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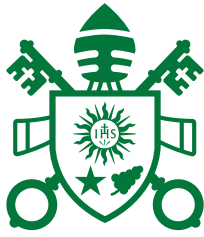
WORKSHOP ON

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' KNOWLEDGE AND THE SCIENCES:

*combining traditional knowledge and sciences for resilience to
address climate change, biodiversity loss, food security, health*



14-15 March 2024
Casina Pio IV, Vatican City



I give thanks for this visit, ... an opportunity to recognize the fundamental role Indigenous Peoples hold in the protection of the environment, and to highlight their wisdom in finding global solutions to the immense challenges that climate change poses to humanity every day. ... We should listen to Indigenous Peoples more and learn from their way of life, so as to understand properly that we cannot continue to greedily devour natural resources... The contribution of Indigenous Peoples is fundamental in the fight against climate change. And this has been scientifically proven... Therefore, I ask governments to recognize the Indigenous Peoples of the whole world, with their cultures, languages, traditions and spirituality, and to respect their dignity and their rights, in the knowledge that the richness of our great human family consists precisely in its diversity.

*Address of His Holiness Pope Francis
To participants in the indigenous people's forum
Consistory hall, Friday, 10 February 2023*

Purpose of the conference

- ▶ With this conference indigenous knowledge communities and scientists in social and natural sciences are called upon, to hold an open dialogue, based on mutual respect, and shared concerns for peoples' and planetary health.
- ▶ The conference will create opportunities for dialogue on how knowledge can play an important role in developing local solutions that can have global consequences.
- ▶ This conference aims to build bridges between

the views and knowledge systems of diverse Indigenous Peoples and diverse science communities to explore new opportunities for solutions to the global challenges of resilience to climate change, biodiversity loss, and food systems problems, and on developing local solutions that can have global benefits.

Pope Francis has kindly agreed to hold an Audience with the Conference participants.

Opportunities and objectives of the conference

- ▶ Indigenous knowledge communities and science communities are lacking platforms to exchange views and work jointly to develop innovative nature-based solutions for climate change impact and resilience. Overcoming that may contribute to advancements in sustainability, justice and equity.
- ▶ Indigenous peoples are often caretakers of key natural ecosystems and have an important role in bending the nature degradation curve, with positive impacts for, mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity challenges. Indigenous peoples can play a fundamental role in protecting natural ecosystems against degradation and in restoring ecosystems for multiple outcomes, including forests, biodiversity and water resources. The role of Indigenous Peoples in the biodiversity agenda is being increasingly recognized in the CBD process. Recently, in COP 15 in Montreal, indigenous peoples were given a special recognition.
- ▶ Indigenous Peoples worldwide have a dual relationship with climate change.
- ▶ On one hand Indigenous Peoples represent a clear case of climate injustice, as they have contributed the least and are suffering the most from climate-related extreme events and ecosystem degradation. COP28 and other climate forums recognize this.
- ▶ Nature-based solutions (NBS) are increasingly considered as having lower costs and delivering more co-benefits than other alternatives. Nature-based solutions now play an important role in the agenda of UNFCCC, but the concept has not yet been adequately incorporated in the CBD process and needs further research
- ▶ The Science communities and the indigenous knowledge communities also have a lot of opportunities to exchange perspectives on health, medicine, and healthy diets. The pharmaceutical products and health practices.
- ▶ Also, fundamentally there may be multiple and diverse perspectives on
- ▶ life, spirituality in Indigenous Peoples' and Science driven communities. The pontifical academies do see complementarities and synergies between faith and science. This perspective may also be discussed among indigenous knowledge communities and the science communities at the workshop, including with faith-based community at the Vatican and beyond.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- ▶ Presentations and discussion: As we have received a very high interest in the conference, speaking times need to be short in order to protect time for discussion.
- ▶ Participants are expected to share a short paper of max. 10 pages before the conference.
- ▶ Papers will be published online at www.pas.va and in an edited book published open access by the Pontifical Academies. Please note our editorial guidelines: https://www.pas.va/en/about/editorial_guidelines.html

