution could address major human rights crises, but they often overlook the collaborative, innovative work that could turn a one-time influx of cash into lasting systemic change. © YES! Magazine, 04/17/25

[Changes Loom For Innovative Lower Colorado River Endangered Species Program Amid Drought, New River Rules](#)

Before the construction of Hoover Dam on the lower Colorado River, as well as a slew of smaller sisters downstream, the stretch downriver served as a biological oasis in the middle of the unrelenting Mojave and Sonoran deserts. The marshes and backwaters along the river's edge provided sheltered areas for fish to spawn and rear their young, and mesquite and cottonwoodwillow forests provided important habitat for numerous species of birds and other animals. But when Lake Mead began filling behind Hoover Dam in 1935, it drastically reduced the amount of water flowing downstream, radically altering the habitat there. © Water Education Foundation, 04/17/25

[Wildlife, not livestock: Why the Eastern Shoshone in Wyoming are reclassifying buffalo](#)

Jason Baldes drove down a dusty sagebrush highway earlier this month, pulling 11 young buffalo in a trailer up from Colorado to the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. His blue truck has painted on the side a drawing of buffalo and a calf. As the executive director of the Wind River Buffalo Initiative and an Eastern Shoshone tribal member, he's helped grow the number of buffalo on the reservation for the last decade. The latest count: The Northern Arapaho tribe have 97 and the Eastern Shoshone have 1 © Grist, 04/21/25

Resources

[ITEP Features Tribal Profile: Quinault Indian Nation Relocation, Managed Retreat, and Protection in Place Efforts](#)

On the Olympic Peninsula of Washington, right along the Pacific Coast, are the present-day boundaries of the Quinault Reservation, owned by the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN). Natural hazards, intensified by climate change, are putting QIN at risk of sinking below sea level as the land erodes and is flooded from multiple sources. Heavier rainfall events upstream and smaller snowpacks are causing riverine flooding on the Quinault and Queets Rivers, exacerbating riverine erosion throughout QIN. Some of the most at-risk communities in QIN are only 7' above sea level. Eroding riverbanks and cliffsides increases the frequency of landslides, which impacts roads throughout the community. In addition, climate change is causing sea levels to rise at a rate of approximately 1 inch every 5 years, putting QIN at risk of not only riverine flooding, but coastal flooding and worsening coastal and cliffside erosion.

[Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals Academic Year Internship Program](#)

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and its internship program was developed in partnership with various programs under ITEP, and it is proud to have supported Young Leaders over the last 20 years. The academic year Indigenous Internship Program has been working to build climate resilience and capacity within Native communities by engaging Young Leaders based at Northern Arizona University (NAU) since 2023. Through the generous support from the Bay and Paul Foundations and Wells Fargo, ITEP is investing in our Young Leaders and honoring our Elders and community leaders who have continually voiced the need to prioritize youth engagement.

[Video: Indigenuity: How to Reframe Our Relationship With Climate Change | Janna Wale | TEDxSurrey](#)

Janna Wale, an Indigenous climate scientist from the Gitksan Nation, explores the deep connection between climate change and our relationship with the Earth. Drawing from personal experiences harvesting salmon and witnessing environmental shifts, she highlights how Indigenous teachings emphasize balance, respect, and reciprocity with nature. Janna explains how the planet's current "unhappiness" stems from humanity's one-sided, exploitative relationship with the environment, fueled by a pursuit of profit over sustainability. Through captivating storytelling, she illustrates how nature's intricate cycles depend on care and respect, offering a hopeful path forward. Viewers will learn how restoring our connection to the land, inspired by Indigenous wisdom, can help address the climate crisis and heal the Earth and ourselves. Janna is a Gitksan from Gitanmaax First Nation and Cree-Métis on her mother's side. She is an award-winning climate researcher who uses a complex human-environmental systems approach to Indigenous and Western sciences.

