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July 21-23, 2014
First Stewards Symposium
Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW
Washington, DC

United Indigenous Voices Address Sustainability: Climate Change & Traditional Places

Keynotes:

Colin Kippen

Former Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association and the Native Hawaiian Education Council, Senior Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and judge for Indian Tribes in the Pacific Northwest

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Director of EPA's American Indian Environmental Office

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Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas for the Office of Insular Affairs at the US Department of the Interior

Panel Descriptions & Panelists

Cultural and Food Security Panel

July 22, 2014

9:00am - 11:15am

Moderator: Edward Johnstone, First Stewards Board

The Cultural and Food Security Panel addresses the climate change impacts now and into the future, on the traditional places and practices that promote sustainable use of natural resources to ensure the food security and well-being of indigenous communities and their cultures.

Confirmed Panelists:

- **John Daigle**; Associate Professor of Forest Recreation Management- University of Michigan
- **Colby Duren**; Legislative Associate - National Congress of American Indians
- **La Belle Urbanec**; NW Indian College
- **Taimalelagi Dr. Claire Tuia Poumele**; Director of the Port Administration - American Samoa
- **Natalie Michelle**; Researcher - University of Maine
- **Jose Barreiro**; Assistant Director for Research, National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution

Project Showcase

July 22 & 23, 2014

9:00am - 5:00pm

The Project Showcase highlights indigenous projects and companies that have addressed the negative impacts of climate change through innovative approaches to adaptation and government resources that are available to help indigenous communities adapt to climate change.

Project Showcase Reception

July 22

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Rights and Responsibilities Panel

July 22, 2014

12:15pm - 2:30pm

Moderator: Micah McCarty, First Stewards Board

Indigenous communities have used certain places that have special meaning to them for a long time, and perform duties and tasks in these places because they are morally right or legally required. The Rights and Responsibilities Panel addresses the question of: *What should indigenous communities be morally or legally allowed to have, get or do in regards to these places, particularly in light of the long-term change in the earth's climate?*

Confirmed Panelists:

- **Kyle Whyte**; Assistant Professor- Michigan State
- **Dean Suagee**; Of Counsel - Hobb Straus Dean & Walker
- **Malia Nobrega-Olivera**; Director of Strategic Partnerships - Loli Aniau, Maka`ala Aniau
- **Gina Cosentino**; Indigenous, human rights and conservation expert/practitioner.
- **Erin Dougherty**; Staff Attorney - Native American Rights Fund

Traditional Natural Resources Management Practices Panel

July 22, 2014

3:00pm – 5:15pm

Moderator: Kitty Simonds, First Stewards Board

Traditional ecological knowledge and resource management practices can prepare communities to handle issues caused by climate change. The Traditional Natural Resource Management Practices Panel encourages discussion on how to adapt and survive the impacts of climate change.

Confirmed Panelists:

- **Paulokaleioku Timmy Bailey**; Program manager for Aviation, Wildland Fire and Feral Animal Removal and Management - Haleakala National Parks,
- **Robin O'Malley**; Policy and Partnership Coordinator- National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center
- **Nicholas Reo**; Assistant Professor Native American Studies and Environmental Studies - Dartmouth College
- **Mike Durglo**; Division of Environmental Protection Manager, Climate Change Coordinator - Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- **Larry Campbell**; Tribal Historical Preservation Officer - Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- **Dr. Jamie Donatuto**; Environmental Health Analyst - Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Cultural Resource Damage Assessments Panel

July 23, 2014

9:00am - 11:15am

Moderator: Mike Williams, First Stewards Board

The cultural resources of many indigenous communities are vulnerable to the effects of climate change and the potential threat of loss is difficult to communicate and document through conventional means. The Cultural Resource Damage Assessments Panel encourages a discussion on the vulnerability of cultural resources in current and future realities, as well as how to assess the current damage occurring in indigenous communities.

Confirmed Panelists:

- **Linda Kruger**; Research Social Scientist Juneau Forestry Services Laboratory- USDA
- **Margaret Hiza-Redsteer**; Geologist US Geological Survey
- **Julie Maldonado**; National Climate Assessment Staff
- **Samantha Hatfield**; PhD, Oregon State University
- **Keseta Okenaisa Fauolo**; Director of the American Samoa Community College Samoan Studies Institute
- **Mary Arquette**; Horticulture and Traditional Foods Teacher; St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Cultural Restoration Program

Moving Forward Panel

July 23, 2014

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Moderator: Ann Marie Chischilly, First Stewards Board

The Moving Forward Panel is a roundtable discussion exploring how to collaboratively advance successful strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation while sustaining our cultures and strengthening the resiliency of America. Native American, Alaska Native, and Pacific Islands indigenous knowledge, practices, and perspectives will be shared and we will explore how we can work together to help coastal and other communities--and our country--better understand and adapt to the effects of climate change now and in the future.

Confirmed Panelists:

- **Sean Hart**; Climate Change Coordinator- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- **Julie Maldonado**; National Climate Assessment Staff
- **Pualele Penehuro "Pene" Lefale**; Climate and Policy Analyst- Bodeker Scientific team
- **Gary Morishima**; Technical Advisor for Natural Resource Management to the President of the Quinault Indian Nation