Programme

DAY 1 | 14 MARCH 2024

9:30-10:30	PAPAL AUDIENCE (Clementine Hall, Apostolic Palace)
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-11.15	<i>Welcome and General Introduction to the Workshop</i> Joachim von Braun PAS President Sr Helen Alford PASS President Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson PAS & PASS Chancellor
11.15-12.45	SESSION 1. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENCES – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES Chair: Joachim von Braun PAS President
11.15-11.30	Sonia Gujajara Minister, Ministry of Indigenous People - Brazil <i>Full possession of territories, ways of life and preservation of Biodiversity. The importance of indigenous peoples in fighting climate change</i>
11.30-11.45	Nigel Crawhall Chief, Local and Indigenous Knowledge Systems (LINKS), UNESCO <i>Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Sciences: Trends and opportunities within the United Nations</i>
11.45-12.00	Anna Giulia Medri Head, Equator Initiative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) <i>A global outlook on Indigenous Peoples and the importance of their role for the climate and biodiversity agenda. Challenges, opportunities, and solutions supported by the UNDP Equator Initiative</i>
12.00-12.15	Yon Fernández-de-Larrinoa Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – Indigenous Peoples Head of Unit  by Zoom <i>Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems</i>
12.15-12.30	Ilaria Firmian International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Senior Technical Specialist, Indigenous Peoples <i>IFAD engagement with Indigenous Peoples for climate, biodiversity, food and nutrition agendas</i>
12.30-12.45	Discussion
12.45-14.15	Lunch at Casina Pio IV
14.45-16.15	SESSION 2. REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES FROM AND OUTLOOKS BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES Chair: Helen Alford PASS President
	SESSION 2. 1. PERSPECTIVES FROM AFRICA
14.15-14.30	Elifuraha Laltaika Tumaini University Makumira, Faculty of Law -Senior Lecturer of Human Rights Law & Policy <i>Climate Change & Energy Transition: Safeguarding Africa's Indigenous Peoples' Spiritual and Cultural attachment to Lands</i>
14.30-14.45	Stanley Kimaren ole Riamit Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners (ILEPA) Team Leader  by Zoom <i>Indigenous knowledge and Climate change Adaptation strategies: Lessons from Maasai Pastoralists of East Africa</i>
	SESSION 2. 2. PERSPECTIVES FROM AMERICAS
14.45-15.00	Myrna Cunningham Kain Center for Autonomy and development of Indigenous Peoples-Pawanka Fund <i>Intercultural experiences in health and education in LAC Region</i>
15.00-15.15	Octaviana Valenzuela Trujillo Founding Chair and Professor Emerita of the Applied Indigenous Studies Department at Northern Arizona University, USA <i>Traditional Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples: Voices of Respect for Sacred Nature and Transformative Stewardship of Mother Earth</i>
15.15-15.30	Lorna Wanosts'ay Williams Member First Nation, Professor Emerita, Lil'watul; University of Victoria <i>Ti Szwatenem: What we know, The gift of indigenous knowledge for life and living and the Challenges of Exclusion</i>