[We All Live Together In A Good Way with Manoomin Stewardship Guide](#)

This Stewardship Guide describes how Manoomin is a teacher of life. They offer their gifts of seed to nurture many relatives, both human and non-human, resident and migratory, to sustain the web of life. Manoomin beds provide shelter for winged-ones, fish and other non-human relatives. Because they are foundational for this biodiversity, Manoomin are a keystone species. The lessons that collaborators learn through this effort will be insightful for guiding future collaborations in caring for other non-human relatives. In the face of climate change and accelerating environmental degradation, we need to

use the strengths of both ways of knowing —Traditional Knowledge and Western science—to nurture a path that is both practically effective and ethically just.

[Recognizing Indigenous Rights in Environmental Data](#)

Every day across the globe, environmental scientists are collecting approximately 274 terabytes of data, a number that is growing thanks to advancements in science and technology. The data, which ranges from soil composition to streamflows, is often collected or sampled from ecosystems that are stewarded by Indigenous peoples. In a new [Perspectives piece in Nature Communications](#), a group of researchers called the Earth Data Relations Working Group provide recommendations for how research practices can improve the governance of Indigenous data. (February 14, 2025)

[Revitalizing Indigenous food systems through research and knowledge-sharing](#)

This inaugural column by the Indigenous Food Sovereignty Editorial Circle (IFSEC) in the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development (JAFSCD) introduces a dedicated section of articles on Indigenous food sovereignty in partnership with First Nations Development Institute (FNDI). An Indigenous-led editorial circle as part of JAFSCD, IFSEC uplifts Indigenous values and community food system aspirations in academic publishing. (January 2025)

[Expanding the Tribal Resilience Action Database](#)

We're excited to announce the continued growth of the Tribal Resilience Action Database (TRAD), a powerful resource created to support Indigenous communities in their efforts to respond to and prepare for climate change. This expansion will enhance the functionality of the web portal, incorporate new resilience actions, and broaden outreach to Tribes and Indigenous communities throughout the region.

- More Content: Adding new Tribal resilience actions to the database
- Expanded Storytelling: Tribes will share their resilience stories through photos, quotes, and videos to inspire and guide others.
- Enhancing Outreach: Adding training and webinars to increase awareness and creating value-added resources to support community efforts.

Tribes across the country are leading the way in climate resilience—adapting to wildfires, floods, heatwaves, and changes to cultural and natural resources while protecting their communities, lands, and traditions. TRAD is a free, action-oriented tool designed to help Tribal professionals access and share knowledge and solutions. Visit: <https://tribalresilienceactions.org/>



Job & Internship Opportunities

We Swim Together Scholarship Program

A \$2,500 scholarship is available to empower and support our Native students on their educational journey. Let's rise together and honor our heritage through knowledge and opportunity. **Application deadline: May 14, 2025**

Cultural Preservation Technician

The Cultural Preservation Technician will provide support to all Education and Outreach Division initiatives with any education and outreach programming. This position will be responsible for designing, planning, implementing and evaluating programming for constituent Tribal youth and families. Specific duties will include fostering of interest, participation, and empowerment in all treaty harvest skills and activities (hunting, fishing, gathering, trapping), as well as raising the bar of awareness, respect, and reciprocity of culturally significant beings/resources. As time allows, design curriculum (classroom lesson plans) to meet state standards utilizing organization data sets, fish and game management methods, concepts of Tribal governmental sovereignty, and/or Indigenous cultural values. **Application deadline: June 9, 2025**

Clean Energy Fellows Program

This program aims to provide culturally-sustaining, career-focused education and eliminate barriers unrelated to students' actual potential for success so that all students can participate in, benefit from, and lead in a climate-smart future. Through a framework of professional development, symbiotic industry-education partnerships, and hands-on learning collaboration, the CE Team works with each Clean Energy Fellow to design customized objectives for regional impact. Laney shared specific information about their EMBER Cohort, which will consist of leaders from across the United States to engage students in community science efforts while building student access to and participation in climate solutions. Each Clean Energy Fellow or Clean Energy Fellows pair will develop unique programming that leverages community relationships, regional natural resources, place-based challenges, and scientific and industry expertise to deeply integrate universally accessible engagements into their educational environments. Members of this cohort will work with researchers on the Embedding Molecular Biology in Ecosystem Research (EMBER), which aims to address climate impacts driving severe wildfires by bringing together the expertise of researchers in molecular biology, ecosystem ecology, physiology, and modeling. This program is focused on K-12 educators. **Application deadline: June 22, 2025**

