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Workshop

Indigenous Languages, Knowledge and Rights in the context of climate change adaptation and mitigation, (forest) landscape restoration and sustainable development



19th June 2019,
14:15h - 18:15h



Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn,
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For indigenous peoples, languages not only identify their origin or membership in a community, they also carry the ethical values of their ancestors – the indigenous knowledge systems that make them one with the land and are crucial to their survival and to the hopes and aspirations of their youth.”

Minnie Degawan in UNESCO Courier

INFOE - Institute for Ecology and Action Anthropology - in cooperation with the Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) are hosting a Workshop between the first session of the Facilitative Working Group of the LCIP and the global GLF event in Bonn 2019 on rights in the landscape. This is a participatory workshop, focusing on Indigenous language, knowledge and rights in the context of climate change and landscape restoration.

Indigenous languages are disappearing at alarming rates. It is estimated that 40 per cent of the world's estimated 6,700 languages are in danger of disappearing— the majority belonging to indigenous peoples. The ongoing loss of indigenous languages is particularly devastating, as the complex knowledges and cultures they foster are increasingly being recognized as strategic resources for good governance, peacebuilding, reconciliation, and sustainable development. More importantly, such losses have huge negative impacts indigenous peoples'

most basic human rights.¹ In this context, indigenous languages, knowledge and related (land) rights are fundamental for sustainable development and reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDGs 4, 13 and 15.

The issues of the workshop are closely related to the current negotiations within the UNFCCC process, defining the work and tasks of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP). It is also picking up on the main theme of this year's session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Traditional Knowledge. Most importantly, it takes place in the International Year of Indigenous Languages which is an important mechanism dedicated to raising awareness of a topic of global interest and mobilizing different players for coordinated action around the world and was proclaimed in 2016 by the United Nations General Assembly based on a recommendation by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.



¹ <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/news/2019/01/iyl/>

Workshop objectives

- Better understand the role of Indigenous languages in knowledge sharing and solutions to climate change and landscape restoration to develop ideas for ensuring indigenous language and knowledge is appreciated, valued and protected.
- Identify barriers and challenges that prevent Indigenous Peoples, esp. youth, from learning, preserving and maintaining their languages at equal footing with other expertise, informing the discussions in the respective fora (LCIP, GLF etc. etc.)

About INFOE

INFOE- the Institute for Ecology and Action Anthropology, an NGO based in Cologne, Germany, has been working to support indigenous peoples in maintaining and defending their cultures, rights, natural resources and territories since 1987. [This work is being carried out through awareness raising campaigns, education material and workshops, research and logistical as well as technical support in relation to UN bodies and treaties.]

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About GLF

The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) is a collaborative, mobile platform for discussions leading to action on landscape restoration, rights, finance, food and livelihood initiatives. It is led by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), supported by UN Environment and the World Bank. In conjunction with its many charter members, GLF also tracks and measures progress on meeting the targets laid out in the UN Paris Agreement on climate change and the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Core funding is provided by the government of Germany. **Charter members:** CIRAD, CIFOR, Climate Focus, Conservation International, Ecoagriculture Partners, Evergreen Agriculture, FSC, GEF, IPMG, CIAT, ICIMOD, IFOAM - Organics International, INBAR, IUFRO, Rainforest Alliance, Rare, Rights and Resources Initiative, UN Environment, Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation part of Wageningen Research, World Agroforestry, WWF Germany, Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL), World Bank group

Programme

14:15h Arriving, Coffee, Welcome *INFOE and Partners*

14:30h **Key Note: Dr. Pasang Dolma Sherpa, CIPRED, Nepal:** The key role of Indigenous Languages and traditional knowledge for climate change resilience

15:00h **Key Note: Janene Yazzie, International Indian Treaty Council, USA:** Indigenous Peoples participation and the role of language and related rights in the Global Landscapes Forum

15:30h Questions and answers

15:45h **Talking Circle**

Short framing inputs from further guest speakers:

- **Charles Emogor, Oxford University Centre for the Environment:** Challenges and barriers in learning, using and protecting indigenous languages
- **Anne Larson, Principal Scientist, CIFOR:** The role of scientists in addressing the challenges of protecting Indigenous knowledge, language and rights.
- **Rodion Sulyandziga, CSPIN, Russia:** The role of the LCIP in recognizing and adequately integrating indigenous languages and knowledge for climate change adaptation

Moderation: **Jessica Ball, Knowledge Sharing Coordinator, Global Landscapes Forum**

17:00h Summary of results and outcome poster

17:30h Networking and Snacks

18:15h End

How to register: Please send an email before **June 7th** to workshop@infoe.de, indicating in one sentence why you wish to participate.