



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



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## Yá'át'ééh! Gumyu! Loloma! Hello!



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The [Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations \(TW7G\) Program](#) is pleased to announce the Fourth Biennial NTICC conference taking place in Reno, Nevada, October 5-8, 2026! This year's event will strengthen the resilience of communities, nature, and built environments to evolving hazards through coordination, collaboration, partnerships and honoring reciprocity with one another and the natural world.

This year's conference theme, "*Honoring Our Knowledges, Healing Our Mother Earth*", underscores the critical need for collective action and transformative change to safeguard Mother Earth for future generations. Participants will have opportunities to engage in robust discussions on topics such as Tribal resilience, stewardship, and community-led efforts to address environmental threats and natural hazards. Attendees will also have the opportunity to cultivate collaborations, learn from their peers, and contribute to the global dialogue on Tribal responses to present-day challenges.

You may have noticed that NTICC has a different name this year — the National Tribal Infrastructure Coordination Conference (formerly the National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference) — we're the same great conference, bringing together different knowledge systems, resources, technical assistance, and trusted partners and friends, just with a new name. This year's theme, *Honoring Our Knowledges, Healing Our Mother Earth*, will be our guiding light, and we hope you'll join us in October in Reno, Nevada to do just that.

As our conference theme denotes, as the five-fingered beings/humans, we must continue our efforts to care for Mother Earth, and the only way forward is to share the responsibility and coordination. Tribal resilience is ensuring the next seven generations will sing our songs, say our prayers, hold ceremonies, be in harmony with our non-human relatives, and live in beauty with our Mother Earth and Father Sky. As we have done in previous years, we welcome all who are interested in participating or attending to listen, learn, and share in the important work being done.

As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in Reno!

On behalf of our Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations team, Nikki



# NTICC

## National Tribal Infrastructure Coordination Conference

October 5-8, 2026  
Reno, Nevada

## IN THE NEWS

### [Why I made a river my co-author](#)

Anne Poelina gives first authorship to a source with deep knowledge about water — the river itself. Conservationist Anne Poelina has a deep connection to the fresh water that runs through the dry red-rock landscape of the Kimberley region in Western Australia. Poelina identifies as a Nyikina Warrwa woman, and her people are the Traditional Custodians of the Martuwarra Fitzroy River. She made the Martuwarra River of Life a co-author on publications because it is a source of expertise. © Nature, 3/30/2026

### [Protections continue for Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument](#)

On April 1, 2026, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals threw out the Arizona Legislature's challenge to Baaj Nwaavjo l'tah Kukveni-Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon National Monument. The decision leaves the monument in place and fully protected. "We welcome the court's decision to keep Baaj Nwaavjo fully intact and protected. The Native American Rights Fund is committed to defending Tribal homelands from shortsighted attacks that undermine Tribal authority and threaten sacred places." – NARF Deputy Director Matthew Campbell. © Native American Rights Fund, 04/01/26

### [U.S. Forest Service and 11 tribes sign historic agreement to co-manage sacred area in South Dakota](#)

On Saturday, March 21, U.S. Forest Service officials and Great Sioux Nation tribal leaders spent the morning hiking up Black Elk Peak. After remarks and a song by a drum group, they added their signatures to a Memorandum of Understanding that allows collaborative stewardship of more than 13,000 acres of forest land in western South Dakota. Those acres are protected by a 1980 law that created the Black Elk Wilderness area in the Black Hills National Forest. U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz stated in a press release that the Memorandum of Understanding, which was signed by some parties on March 19, "focuses on active management for recreation, habitat improvement, wildlife benefit, invasive species mitigation and wilderness management." © Buffalo's Fire, 04/7/26

### [How much water do we have? Scientists map the water beneath our feet](#)

For scientists, measuring the water in a river or a lake is relatively straightforward. It's much more complicated to figure out how much water lies underground. After years of research, a team of scientists has finally mapped what remains of these hidden waters across the United States, and they've produced the most extensive estimate of the country's groundwater to date. Researchers at Princeton University and the University of Arizona took data from about 800,000 wells and applied a machine-learning model to estimate the depth of the water table nationwide. © LA Times, 4/9/2026

### [Resolution Copper now owns Oak Flat. But Apache Stronghold leader says fight will continue](#)

The battle for Oak Flat has been going on for more than a decade now. And now, it may be nearing the end. Last month, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals turned down one of the last surviving legal efforts to challenge the transfer of land from the Tonto National Forest to Resolution Copper. And now, drilling is ramping up. There is an estimated 40 billion pounds of copper sitting under Oak Flat — which Resolution Copper says is key to powering a clean-energy future and will be an economic boon to Arizona. But the land is sacred to the Apache people. One group fought Resolution Copper all the way to the Supreme Court on religious freedom grounds to stop it. © KJAZZ, 04/15/26

### [War, climate change, and AI: What's at stake at this year's UN Indigenous forum](#)

Hundreds of delegates are arriving at the United Nations this week for the world's largest gathering of Indigenous peoples. But they arrive against an increasingly hostile global backdrop, facing an artificial intelligence boom driving new extraction on ancestral lands, a U.S. administration that has made it increasingly difficult for Global South delegates to secure visas to attend, and the twin challenges of climate change and green energy projects that have frequently run afoul of Indigenous land rights. © Te Ao Māori News, 04/18/26

### [NDN Collective Launches LANDBACK Action Network at Start of Earth Week](#)

At the start of Earth Week, NDN Collective announced the launch of the LANDBACK Action Network (LAN), a growing coalition of Indigenous people, Tribal Nations, grassroots groups, and multiracial movement organizations دحتم (united) in advancing the global LANDBACK movement and collective liberation for both people and the planet. Alongside the launch, the organization unveiled landback.org, a new public storytelling platform designed to share insights, opportunities, and calls to action from members of the expanding network. © Native News Online, 04/22/26