Conservation Manager

The Conservation Manager is an integral member of the Audubon Great Lakes team. They are responsible for building partnerships, engaging the network, and implementing conservation projects that realize Audubon's ambitious goals for the region. Working closely with local landowners (e.g. state agencies, park districts, land trusts, utility companies, etc.), other public agencies, tribes, NGO partners, and Audubon's network of chapters and volunteers, the Conservation Manager will restore habitat for birds and people while building a diverse constituency that stewards habitat and builds strong public policy across the five-state Great Lakes region. **Application deadline: open until filled**

Sovereignty Specialist

A Sovereignty Specialist focuses on supporting the recognition, protection, and advancement of tribal sovereignty, ensuring that Native American or Indigenous tribal nations have the authority to govern themselves, manage their lands, and protect their cultural rights. This specialist works in service of the Indigenous Conservation Council's Tribal Nation members and federal and state agencies, legal experts, and advocacy groups to ensure Tribal Nations can exercise their inherent rights to self-determination, governance, and territorial integrity through agreements and partnerships. Further, this position supports the

Indigenous Conservation Council in upholding the sovereignty and self-determination of its Tribal Nation Members in all its actions. **Application deadline: open until filled**

Research Assistant- Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center

IonE seeks a full-time Research Assistant who will provide research and administrative support to interdisciplinary climate adaptation projects related to climate adaptation. While being part of the MW CASC team, you will also have the opportunity and responsibility to participate in the IonE community by attending monthly all-staff meetings, contributing your skills across IonE when requested, and being part of a robust team guided by IonE's Strategic Plan. The Research Assistant is supported by external funding and reports to the MW CASC Program Manager. **Application deadline: open until filled**

Associate Director, Northwest River Restoration

The Associate Director of River Restoration works to advance floodplain restoration and integrated floodplain management projects in Washington and Oregon. We are looking for candidates who will work with land managers, State and Federal agencies, other NGOs, and Tribal Nations to generate and manage floodplain restoration projects near Seattle, in the Chehalis Basin of SW Washington, and other priority locations while balancing ecological, social, and cultural values. **Application deadline: open until filled**

Community Program Coordinator

The team at Hopi Tutskwa seeks an energetic, self-motivated, and friendly individual to join our crew. We are seeking a creative individual who thrives in self-directed autonomous work, brings innovation to an established shared leadership team, is capable of building good relationships with our community, and has integrity and passion to strengthen and commit to Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture's mission and vision. The Coordinator will collaborate with community leaders, stakeholders, and partners to develop, promote, and evaluate high-quality programs that support the Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture's mission and vision. **Application deadline: positions open until filled**

Hopi Food and Farming Internship

Responsible for maintaining Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture Institute's nursery, orchards, gardens, and farms, including propagation, transplanting, direct seeding, soil mixing, fertilizing, planting, irrigation, and organizing tools and materials. Supports the Hopi Farmers Market through event set-up and clean-up, vendor registration, garden and food demonstrations, and efforts to improve access to local and traditional foods. Assists with collecting native plant specimens for the Hopi Tutskwa Herbarium. Contributes to the Hopi Tutskwa Plant Start and Veggie CSA by coordinating pick-ups, deliveries, and pop-up events. Provides general office support including cleaning, set-up, and administrative assistance. Aids with marketing, flyer development, community outreach, and virtual promotion of CSA programs. **Application deadline: positions open until filled**

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/>

Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Tribes and Underserved Communities

Through this funding, NOAA will help support community-driven habitat restoration and build the capacity of tribes and underserved communities to more fully participate in restoration activities. Tribes, applicants that can demonstrate status as a tribal entity, an underserved community, or entities that partner with tribes, tribal entities, and/or underserved communities such as institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, commercial (for profit) organizations, U.S. territories, and state, local, and Native American and Alaska Native tribal governments. As part of their applications, applicants must demonstrate their status as, or connection to, a tribe, tribal entity, and/or an underserved community.