SESSION 2.3. PERSPECTIVES FROM ASIA	
15.30-15.45	Viswajanani Sattigeri Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Traditional Knowledge Digital Library Unit <i>India's Experiences on Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Knowledge Digital Library Unit (TKDL)</i>
15.45-16.00	Anamika Dey CEO - Gujarat Grassroots Innovation Augmentation Network (GIAN) <i>Women-led community knowledge-based bio-enterprises: insights from the Honey Bee Network</i>
16.00-16.15	Discussion
16.15-16.45	Coffee break
SESSION 3. BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN SCIENCE AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS Chair: Mohamed Hassan PAS Academician	
SESSION 3.1. BRIDGES BETWEEN INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENCE SYSTEMS	
16.45-16.55	Brijal Chaudhari President, Global Home for Indigenous Peoples (GH4IP) <i>The importance of Indigenous Peoples for climate, biodiversity, food and nutrition agendas, and building bridges between indigenous knowledge and sciences</i>
16.55-17.05	Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim AFPAT President, Chad <i>Bringing science and traditional knowledge to build resilience and adaptation and mitigate conflict over resources</i>
17.05-17.15	Doug Simons Professor, Director, Institute for Astronomy University of Hawaii at Manoa  by Zoom <i>Exploring Indigenous and Contemporary Science Through Hawai'i Astronomy</i>
17.15-17.25	Adriano Fontana Research Director, Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica <i>How astronomers explore the world and what they have learned – and not yet</i>
17.25-17.35	Discussion
SESSION 3.2. BRIDGES IN EDUCATION SYSTEMS	
17.35-17.45	Vanderlei S. Bagnato PAS, University of Sao Paulo and Texas A&M University, Professor <i>Science Education as perspective for young indigenous people</i>
17.45-17.55	Pierre Léna PAS Academician; Office of Climate Education, Emeritus President <i>Climate education facing traditional cultures</i>
17.55-18.05	Jane Lubchenco PAS Academician; Oregon State University, Department of Integrative Biology  by Zoom <i>US White House governmental action to elevate the importance of Indigenous Knowledge</i>
18.05-18.15	Discussion
SESSION 4. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH, PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, WATER, AND THE SCIENCES – INNOVATION OPPORTUNITIES, RIGHTS, POLICIES Chair: Vanderlei S. Bagnato PAS Academician; University of Sao Paulo and Texas A&M University	
18.15-18.30	Pauliina Nykanen-Rettaroli Senior Technical Lead and Unit Head on Human Rights, World Health Organization <i>Promoting and Protecting Indigenous Knowledge and Contributions to Health</i>
18.30-18.45	Ester Innocent Associate Research Professor, Institute of Traditional Medicine-Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania <i>Bridging Indigenous Knowledge and the Science: The Role of Indigenous Peoples in Health and Pharmaceutical Products Development</i>
18.45-19.00	Yolanda López-Maldonado Geography Department, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany <i>Beyond Sacred Ecology: Indigenous People's Observations for Understanding Complex Earth Processes</i>
19.00-19.15	H.E. Archbishop Samuel Kléda Metropolitan Bishop of Douala  by Zoom <i>Indigenous Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Science: an African Example</i>
19.15-19.30	Discussion
19.30	Dinner at Casina Pio IV

DAY 2 | 15 MARCH 2024

09.00-12.30	SESSION 5. THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FOR CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY, FOOD AND NUTRITION AGENDAS, AND BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENCES
	SESSION 5.1. BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE PROTECTION Chair: Virgilio Viana PASS Academician
09.00-09.15	Katrin Böhning-Gaese Director and Professor Senckenberg Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre, Frankfurt University <i>Biodiversity and social-ecological research for people and nature</i>
09.15-09.30	Lun Yin Professor of School of Geography and Ecotourism, Southwest Forestry University, Executive Vice President of the Yunnan Green Environment Development Foundation (China) <i>Traditional knowledge in forest resource management for climate change adaptation</i>
09.30-09.45	Q’apaj Conde Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Associate Programme Management Officer <i>The role of traditional knowledge in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</i>
09.45-10.00	Robert Nasi Director General, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) 📺 by Zoom <i>Sustainable use of wildlife, why indigenous people matter</i>
10.00-10.15	Paulo Artaxo University of São Paulo, Director of the Center for Amazonian Sustainability <i>Amazonian forests protected by Indigenous people</i>
10.15-10.30	Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine Co-Principal Investigator-Adjunct Professor Arramat Project-University of Ottawa <i>Holistic approach to health and well-being of people, climate and biodiversity: what can we learn from Indigenous Peoples’ knowledges?</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
	SESSION 5.2. FOOD SYSTEMS Chair: Johan Swinnen Managing Director of Systems Transformation, CGIAR, and Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
11.00-11.15	Maximo Torero Chief economist of FAO 📺 by Zoom <i>Food System and Indigenous knowledge and science (Video)</i>
11.15-11.30	Tania Eulalia Martinez-Cruz Director of food sovereignty at Land is Life and Research Associate at Universidad Intercultural Maya de Quintana Roo <i>Indigenous Youth leading the future: Sustainable food systems & a sustainable future</i>
11.30-11.45	Mehrdad Ehsani Vice President, The Rockefeller Foundation. Food Initiative, Nairobi, Kenya <i>Regenerative agriculture and indigenous knowledge</i>
11.45-12.00	Justice Tambo Senior Socio-Economist CABI, Switzerland <i>Recognizing farmers’ indigenous innovations in Africa</i>
12.00-12.15	Hanieh Moghani Senior Legal Counsel and Indigenous Advocate - Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment (CENESTA), Tehran 📺 by Zoom <i>Indigenous Knowledge in Participatory Plant Breeding</i>
12.15-12.30	Xanaine Calvillo Ramirez Ambassador - Stop Financing Factory Farming Coalition <i>The food of the future is also ancestral: Mesoamerican plant-based food traditions as climate solutions</i>
12.30-12.45	Discussion
12.45-14.00	Lunch at Casina Pio IV