### [Indigenous Leaders Share Stewardship Stories in New Guide from American Indian College Fund](#)

The American Indian College Fund has released a new publication, "Caring for Our Kin: Stories of Indigenous Environmental Stewardship," highlighting the work and perspectives of seven Indigenous environmental leaders. Designed as a guidebook for Native students and community members, the publication offers insight into how Indigenous knowledge systems and community-based approaches can shape the future of environmental stewardship. The guide was developed through the College Fund's Tiyata Wan Unkagapi (We Are Making a Home) Environmental Stewardship Program, which supports environmental science and natural resource programs at tribal colleges across the Northern Great Plains. © Native News Online, 04/22/26

### [From the Field - Elevating Indigenous Voices](#)

The inaugural issue of From the Field - Elevating Indigenous Voices has officially been published and is now available on our website. From the Field - Elevating Indigenous Voices is a new publication that highlights the work, perspectives, and experiences of Tribal fish and wildlife professionals and partners. It is intended to serve

as a space to share knowledge, elevate Tribal voices, and showcase projects and research happening across Indigenous communities. From the Field Issue 1.  
© NAFWS, April 2026

### [The public got one week to comment on Chaco Canyon drilling. It's almost over](#)

New Mexico's federal delegation and tribal officials on Wednesday accused the Trump administration of rushing the process to reverse a federal ban on oil and gas drilling around Chaco Culture National Historical Park by only allowing a week for limited public comment. On Monday, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management posted an announcement seeking online public comment on the proposed reversal during a seven-day "scoping period" for an environmental review. © High Country News, 4/3/2026

### ['The salmon people': How Alaska's only Native reservation saved its fishing culture](#)

A half-century ago, the Indigenous Tsimshian village of Metlakatla, in Southeast Alaska, preserved its reservation when others in Alaska were terminated. Today, the reserve sustains a thriving fishing industry — and the tribe is fighting in court to expand its territory. © ICT, 4/18/2026

### [Readjusting traditional plant knowledge](#)

As climate change continues to shift and accelerate around the world, seasonal indicators that have been relied on by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial are being tested. In the Pacific Northwest, the traditional ecological knowledge of the Suquamish Tribe is among the knowledge systems being tested as growth cycles shift, leading to unpredictable harvesting dates and bounties. © ICT, 4/11/2026

### [The Supreme Court takes up a Guam munitions case with high stakes for Chamoru lands](#)

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case that could determine the future of a beach with cultural and ecological importance to the Indigenous Chamoru people of Guam. The case is an appeal from the U.S. Air Force, which wants to continue the open detonation of obsolete munitions on Tarague Beach in northern Guam — a site located directly above the sole-source aquifer providing 80 percent of the island's drinking water. © Grist, 3/18/2026

### [Data Control Will Shape the Next Phase of Tribal Sovereignty](#)

Tribal nations are entering a new phase of sovereignty — one defined not just by land and resources, but by control over data. That shift was front and center at the U.S. Indigenous Data Sovereignty & Governance Summit 2026, where tribal leaders and researchers focused on a simple question: who controls the information that shapes policy, funding and perception? © Native News Online, 4/22/2026

### [Return the National Parks to the Tribes](#)

In an article originally published on April 12, 2021, David Treuer, on behalf of The Atlantic examines how America's national parks were stolen from Indigenous peoples. "For Native Americans, there can be no better remedy for the theft of land than land. And for us, no lands are as spiritually significant as the national parks," David Treuer writes in the May 2021 cover story. © The Atlantic, 4/21/2021

## RESOURCES

### [FEATURED: ITEP's Caring for Our Relatives Office Hour Session Recordings](#)

The Caring for Our Relatives Office Hour Sessions are still underway! Come in and learn more about the free technical assistance program and learn about project management and ecological resilience. If you have missed any sessions, check out our previous session recordings.

### [Call for Sessions: California Land Recycling Conference](#)

We encourage proposals from a broad range of land reuse backgrounds and disciplines to share best practices and explore cutting-edge strategies that promote environmental stewardship and community revitalization. The selection committee will consider overall program variety, innovative topics, high-impact speakers and other parameters to ensure a well-rounded program. Session submissions should include all the required information; completeness of the submission will be considered during the review and selection process. **Deadline: May 4, 2026**

### [Summer Course: Indigenous Peoples Rights - What You Have To Know](#)

The International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) in collaboration with Copenhagen Business School (CBS) is delighted to extend an invitation to university students across Denmark for the compelling summer course titled "Indigenous Peoples Rights – What You Have to Know," happening from August 24th - August 28th, 2026. This initiative presents an invaluable opportunity to delve into the multifaceted realm of Indigenous Peoples' rights, knowledge, and their pivotal roles in diverse fields. This course is distinctively delivered by a panel of esteemed educators of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds, hailing from continents including Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, and Europe, providing a rich, global perspective on the subject. **Deadline: May 11, 2025**

### [Call for Nominations: Planning Tribal Advisory Group](#)

The Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) is moving into the next phase of updating California's SB 18 Tribal Consultation Guidelines and developing an accompanying Tribal Consultation Toolkit. As part of this work, LCI is opening a 60-Day Solicitation Period from March 19–May 22, 2026 for nominations to the Planning Tribal Advisory Group (PTAG). The PTAG will support updates to the SB 18 Guidelines & Toolkit as well as the General Plan Guidelines and Specific Plan Guidelines. Tribal leaders, staff, planners, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO), and Indigenous Knowledge holders are encouraged to nominate themselves or others. **Deadline: May 22, 2026**

### [Climate Catalysts Mentorship Programme 3.0](#)

Ready to turn your climate ideas into global impact? Applications are now open for the Climate Catalysts Mentorship Programme 3.0 - a powerful opportunity for young changemakers committed to climate action. Selected participants may even present their climate project to an international audience of policymakers, experts, and innovators at COP31. If you're passionate about driving climate solutions and want your voice heard on the global stage, this is your moment. **Deadline: open**

### [Publication: "Caring for Our Kin: Stories of Indigenous Environmental Stewardship"](#)

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### [The Tribal Guide To Implementing FPIC In The Context Of Conservation And Development](#)

This guide seeks to provide educational information to Tribal governments regarding Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), as articulated in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration). It focuses on opportunities to use FPIC as a tool to protect Tribal rights and interests in the context of conservation and development.