Application deadline: May 12, 2025

Sovereign Equity Fund: Green Horizons Project to Advance Sustainable Agriculture

The Sovereign Equity Fund (SEF) is proud to announce the launch of the Green Horizons Project in partnership

with the Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF). This initiative is designed to provide capital and capacity-building resources to support environmental sustainability in Native agricultural and food systems. Through this collaboration, SEF and NAAF aim to accelerate efforts that empower Tribal agricultural producers to implement sustainable practices on their farms and ranches. The Green Horizons Project will provide \$40,000 in funding over a 12-month period to Tribal governments, helping them assist Tribal producers in implementing sustainable agricultural practices. This opportunity is open to state and federally recognized Tribes in the United States and is best suited for those with existing agricultural programs looking to expand their impact with additional resources.

Application deadline: June 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

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) - Protecting Native Places Grant

Washington, D.C., January 23, 2025 – National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), is excited to announce the recipients of its 2024 Protecting Native Places Grants. Unfortunately, public lands management has traditionally excluded the involvement of Native peoples. To help change that, and recognizing the interconnectedness of efforts to protect Indigenous culture and the natural world, NATHPO, in partnership with The Wilderness Society (TWS) and the Wilburforce Foundation,

established a fund in 2022 to support Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) in these important efforts, and in 2024, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) joined TWS in partnering with NATHPO to fund these grant.

Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program

Thriving Communities Grants are intended to help disadvantaged and environmentally overburdened communities address environmental justice issues while removing barriers typically associated with federal funding. Examples of Environmental Justice Issues include: water quality & sampling, stormwater issues and green infrastructure, healthy homes that are energy/water use efficient and not subject to indoor air pollution, emergency preparedness and disaster resiliency, and more.

Water is Life Fund

Water is Life projects help to expand water, sanitation and hygiene services at the community level in Arizona with a prioritization given to projects focused on the Navajo Nation. Projects that are creative, community-led, and long-lasting are preferred. Each project must measurably improve access to water, sanitation, and/or hygiene for the target recipients. The focus must be on human needs, livestock and agricultural water projects are not eligible. If applying on behalf of an organization, the organization must have an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.**

U.S. Department of Transportation: Tribal Transportation Bridge Program

The TTP Bridge Program is focused on improving the number of TTP bridges in poor condition. This information has been created to assist our partners working to improve the condition of BIA/Tribally owned bridges and non-BIA/Tribally owned bridges.

Application 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>

May

Workshop: May 17-18th, Niobrara, Nebraska **[Convening of the Four Winds](#)**

Co-hosted by the Ponca Nation of Nebraska, the Ponca Pa Tha Ta, and Movement Rights. A two day gathering for frontline Indigenous water protectors, elders, and community members to come together in solidarity and action for the rights of nature, rights of rivers, Tribal sovereignty, and more. Scholarships are available to those who need them. Reach out to juliahorinek@movementrights.org for more information.

Conference: May 20-21, Tucson, Arizona **[WRRC 2025 Annual Conference - Shared Borders, Shared Waters: Working Together in Times of Scarcity](#)**

The conference program will focus on the challenges and successes of collaborations across borders, with a primary focus on Arizona and the Colorado River Basin. Discussions will cover collaboration on waters shared by the United States and Mexico, as well as cooperation across borders shared with sovereign Tribal Nations, interstate borders, and borders within Arizona.

Conference: May 26-28, 2025 - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada **[Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects \(ICCE\) National Conference](#)**

This year's conference theme is "Honouring All Our Relations: Embracing Indigenous Perspectives on Cumulative Effects", and will feature speakers on interconnectedness and interdependence, Indigenous Knowledge and western science, environmental stewardship, cultural resilience, valuable partnerships and more. The call for proposals is open until September 16, 2024.

