

Working internationally

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Introduction

- Climate change poses fundamental challenges and requires fundamental changes from all parts of society in every corner of the world
- Innovation change and solutions come from us not government, academia or big business
- Much of your work is cutting edge
 - fire abatements, mapping, calendars, observations of flora and fauna, sea level changes, water
 - Not just locally or nationally but internationally too
- You are doing the hard work that governments and universities don't know how to do

Major Stakeholders

- Indigenous people have a major role to play in mitigation and adaptation
- 17% of global GHG emissions from forest loss
 - The IPCC noted that reducing deforestation is the mitigation option with the largest and most immediate carbon stock impact in the short term
 - Tackling deforestation would account for 1/3 of the global carbon emission problem
 - Cost €9 tCO₂e
 - CCS on power plants (€40-55) or solar (€37)
- 19% of global emissions from wildfires
- These emissions largely take place on indigenous lands

International Activities

- Indigenous people have become active at all levels, including the international level
- UNFCCC now recognises indigenous issues
 - Bali Roadmap didn't mention indigenous people or their rights
 - References to IP and their rights in multiple places
 - adaptation, technology development and transfer, REDD, capacity-building, MRV and sectoral approaches and sector-specific actions in agriculture

International Activities

- The IPCC now recognises that indigenous people and their knowledge is a major gap in their previous assessments
 - Build on the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment
- Governments, international organisations, non governmental organisations, private funders have poured funds into IP climate change initiatives
 - \$4.5bn for REDD by 2012

Indigenous people and deforestation

1. Rio Bravo Climate Action Project, Belize
2. Noel Kempff Climate Action Project, Bolivia
3. Guapaquecaba Climate Action Project, Brazil
4. Juma Sustainable Development Reserve, Brazil
5. San Nicolas Agroforestry, Colombia
6. Maya Biosphere Reserve, Guatemala
7. Pico Bonito Forest Restoration, Honduras
8. Berau, Indonesia
9. Ulu Masen Ecosystem, Indonesia
10. Makira Forest Project, Madagascar
11. The Ankeneny-Mantadia-Zahamena Corridor

- Project, Madagascar
12. Alto Mayo Forest, Peru
13. Avoided Deforestation Community Forest Carbon Project, Cambodia
14. Seima Protection Forest, Cambodia
15. Eastern DRC Community Reserves, DRC
16. Coffee and Environmental Initiative, El Salvador
17. The Kasigau Corridor REDD Project, Kenya
18. Fandrian-Vondrozo Corridor REDD Project, Madagascar
19. Madre de Dios Amazon REDD Project, Peru



International Influence

- WAFMA is the leading example in the world of how indigenous communities, scientists, government and companies can work together to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions
- Outcomes of the international experts meeting was the basis of the UNPFII recommendations on Climate Change

Participating internationally

- How to participate effectively
 - UN, OECD, regional bodies (i.e. ASEAN), academic or business conferences (WEF)
- UNFCCC
 - Key fora
 - COP 15
 - 40,000 people, 194 countries, 115 heads of state, 100s of satellite meetings, \$100sm and many indigenous people – including NAILSMA
- Indigenous participation in the UNFCCC
 - Awareness raising
 - Independent meetings, publications, side events
 - Formal submissions
 - Participate in UNFCCC meetings
 - Lobby governments

Some suggestions

- More local or indigenous work
 - Expanding fire abatement projects
 - Strengthening partnerships with government and scientist
 - Promoting awareness about successes, lessons learnt and threats
- UNFCCC
 - Networking
 - Lobbying Australian Government
 - Protecting indigenous rights
- Other relevant parts of the UN
 - CBD GA Summit in September and COP 10
- IPCC
- Developing international partnerships
 - Other indigenous organisations, UNU, TNC, Ecotrust

UNU plans

- Work with NAILSMA and other indigenous organisations in Australia
- 2010 International Climate Change Adaptation Conference
- Film festival
- Compendium and database
- IPCC/UNU experts workshop on "Indigenous and Marginal Populations: Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change"
- Google project
- Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Assessment (IPCCA)
- Participate and comment on the UNFCCC process

Recommendations

- Participate in UNFCCC and IPCC
- Reach out to other indigenous people
- Develop international partnerships