### [Article: Rivers and Data Centers: What's at Stake for Water Supply, Water Quality, and Energy](#)

Data centers are a new reality of life as technology develops rapidly and society becomes increasingly reliant upon AI. Data centers are big facilities that house servers, storage, networking equipment, and supporting infrastructure that power websites and other digital services people use every day. They are vital to everyday modern life, economic growth, and national security. However, as data centers are being constructed at unprecedented rates, they have significant impacts on communities, on surrounding landscapes, and on our rivers. While each construction project is unique, when done without rivers in mind, it can inflict harmful impacts on our nation's water supplies, community health, aquatic habitats, and river-based economies.

### [The Youth Funding Toolkit from The Iris Project](#)

Every year, young leaders do incredible work for nature and climate, but accessing funding can be a real challenge. The Youth Funding Toolkit, from The Iris Project, is a free, open-access resource co-created with project leaders and youth-led organizations, packed with practical tips on telling your story, building budgets, preparing for donors, and finding the right opportunities. If you're supporting youth-led projects, or part of one yourself, check it out.

### [Report: Nature-Based Climate Solutions](#)

Indigenous Climate Action has officially released their latest report: Nature-Based Climate Solutions. While NbCS are often positioned as climate solutions, this report takes a deeper look at what they mean for Indigenous Peoples, lands, and sovereignty. The report features

details on a) what NbCS are and how they're being used; b) critical perspectives on settler-led approaches; c) the risks, harms, and barriers impacting our communities; and d) opportunities for Indigenous-led climate solutions rooted in rights, responsibilities, and land-based knowledge.

### [Policy Resources for Addressing Climate Adaptation Funding Barriers Experienced by Northwest Coastal Tribes](#)

Beginning in late 2024, the Northwest Climate Resilience Collaborative's Tribal Coastal Resilience Project, a partnership of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, University of Washington Climate Impacts Group, Washington Sea Grant, and Western Washington University, partnered with a team of legal and policy experts from the Harvard Environmental and Energy Law Program (EELP), the University of Washington Native American Law Center, and the Environmental Policy Innovation Center to better understand available policy frameworks and existing programs that could help streamline funding processes and unlock new sources of funding to advance Tribal adaptation. This research effort produced a suite of policy tools offering a range of approaches and resources for strengthening Tribal funding and capacity for adaptation and resilience efforts. (December 2025)

### [Federal Land and Water Management: Additional Actions Would Strengthen Agreements with Tribes](#)

Federal agencies manage national forests, parks, and bodies of water that are Tribes' ancestral territories. These places have special significance for Tribes. Agencies have agreements and work with Tribes to share decision-making when managing these lands and their resources. But more can be done to better facilitate collaboration. For example, agencies have different authorities for entering into agreements with Tribes. As a result, there are fewer opportunities for tribal input. We recommended Congress consider addressing this, and more. We also made recommendations to multiple agencies. Shared decision-making agreements with federal agencies enable Tribes to provide substantive, long-term input into natural and cultural resource management decisions for public lands. In treaties, Tribes ceded millions of acres of their territories to the federal government in exchange for certain commitments. Many of these areas are now public lands. Agencies committed in 2022 to ensure Tribes play an integral role in deciding how to manage federal natural resources. These agencies include the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior and their components, such as Agriculture's Forest Service and Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). (January 2026)

## JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

### **FEATURED: Tribal Engineer for the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe**

The Tribal Engineer shall be responsible for applying engineering principles to develop solutions to complex technical challenges in the design, construction, and repair of a variety of projects as required of him/her by the Tribal The Tribal Engineer shall keep a record of all work done by him/her and all his/her records, calculations, data, books, maps, plans, and profiles are and shall remain the property of the Tribe and shall be kept in the Tribal Depository. **Deadline: open until filled**

#### Water for Colorado Coalition Coordinator

The Water for Colorado Coalition of environmental non-governmental organizations, which works on Colorado and Colorado River Basin issues, is looking for a part-time (20 hrs/ week) operations coordinator through December 2026, with the possibility of an extension. **Deadline: ASAP**

#### Junior Data Manager for NOAA's NCEI

CIRES has an immediate opening for a student with an interest in acquiring experience in environmental data and information management. This position requires basic computer skills, intellectual curiosity, attention to detail, and willingness to learn. Coursework in geosciences, oceanography, GIS, computer science, or information science is desirable, but not necessary. This position is located within the National Centers for Environmental Science (NCEI) at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) campus in Boulder, CO.

**Deadline: ASAP**

#### Native Teen Guide In Training Program

This camp was developed to invest in Native-Centered Teen programming for rising 8th-12th graders through place-based outdoor education, social-emotional learning curriculum, as well as to provide accessible pathways for Native Teens to learn about guiding and natural resource career opportunities. The Native Teen Guide-In-Training Camp begins at San Island in Bluff, Utah, which launches into an 8 day and 7 night river trip down the San Juan River that stretches through the desert landscapes and canyons of the Diné-Navajo Nation. There are two sessions, one of which will be filmed by a professional documentary crew. **Deadline: ASAP**

#### National Native Youth Essay Contest

As the U.S. nears its 250th anniversary, its history takes on a very different shape through a Native lens. Native News Online, in partnership with the Center for Native American Youth (CNAV) at the Aspen Institute, invites Native youth ages 18–24 to raise their voices and reframe the story. This is your chance to show America what it never learned in school. Theme: Submissions must

address the theme: America 250: A Republic Built on Native Land. The Challenge: Your essay must tackle the complex history of 1776 and challenge how America views its 250th anniversary. **Deadline: May 1, 2026**