June

Symposium: June 2-5, Missoula, MT **[48th Annual National Indian Timber Symposium](#)**

The Confederated Salish, Qlispe & Ksanka (Kootenai) Tribes (CSKT) welcomes you to the Intertribal

Timber Council's 48th Annual National Indian Timber Symposium being held at the University of Montana in Missoula, MT. Aligning with this year's theme "Managing Tribal and Multi-Agency Interest & Empowering Tomorrow's Stewards" we will be focusing on working with other agencies and educating our youth to become our future leaders. The workshops and presentations will highlight these opportunities and challenges faced by tribes across the nation. Registration closes May 23, 2025

June 21-26, 2025, Shepherdstown, West Virginia **[Native Youth Community Adaptation Leadership Congress](#)**

Join students from across the country to discuss climate adaptation and related environmental issues impacting Native peoples. The mission of the Native Youth Community Adaptation Leadership Congress (NYCALC) is to develop future conservation leaders with the skills, knowledge, and tools to address environmental change and conservation challenges to better serve their schools and home communities.

July

SAVE THE DATE! July 23-24, Oklahoma City, OK **[Climate Resilience for Tribal Water Resources](#)**

Save The Date! July 23-24! More details for the Tribal Water Resources event, including location and registration, are coming soon!

Conference: July 29-31 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin **[Women are Sacred Conference](#)**

Women Are Sacred Conference is a cornerstone in the movement to end violence against Native women and children. This powerful event brings together advocates, survivors, Tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, Tribal leadership, law enforcement, and Tribal court personnel—all united in the shared mission of creating safer, stronger Tribal communities.

August

August 18-21, Minneapolis, MN **[Tribal Lands and Environment Forum](#)**

The Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF) is a joint effort between the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), the Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee (TWAR SC), and US EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM).

September

Conference: September 7 - 12, Phoenix, AZ **[National Tribal Health Conference](#)**

The NIH National Tribal Health Conference is a week-long event that serves American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in the space of health - behavioral and public health. The conference will showcase the interconnectedness of policy, advocacy, and Indian health best practices. Programming includes tribal listening and consultation sessions, hands-on training opportunities, plenary sessions, and workshops that cover timely topics such as funding for Indian Health, the business of medicine, health equity, Indigenous determinants of health, Tribal public health, behavioral health, culture, environmental health, and climate change.

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.

International Indigenous News & Resources

In the News

[UN experts call for full access of Indigenous Peoples to international forums](#)

A joint letter by the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples outlined their concerns on the lack of full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in meetings and forums that directly relate to their rights and interests. ©Cultural Survival, 03/18/2025.

[Indigenous people from across the globe gather in Brazil, call for land demarcation, environmental protection](#)

Organized by the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB), "Acampamento Terra Livre" (Free Land Camp), drew around 8,000 participants from across Brazil, neighboring countries, the Pacific Islands and Australia, and represented over 135 Indigenous ethnic groups. This year's agenda focused on the demarcation of Indigenous lands and the expansion of basic services within their territories. ©Brazil Reports, 04/11/2025.

[Rural Human Rights Defenders Face Serious and Growing Risks, UN Report Reveals](#)

For the people defending human rights and the environment in rural places, the isolation of their communities makes violence, surveillance and harassment more likely according to a new report from Mary Lawlor, U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders. ©Inside Climate News, 04/07/2025.

[Indigenous forest peoples can finally control nature finance](#)

The minister of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil, Sonia Guajajara, and Juan Carlos Jintachi, the Executive Secretary of the Global Alliance of Territorial Communities (GATC) announced at this year's UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues that GATC is partnering with the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF), that will provide a new financing mechanism that recognizes the central role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in protecting tropical forests. ©Context- Nature, 04/28/2025.

["We belong to one ocean": Indigenous leaders push for seat at the table of high seas biodiversity treaty](#)

Members of Indigenous peoples and coastal communities convened at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to call for their inclusion in the Agreement on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), also known as the High Seas Treaty. These are the first-ever calls by Indigenous and coastal communities as members attending the forum prepare for the entry into force of the BBNJ agreement. ©Mongabay, 04/29/2025.