SESSION 5.3. CLIMATE – ADAPTATION, MITIGATION, TRANSFORMATION	
Chair: Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim AFPAT President, Chad	
14.00-14.15	Jennifer Rubis Green Climate Fund, Indigenous Peoples Specialist <i>Enhancing synergies between knowledge systems in climate action: why it matters and mobilizing it at the Green Climate Fund</i>
14.15-14.30	Agnes Leina Il'laramatak Community Concerns Executive Director <i>Traditional Indigenous Knowledge Vs Scientific Knowledge in addressing climate change</i>
14.30-14.45	Juan Carlos Jintiach Arcos Executive secretary - Global alliance of the Territorial Communities <i>Indigenous peoples Knowledge from the tropics in the context of climate change and biodiversity</i>
14.45-15.00	Nelson Ole Reiyia Nashulai Maasai Conservancy, CEO <i>The Maasai Response to the Climate Crisis – A global outlook on Indigenous peoples</i>
15.00-15.15	Charles Ian McNeill Senior Fellow, Meridian Institute and former Senior Advisor, Forests & Climate, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), New York <i>The Critical Role of Indigenous Peoples in Addressing the Twin Crises of Climate Change and Loss of Nature: How Powerful New Partnerships Between Indigenous Peoples, Faith Communities and Science To Protect Forests Can Turn The Tide</i>
15.15-15.45	Coffee break
SESSION 6. COMBINING AWARENESS WITH ACTION	
Chair: Nigel Crawhall Chief, Local and Indigenous Knowledge System (LINKS), UNESCO	
15.45-15.55	Tørris Jæger Rainforest Foundation Norway <i>Indigenous-led Solutions and the Extensive Corridors Approach – at the Heart of Climate and Nature Action</i>
15.55-16.05	Wendy Philips Bald Eagle Clan, Canada <i>Living within the Laws of Creation and Anishinaabe journey on Mother Earth for the next 7 Generations</i>
16.05-16.15	Fiona Watson Advocacy and Research Director, Survival International <i>Indigenous peoples versus false prophets – how “nature based solutions” to climate change threaten Indigenous rights, their knowledge and our planet</i>
16.15-16.25	Ora Marek-Martinez Associate Vice President / Assistant Professor, Northern Arizona University <i>Braiding Indigenous Knowledges and Western Science: Remembering Who We Are and Reclaiming Our Sacred Responsibility to Mother Earth</i>
16.25-16.35	Victoria Tauli-Corpuz Indigenous Peoples Rights International <i>Indigenous Peoples’ Knowledge, Science and Technologies and the role of this in addressing the global environmental and food crises</i>
16.35-16:45	Erick Marques Polidoro Apolinario Director, Eric Terena Music <i>Combining Awareness with Action</i>
16.45-17:10	Discussion
SESSION 7. CONCLUSIONS	
Chairs: Helen Alford PASS President and Joachim von Braun PAS President	
Presentation and discussion of a draft conference statement	
18.30	Dinner at Casina Pio IV

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Meals

Meals are offered at the Casina Pio IV. After Dinner, a Shuttle Bus will bring you back to the Hotel.

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