#### 2026 National Summer Youth Practicum

The National Summer Youth Practicum (SYP) is designed to provide Native American and Alaskan Native high school students (ages 14 – 17 years old) an opportunity to gain hands-on and in-lecture experience in the interdisciplinary components of natural resource management and Indigenous knowledge. This week-long practicum is in beautiful and mountainous sites of Northern Colorado. Students from the continental U.S. are encouraged to apply. **Deadline: May 2, 2026**

#### Alaska Summer Youth Practicum

The Alaska Summer Youth Practicum (AKSYP) is designed to provide Alaska Native students who are 15-17 years of age an opportunity to gain hands-on and in-lecture experience in the interdisciplinary components of natural resource management and Indigenous knowledge. One of the goals of the NAFWS is to educate Native American youth to understand the importance of professional natural resource management and the interconnectedness to culture, as well encourage them to continue their education and pursue careers in the natural resource fields. Students will learn directly from Tribal Environmental Professionals here in Alaska. **Deadline: May 11, 2026**

#### Missing and Murdered Indigenous People's (MMIP) Administrative Assistant

The MMIP Administrative Assistant under the supervision of the MMIP Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator will be responsible for assisting in the development of the Karuk Tribe's project to address the issue of Murdered and Missing Indigenous People. This includes coordination with the Karuk community, various Karuk government departments, contracting partners, law enforcement (tribal, state, and federal) and partnering agencies. **Deadline: open until filled**

#### Center for Climate and Health Manager

The Division of Environmental Health and Engineering (DEHE) Climate Initiatives Department is seeking a motivated and organized leader to manage the Center for Climate and Health (CCH). This position supports daily operations and drives the strategic growth and direction of the Center for Climate and Health. Join a dynamic, mission-driven team making meaningful impacts on community health and climate resilience — from the local to national level. **Deadline: open until filled**

#### Law Fellow

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) is seeking a Law Fellow, who will be primarily responsible for legal research, legal writing, and advocacy. This position will work with colleagues, clients, and partners to achieve shared goals in support of the Tribal Water Institute, a project designed to develop policy and law, and increase capacity, education, and collaboration on tribal water issues. The work may include aspects of water rights litigation, including factual and legal research, discovery, motion practice, trials, appeals, amicus briefs, and other client-driven needs. **Deadline: open until filled**

#### [Program Director - Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance](#)

The Program Director is a community-oriented leader who helps build capacity for the Tribal community to steward their ancestral lands. The Director develops and oversees all of TERA's training, outreach, and education programs. The Program Director will oversee the Native Stewards Fellowship, a 140-hour workforce development program that weaves traditional knowledge with wildfire resilience and vocational skills, preparing fellows for meaningful careers stewarding our ancestral lands. **Deadline: open until filled**

#### [Program Coordinator - Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance](#)

The Program Coordinator provides coordination and logistical support for TERA's diverse set of education, outreach, and training programs. The Program Coordinator will provide assistance to the Program Director, including assisting with program planning and development, distribution of promotional materials and program-related communications, and coordinating and participating in outreach activities, among other things. **Deadline: open until filled**

#### [BLM New Mexico Internship](#)

Conservation Corps New Mexico (CCNM), in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Cruces District Office (LCDO) and Public Lands Interpretative Association (PLIA), seeks 5 passionate candidates to support a two-phased public land stewardship initiative. The first phase will focus on BLM LCDO projects such as environmental education, community outreach, habitat restoration, and trail/recreation site maintenance with the goal of helping to protect sensitive desert and riparian ecosystems while improving public access to public lands. For the second phase, individual placements will assist PLIA with engaging local 7th and 8th graders by providing classroom lessons and field trips, focused on hiking and learning on public lands. Applicants must be New Mexico residents between the ages of 18 and 25 with a high school diploma or equivalent. **Deadline: open, internship starts June 15**

#### [Director of Development](#)

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) is looking for an experienced Director of Development to lead the department in well-developed forward-thinking fundraising strategies that meet annual and longer-term advancement goals for operations/projects while measuring progress throughout the year to ensure continued success. This position works with the Executive Director, Board of Directors, Fundraising Committee, National Support Council for Advancement, and the Development team to provide leadership, strategic oversight and implementation of NARF's comprehensive fundraising, membership, and advancement activities in order to engage current and new supporters, increase financial investment in NARF, and build an increasingly strong and diverse network of stakeholders. **Deadline: open**

#### [2026 LeaderShift Scholar](#)

LeaderShift is an immersive environmental justice and advocacy training program for college-age students. With the land as our classroom, we travel across various corners of the Colorado Plateau; sleep under the stars; and spend our days learning from local changemakers and each other. LeaderShift examines the legacy of energy extraction, its impacts on local communities, and paths toward a just and equitable future. Participants see

firsthand how Native communities are transitioning away from fossil fuels toward healthy economies. LeaderShift will take place August 8 - 15, 2026, starting and finishing in Flagstaff, AZ. **Deadline: open until filled**

#### [Postdoctoral Researcher, Indigenous Science](#)

The California Academy of Sciences seeks a Postdoctoral Researcher in California Indigenous Science to join an innovative project within the Institute for Biodiversity Science and Sustainability (IBSS). The candidate will co-design and implement a braided science program that integrates Indigenous Knowledge with Western methods. This is a two-year appointment, requires a PhD, and is a paid research position. **Deadline: open**

#### [Senior Forester](#)

The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe is hiring a Senior Forester position. The Senior Forester will support the Tribe's work to promote forest health and diversity and sustainable harvests from Snoqualmie Tribe forested lands. The Forester will assist and be responsible for planning, recommending, and implementing strategies for forest regeneration, growth, and health while balancing environmental, economic, and cultural factors. **Deadline: open**