[After decade of delays, pressure mounts on Indonesia to pass Indigenous rights bill](#)

Indonesia's Indigenous rights bill has been stalled in parliament for more than a decade despite repeated promises to pass it. Activists say the delay reflects a lack of political will and a reluctance on the part of lawmakers and government officials to cede power to Indigenous communities. The bill would secure legal recognition of Indigenous land, culture, and self-governance, reducing conflict and criminalization. ©Mongabay, 04/09/2025.

Call for Input & Nominations

Call for Inputs: [Climate Finance: Vulnerability and Responsibility](#) (United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development)

This study complements the one on climate justice and just transition by further exploring and analyzing the various processes, initiatives, and practices that contribute to adequately financing climate transition and development at different levels. It shall systematically explore, track, and trace initiatives that have been decided upon and are currently under discussion and/or implementation. **Deadline: May 30, 2025.**

Call for Papers: [Advancing and Integrating Climate and Health Policies](#)

The Journal of Climate Change and Health is looking for original research articles that explore how health features in climate policymaking (and vice versa), how policies can benefit both climate and health goals, and what might be the most effective communication strategies to ensure the success of these policies for an upcoming special issue on climate change and health policies. **Deadline: June 20, 2025.**

Job & Internship Opportunities

Internship: [Women's Earth Alliance - Development Internship](#)

WEA equips women with the skills and tools they need to protect our earth and strengthen our communities from the inside out. The intern will learn about global climate crisis and environmental justice issues, and the different types of grassroots solutions arising from women's leadership. **Deadline: ASAP.**

Job: [Program Coordinator - Inuit Climate Action Partnership \(ICAP\)](#)

A two-year position partially funded for Arctic Indigenous candidates as part of an Indigenous-specific initiative guiding the program of work at ICAP, a partnership between circumpolar Inuit and other global Indigenous Peoples dealing with the impacts of climate change. The coordinator will be responsible for relationship building with partners in developing nations, coordinating and creating opportunities to share knowledge, and strategies for responding to climate induced changes. **Deadline: ASAP**

Resources & Funding

Report: [State Of The World's Indigenous Peoples, Volume VI, Climate Crisis](#)

This publication focuses on the climate crisis, its impact on Indigenous Peoples, and the role Indigenous Peoples can and do play in mitigating the effects of climate change. It aims to provide a comprehensive overview of current and emerging issues in the context of the climate crisis from the perspective of Indigenous Peoples. Drawing on illustrative examples from across the seven socio cultural regions, the publication highlights both challenges and good practices linked to Indigenous Peoples' experiences with and responses to the ongoing climate

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crisis. Ultimately, the report is intended to serve as an authoritative reference and advocacy tool for Indigenous Peoples and civil society organizations and to contribute to the broader conversation around climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience. ©United Nations, 04/24/2025.

Events

Conference, May 12-16, 2025 - Recife, Brazil
[19th International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation to Climate Change \(CBA19\)](#)

The CBA conference series aims to bring together a community of practitioners that are collectively seeking to enable community-driven climate action. This year's theme is "How can we achieve just and equitable adaptation?"

Conference, May 26-28, 2025 - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
[Indigenous Centre for Cumulative Effects \(ICCE\) National Conference](#)

This year's conference theme is "Honouring All Our Relations: Embracing Indigenous Perspectives on Cumulative Effects", and will feature speakers on interconnectedness and interdependence, Indigenous Knowledge and western science, environmental stewardship, cultural resilience, valuable partnerships and more.

Conference: August 24-28, 2025 - Stockholm, Sweden
[World Water Week](#)

World Water Week remains as a unique meeting place that unites research, industry, and civil society, contributing to knowledge and policy development in the fields of water and climate. As before, the event is centred around a specific theme, providing diverse perspectives on the critical role of water in solving global challenges. The theme for 2025 is Water for Climate Action.

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
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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."