#### [Alaska Director of Conservation](#)

The Alaska chapter of The Nature Conservancy, the world's largest environmental nonprofit, is hiring a senior conservation leader who applies strategic, systems-level thinking to advance the Alaska chapter's relevance and impact on the state's most pressing conservation challenges. They lead the chapter's conservation work and team—including strategy development, project implementation, staff leadership and scientific direction—to achieve Alaska's and The Nature Conservancy's broader strategic goals. **Deadline: open until filled**

#### [Dakota Grasslands Specialist](#)

The Buffalo Nations Grasslands Alliance is hiring a Dakotas Grasslands Specialist. The Grasslands Specialist will be responsible for providing technical expertise to Native producers (Tribal farmers and ranchers, Tribal programs, and Native-led organizations operating on Tribal and/or Allotted lands) in accessing the technical and financial resources they need to restore grasslands and implement conservation practices through their farming, ranching, and conservation operations. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in agriculture, biological sciences, or related field and reside in South Dakota or North Dakota and within or near the Northern Great Plains ecoregion. **Deadline: open until filled**

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## [Eric Stensgar Memorial Scholarship](#)

Through the Eric Stensgar Memorial Scholarship, the L.I.G.H.T. Foundation (LF) Council of Guides foresees awarding a \$2,500 scholarship to one eligible Colville Tribal citizen or descendant annually per academic year. **Deadline: May 14, 2026**

## [IEN-WMAN Mining Mini-Grant Program](#)

The IEN-WMAN Mining Mini-Grant Program offers financial grant assistance to communities threatened or adversely affected by mining in the U.S. and Canada. The IEN -WMAN Grassroots Communities Mining Mini-Grant Program distributes over \$200,000 per year in \$4,000 USD grants to Indigenous communities and non-profit grassroots organizations across the U.S. and Canada. Our goal is to give at least 50% of the Mini-Grants to Indigenous communities. We recognize that mining activity often has detrimental impacts to all aspects of community and cultural well-being and we encourage projects that strive to protect the environment, ecosystems, cultural resources, and community health from mining impacts. This program is of tremendous value to community-based organizations, many of whom have very few opportunities to access financial support outside of their own pockets. **Applications open January 1, May 1, and September 1, 2026. Deadlines for submission are February 1, June 1, and October 1, 2026**

## [National Forest Foundation: 2026 Collaborative Capacity Program](#)

Collaborative Capacity Program financial awards invest in collaborative activities that support wildfire resilience, recreation opportunities, land & watershed restoration, and rural economies. This year's program funds projects that prioritize shared decision-making and bring together multiple perspectives to co-create solutions for forest stewardship or increase Tribal co-stewardship of National Forests and grasslands. **Deadline: July 13, 2026**

## [Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#)

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program provides federal funding to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribes, and local governments for hazard mitigation projects. The program focuses on strengthening infrastructure to reduce risks from natural hazards and improve community resilience. Some BRIC

funding comes from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which supports nationwide efforts to build resilient infrastructure and address increasing disaster impacts. BRIC prioritizes proactive, infrastructure-based solutions over post-disaster response, emphasizing projects that deliver clear, measurable risk reduction. It also supports modern building code adoption and enforcement when directly tied to infrastructure resilience. **Deadline: July 23, 2026**

## [Student Travel Award](#)

Field Inclusive is happy to offer ONE Travel Award of \$2,000 to support a student or postdoc attending a scientific conference, training, or workshop in Fall 2026. Recipients must be a current Field Inclusive member and a student attending a U.S. institution. **Deadline: August 1, 2026**

## [NDN Collective: Community Action Fund](#)

This fund supports Indigenous frontline, grassroots groups and individuals leading "Defend, Develop, and Decolonize" work. It's specifically designed for rapid-response needs, movement building, and the protection of land, air, and water. The grant allots up to \$15,000 per project with a focus on Indigenous Peoples' organizations and Tribes within post-colonial borders of the US, Canada, Mexico. **Deadline: accepted on a rolling basis until October 30, 2026**

## [Rivers & Mountains Conservancy Climate Resilience Program](#)

\$11,100,000 for projects that build community resilience and capacity where resources are most needed. Investments will support multi-benefit and nature-based solutions, which includes funding to support climate change impacts on fish and wildlife, habitat restoration, and activities that accelerate climate smart management of California's natural and working lands and help meet the State's 2030 GHG reduction goals.

## **Additional Sources for More Opportunities:**

1) More Funding Opportunities can be found at the Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations website: <https://itep.nau.edu/tw7q/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) Tribal Funding Registry Presented by: The Hozhonigo Institute: <https://www.tribalfunding.org/>

## [Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants](#)

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

## [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. **Deadline: accepted on a rolling basis**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

**Research Program: May 4-22, Anchorage, AK**  
[Alaska Indigenous Research Program](#)

The Alaska Indigenous Research Program's goal is to bring together Indigenous and Western worldviews in an effort to bring about mutual understanding, reciprocity, respect, and the co-production of health solutions for Alaska Native and American Indian people. This event runs for three individual weeks from May 4-22. Be sure to register by May 2nd, 2026.

**Webinar: May 3 & 26, Virtual**  
[2024-2026 Ecological & Tribal Drought Webinar Series](#)

- May 3, 2026: Collaborative Planning, Response, and Decision-Making
- May 26, 2026: Drought Dashboards to Inform Tribal Resilience and Preserve Ecological and Cultural Resources

**Conference: May 4-7, Verona, NY**  
[43rd Annual NAFWS National Conference](#)

The 2026 Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Annual National Conference, hosted by the Oneida Indian Nation, will be held from May 4 to 7, 2026 at Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY.

**Forum: May 12-14, Pittsburgh, PA**  
[7th National Adaptation Forum](#)

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

**Conference: May 19-21, Fort Collins, CO**

[Confluence 2026 - Western Collaborative Conservation Network](#)

Confluence is expressly focused on providing a place for collaborative conservation professionals, students, and emerging leaders to connect with one another and learn together

about the best-practices, processes, and outcomes of collaborative conservation. It will be structured to support peer-to-peer learning about collaborative processes and skillsets, and designed as best as we can to create a space for community-building, networking, and mentorship for everyone who attends. The theme of the year is: "The Future of Collaboration: The Power of Working Across Divides."

**Conference: May 21-22, University of Redlands, CA**

[Second Annual California Native American Tribal GIS Summit 2026](#)

The second Annual California Native American Tribal GIS Summit 2026 will take place in Redlands, CA. It is a gathering space for Tribal GIS practitioners - CA Native American Tribes, Tribal Partners and Organization who have an interest in the Tribal uses, needs, and solutions of GIS based technology. Virtual option for plenary sessions; workshops in person.

### JUNE

**Convening: June 2-4, Bangor, ME**  
[11th Native CDFI Capital Access Convening](#)

This gathering brings together Native CDFIs, partners, and community leaders from across the country to learn from one another, share ideas, and strengthen the relationships that make this work possible. The theme this year, Investing in Relationships: Stronger Together, reflects the truth that strong Native economies grow from collaboration, trust, and community.

**Symposium: June 8-11, Keshena, WI**  
[49th Annual National Indian Timber Symposium](#)

Hosted by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and Intertribal Timber Council, this year's theme is "Forestry in a Changing Environment." Each year, Tribal leaders, foresters, fire professionals, students, federal agencies and partners gather to share knowledge, strengthen relationships, and support the future of Tribal forestry.

**Conference: June 22-25, Albuquerque, NM**  
[A Meeting of Sacred Waters: A Global Gathering of Indigenous Voices](#)

A Meeting of Sacred Waters 2026, is a global gathering to highlight Indigenous-led solutions in support of our ancestral waters and lands. Through the collective experiences

of Indigenous Peoples from the US and abroad, this global exchange explores solutions to restore balance for the wellbeing of humanity and the environment. We welcome all those who envision a sustainable future, including leaders and representatives from Indigenous Nations and communities.

**Forum: June 24-25, Universal City, CA**  
[17th Annual CCEC Forum](#)

The 17th Annual California Climate & Energy Collaborative Forum is coming to Los Angeles on June 24-25th, themed "Grounded in People, Guided by Possibility: Shaping our Future in a Changing California." This year's two-day event (with optional day 0 activities for public agencies on June 23rd) is jam-packed with opportunities to network, learn, and collaborate. Early Bird Registration for the event is now open.

**Gathering: June 24-26, Shelton, WA**  
[2026 Indigenous Agroforestry Network Gathering](#)

The Indigenous Agroforestry Network invites Indigenous land stewards, gatherers, farmers, cultural practitioners, researchers, agency staff, nonprofit partners, and community members to join them for three days of learning, connection, and land-based exchange. Explore the intersections of Indigenous land stewardship, agroforestry, food sovereignty, forest and marine ecology, cultural arts, land back initiatives and more. Participants will engage in presentations, breakout sessions, panels, and field immersions visiting land and water projects.

### JULY

**Practicum: July 6-12, 2026, Anchorage, AK**  
[Alaska Summer Youth Practicum](#)

The Alaska Summer Youth Practicum (AKSYP) is designed to provide Alaska Native students who are 15-17 years of age an opportunity to gain hands-on and in-lecture experience in the interdisciplinary components of natural resource management and Indigenous knowledge. One of the goals of the NAFWS is to educate Native American youth to understand the importance of professional natural resource management and the interconnectedness to culture, as well encourage them to continue their education and pursue careers in the natural resource fields. Students will learn directly from Tribal Environmental Professionals here in Alaska.

**NOTE: Updated info on events can be found at the Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations Website: <https://itcp.nau.edu/tw7g/>**

# INTERNATIONAL

## IN THE NEWS

### [2026 Goldman Prize Winner: Alannah Acaq Hurley](#)

Acting on behalf of 15 tribal nations, Yup'ik leader Alannah Acaq Hurley led a campaign that stopped the proposed Pebble Mine megaproject in Alaska's Bristol Bay region. As the executive director for the United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB), Alannah and a broad-based coalition yielded a historic EPA veto of the copper and gold mining project in January 2023. The victory safeguards Bristol Bay and its greater watershed—encompassing 25 million acres of wilderness, rivers, and wetlands and home to the largest wild salmon runs in the world—from the construction of what would have been North America's largest open-pit mine. Alannah and UTBB continue to work to protect the bay from encroaching development. © The Goldman Prize International, 4/20/2026

### [Interior Salish women are reclaiming fire — and protecting their homelands](#)

In Canada's hotspot for wildfires, First Nations women are challenging colonialism and patriarchy by leading wildfire projects and gatherings. © The Narwhal, 4/9/2026

### [Amnesty International concerned Canada is 'rolling back' support for Indigenous rights](#)

Global human rights organization Amnesty International is concerned Canada is backsliding on Indigenous rights under Prime Minister Mark Carney's Liberal government. New laws passed last year fast-tracking major projects and expanding resource development have threatened Indigenous peoples' right to self-determination, the organization says in its annual global human rights report released Monday evening. © CBC, 4/20/2026

### [Indigenous peoples' health cannot be separated from the environment, U.N. delegates warn](#)

On the second day of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, or UNPFII, experts called attention to the ways Indigenous health is deeply tied to nature and highlighted how health inequalities are compounded by environmental degradation, extractive activities and climate change. © Mongabay, 4/22/2026

### [Modern agriculture is collapsing under climate change. Indigenous farming has answers.](#)

In the last five years, Indigenous agriculture has received attention in academia as an alternative model, though on a smaller scale, to modern farming systems. Research has shown that some traditional farming systems — such as growing maize, beans, and squash together — protect soil health, reduce biodiversity loss, and support Indigenous knowledge, known as traditional ecological knowledge. © Grist, 3/26/2026

### [In Brazil's capital, Indigenous leaders rally as land disputes and mining pressures grow](#)

Indigenous people in Brazil have marched in the capital, Brasilia, to protest what they say are violations of their land rights. They accuse large corporations of advancing farming, logging and mining projects on their lands. The protest is part of the annual Free Land Indigenous Camp, Brazil's largest Indigenous mobilization. This year's gathering comes amid rising reports of violent attacks against the Pataxo people in Bahia state. Indigenous women have been protesting since February in Para state against a massive gold mine project. Despite some

advances under President Lula, Indigenous rights remain under pressure from Congress and economic interests. © Mongabay, 4/7/2026

### [Indigenous & community leaders say, 'secure forest financing with us, not for us' \(commentary\)](#)

In recent years, we have seen clear signs that the global market for forest and nature-based carbon credits is gaining momentum. More and more companies and governments are turning to forests as part of their climate strategies, and analysts expect this trend to continue as demand grows for solutions that deliver real and verifiable benefits for the climate, nature and people. Recent market assessments show sustained activity in the voluntary carbon market in 2025 and project further growth toward 2026, particularly for high-integrity credits linked to nature and forests. © Mongabay, 4/7/2026

## CALL FOR INPUT & NOMINATIONS

### [Registration for EMRIP conference open](#)

The registration for the 19th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is open from April 1st until July 3rd 2026.

### [Call for Input: UN study on the implications of plastic pollution for the full enjoyment of human rights](#)

The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee seeks the views of and inputs from stakeholders to inform its study on the implications of plastic pollution for the full enjoyment of human rights, to be presented to the Human Rights Council at its 66th session. **Deadline: May 15, 2026**

### [Call for Input: Impact of work under the LCIPP](#)

The Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) is looking for input on the impact of their work and assistance shaping the next workplan. Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and stakeholders are invited to submit their views on the following issues: a) activities and thematic focuses for the workplan of LCIPP for 2028-2031 (deadline: 30 September 2026); and b) impact of work under the LCIPP (deadline: 1 November 2026). **Deadlines: September 30, 2026 & November 1, 2026 (see above)**

### [Call for Input: Survey on Energy Sovereignty](#)

Recently, multiple levels of government in Canada have increased investment in major fossil-fuel-based energy projects. These efforts aim to position Canada as a "global energy superpower" through conventional, non-renewable energy development, raising concerns among many Indigenous Nations. International Climate Action (ICA) is developing a report that highlights Indigenous-led clean and just energy initiatives across the lands currently known as Canada. They are calling for input from the following Nations/projects: Three Nation Energy (3NE) Solar Farm, Gitche Animki Hydroelectric Project, Cowwessess FN x SASK Research Council, Piitapan Solar Project, Old Crow Solar Project3, Mesgi'g Ugu's'n Wind Farm, Glooscap Energy Projects, Sukunka Wind Energy Project3, Wocawson Energy Project, Beaubassin Mi'kmaq Wind Management Company, and Tu Deh Kah Geothermal.

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

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

## JOB & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### [Individual Consultancy](#)

The Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) is a regional alliance formed in 1988, with its Secretariat established in 1992 by Indigenous Peoples' movements across Asia. At its 9th General Assembly, AIPP adopted a new Strategic Plan (2025–2029) and elected new members of the Executive Council. As AIPP moves into implementation, there is a critical need to put in place a robust, contextually grounded, and Indigenous Peoples-centered Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework. The consultant will be responsible for training the Secretariat with regards to the MEL framework. **Deadline: April 30, 2026**

### [Indigenous Peoples Specialist](#)

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is seeking an Indigenous Peoples Specialist to join the Indigenous Peoples Unit to provide technical insights into the work of FAO across technical divisions, establish strategic partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples' organizations, and advocate, influence key policy processes, and open spaces of dialogue between decision makers and Indigenous Peoples within FAO's mandate. **Deadline: May 5, 2026**

### [Communication Science Intern](#)

During this internship you'll work with scientists and Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center science communication experts to support research activities in a variety of topics (ecology, biology, environmental science) and generate creative and innovative communication products in a supportive, semi-structured environment. You'll also work with the Alaska CASC team to support ongoing general communication work as needed. **Deadline: May 8, 2026**

### [The Climate Writers' Residency](#)

This residency is designed to support writers whose work illuminates pathways forward — writing that offers unique, enchanting ways of rethinking how we narrate our relationships to the natural world, each other and to the systems that shape our futures. The program includes dedicated, month-long access to our Granville

Island studio, a \$4,000 grant, and a focused environment for writers developing an original work of non-fiction.

**Deadline: May 15, 2026**

### [Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Environmental Social Science](#)

The University of Queensland is seeking two Postdoctoral Research Fellows to contribute to a flagship ARC Industry Laureate Fellowship addressing climate-driven loss and damage in the Pacific. Based in the School of the Environment, you will be part of a visionary, collaborative, and impact-driven research initiative that works through long-term partnerships with communities, governments, regional organisations, and civil society partners across the Cook Islands, Fiji, and Vanuatu. The Fellowship focuses on non-economic losses, values-based approaches, and locally led solutions, with a strong emphasis on ethical engagement, reciprocity, and sustained relationships. **Deadline: May 21, 2026**

### [Research & Policy Coordinator](#)

Indigenous Climate Action (ICA) is looking for someone who is ambitious, personable and passionately committed to true Indigenous Climate Justice to serve as its Research & Policy Coordinator. The Research & Policy Coordinator will support ICA's research and policy programming by coordinating projects, strengthening partnerships, supporting evaluation and community engagement systems, and contributing to climate policy analysis and movement-servicing research. In addition, the Coordinator will be required to work in collaboration with ICA leadership and cross-pod teams to ensure outputs are community-driven, accessible and aligned with ICA's principles. This is a remote, work from home, online working position with priority given to Indigenous people who live in so-called Canada. **Deadline: open until filled**

### [2026 UN Global Indigenous Youth Forum \(UNGIYF\)](#)

The Call for Applications is now open! Indigenous Youth from the seven socio-cultural regions are invited to apply. We encourage Indigenous Youth who are working for the future of Indigenous Peoples' food and knowledge systems, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration and climate change resilience to join us for the III Session of the UN Global Indigenous Youth Forum (UNGIYF). Discover more about the UNGIYF. nCo-hosted by the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus (GIYC) and FAO, the UNGIYF is the only high-level forum in the UN dedicated to Indigenous Youth. It is a biennial forum, taking place every 2 years, and builds on the momentum of the positive changes that Indigenous Youth are advancing globally.

## RESOURCES & FUNDING

### [Sport for the well-being and self-care of Indigenous Women](#)

Across different territories, Indigenous Women are transforming sport into a space for connection, well-being, and collective organization. From FIMI, we open this call to recognize organizations that promote sports initiatives with community impact, strengthening women's leadership, self-care, and the social fabric. The initiatives of 4 organizations from different regions will be recognized, each receiving support of 15,000 USD to further strengthen their work. **Deadline: May 13, 2026**

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**Report: [“We are all connected” Forging Peace and Unity between Extractives-Affected Peoples from Colombia to Turtle Island \(Canada\)](#)**

This report documents the deep and rich exchanges that took place in the “Sharing Knowledges, Weaving Alliances in Defence of Territories of Life” Tour, June 18-June 28, 2025, between territorial defenders from the Colombian Amazon and members of the Haida, Wet’suwet’en, Gitksan and Gitanyow Nations hosting them.

**Publication: [Provisional guide on the effective engagement and participation of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities in the development, implementation and review of ASGM national action plans](#)**

The Minamata Convention on Mercury aims to “protect human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds.” The largest source of emissions of mercury globally is from its deliberate use in artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing (ASGM). As many Indigenous Peoples and local communities rely on ASGM as their main or sole source of income but are also negatively and disproportionately impacted by ASGM, effective engagement and participation of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities in the implementation of the Convention is essential. The purpose of this document is to provide information on how to establish, build and maintain partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and with local communities, who may find themselves across a range of relationships with and/or impacted by ASGM, for the development, implementation, and review of an inclusive national action plan.

**Working Paper: [Challenging coloniality and racial injustice in finance for nature](#)**

Generating finance to protect and restore nature is crucial to address the worsening global biodiversity crisis. However, most nature finance is delivered within a neo-colonial and racially unjust global financial architecture, leading to inequitable and ineffective allocation of resources. This exploratory paper introduces a discussion on coloniality and racial injustice in nature finance aimed at donors, governments and intermediary organizations involved in the delivery of nature finance. © International Institute for Environment and Development, February 2026

**[Strengthening Civil Society and Indigenous Voices at the UN Webinar](#)**

On March 17, 2025, a discussion was held on the vital contribution of CSOs and Indigenous Peoples to the UN human rights system and why it matters to safeguard their space in the context of reforms and crises.

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

Honorariums are intended for Indigenous Youth engaged in frontline activism and/or climate justice organizing. At ICA we know that financial and mental health barriers often impact Indigenous Peoples when engaging in climate justice work. By creating this fund, Indigenous Climate Action hopes to remove some of those barriers that come up when upholding our sacred responsibilities.

The fund can be used to pay for counseling sessions, provide an honorarium to an elder for their teachings, pay for an art or yoga class, or for gas to get out on the land if you live elsewhere. **Deadline: ongoing**

## EVENTS

**Conference: May 11-14, 2026, Manila, Philippines**  
**[CBA20: Local Solutions Inspiring Global Action](#)**

The 20th International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation to Climate Change (CBA20) represents an important milestone, and is a unique space for practitioners, policymakers, researchers and community leaders to share lived experiences, strengthen partnerships and influence adaptation policy and practice.

**Symposium: June 3-4, 2026, Bangkok, Thailand**  
**[Strengthening Evidence on the Outcomes of Locally Led Adaptation Symposium](#)**

More than 130 organizations and governments have endorsed the Principles for Locally Led Adaptation (LLA), yet only a small share of international climate finance supports adaptation at local levels – and even less of this funding is truly locally led. The symposium will bring together 25-30 researchers, practitioners, and knowledge holders to share new findings, take stock of the current state of evidence on the outcomes of LLA, and co-develop a forward-looking agenda for strengthening evidence that is credible, inclusive, and usable for decision-making.

**Session: July 13-17, 2026, Geneva, Switzerland**  
**[UN 19th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)**

All participants are encouraged to contribute to the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) in a spirit of constructive, multi-stakeholder dialogue, keeping a focus on the theme of the discussion; and are strongly encouraged to include concrete recommendations in their statements. EMRIP experts chairing the items will use their discretion in managing interventions from the floor in order to enable different stakeholders to participate in the dialogue and to ensure a balanced debate.

**Gathering: October 5-8, 2026, Hamilton, Ontario**  
**[AFN 4th National Climate Gathering](#)**

In less than 10 months, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) will be hosting our 4th National Climate Gathering, from October 5 - 8, 2026. The event will take place at the Hamilton Convention Centre, a venue that is located on the traditional territories of the Mississauga and Haudenosaunee nations, and within the lands protected by the ‘Dish with One Spoon’ wampum agreement.

**Congress: December 9-11, 2026, Montego Bay, Jamaica**

**[2nd Islands Water Congress](#)**

The Islands Water Congress is a leading global forum dedicated to freshwater management in island contexts. Under the theme “Resilient Islands: Securing Water for Sustainable Development in a Changing World,” the Congress convenes policymakers, scientists, practitioners, researchers, and island leaders from across the globe to confront the urgent and interconnected water challenges facing island communities.