

**Data for the Indigenous Peoples and Nations Consultation on
Climate Change Questionnaires: “Defending our Rights and Defining
our Priorities on the Road to Paris and Beyond, 2016 -2018”
collected during the following activities:**

- Protecting Traditional Food Knowledge and Practices to address Climate Change in the Southwest, Shiprock Chapter, New Mexico, August 12th – 13th, 2016;
- The Pacific Region Food Sovereignty gathering on Taro: restoration of traditional planting and water use in Hawaii, Pu’uhonoa Village Nation of Hawaii Waimanalo, Oahu, September 7th-8th, 2016;
- Food Sovereignty and Climate Change in Mexico and organizing capacity for RISA-Mexico, Chapingo, Mexico, November 28th – 29th 2016;
- 3rd International Indigenous Peoples Corn Conference, Tecpan Guatemala, March 7-9, 2017;
- Annual Buffalo Council’s Symposium, presentation on Upholding Our Treaty Rights for Food Sovereignty and Environmental Justice, Fort Lewis College Durango Colorado, March 27th, 2017;
- Rising Voices 5: Pathways from Science to Action, Boulder Colorado, April 12- 15, 2017;
- Intertribal Great Lakes Food Summit, Gun Lake Pottawatomi, Hopkins Michigan, April 19-23, 2017.

The 181 completed questionnaires reportedly represent input from 45,273 community and organization individuals and 157 communities through the responding representatives and leaders.

1. How important is the issue of Climate Change to your Community/Tribe/Nation/Peoples?

Very important 144 (79.56%)
Important 30 (16.57%)
Somewhat important 3 (1.66%)
Not important 3 (1.66%)
Don’t know 1 (0.55%)

2. Have you seen impacts of climate change on your environment, weather, food systems and/or land base?

Yes 171 (95.48%)
No 3 (1.66%)
Not sure 6 (3.31%)

3. Please identify specific impacts. (check all that apply)

- Changes in rainfall or snowfall (please specify) 116 (64.09%)
- Increase in rainfall 53 (29.28%)
- Decrease in rainfall 111 (61.33%)
- Increase in snowfall 21 (11.60%)
- Decrease in snowfall 62 (34.25%)
- Weather changes affecting food production, housing, health and/or public safety 113 (62.43%)
- Melting sea ice or permafrost affecting housing, travel, subsistence (hunting and fishing) and/or community land base 51 (28.18%)
- Drying lakes, rivers, groundwater sources or other waterways 111 (61.33%)
- Significant decrease in growth and/or production levels of traditional food, plants, trees and/or seeds. 87 (48.07%)
- Decrease in numbers of fish, birds and animals used for food. 63 (34.81%)
- Increase in extreme weather events (hurricanes, tornados, floods, storms, droughts, etc.) 119 (65.75%)
- Increasing temperatures 133 (73.48%)
- Rising sea levels, salinization of fresh water and food gathering areas 40 (22.10%)
- Unpredictable weather affecting food planting, gathering, hunting, fishing 105 (58.01%)

4. Has your Community/Tribe/Nation/Peoples had discussions about the impacts of Climate Change in your area?

- Yes 100 (55.25%)
- No 30 (16.57%)
- Planning to 8 (4.42%)
- Don't Know 29 (16.02%)

5. Has your Community/Tribe/Nation/Peoples had discussions about possible solutions, responses or ways to adapt to Climate Change?

- Yes 75 (41.44%)
- No 34 (18.78%)
- Planning to 36 (19.90%)
- Don't Know 25 (13.81%)

6. Have they implemented any solutions, responses or ways to help them adapt?

- Yes 62 (34.25%)
- No 43 (23.75%)
- Planning to 36 (19.90%)
- Don't Know 28 (15.47%)

7. Do you think that your own Peoples' traditional knowledge and practices can be useful in addressing or responding to the impacts of climate change?

Yes 139 (76.80%)

No 1 (0.55%)

Don't Know 20 (11.05%)

8. If a fund is established to assist Indigenous Peoples around the world to address Climate Change impacts/causes and support adaption, how important is it for Indigenous Peoples to be involved in the management and decision- making?

Essential 125 (69.06%)

Very important 39 (21.55%)

Somewhat important 8 (4.42%)

Not important 0

No opinion 3 (1.66%)

9. How important is it that Indigenous Peoples from all regions be able to receive support through this fund, if it is established?

Essential 104 (57.46%)

Very important 47 (25.97%)

Somewhat important 10 (5.52%)

Not important 0

No opinion 7 (3.87%)

10. If funding and/or technical support was available, what kind of projects or programs would be most helpful to you in addressing the causes of Climate Change or to help your Community/Tribe/Nation/Peoples adapt or lessen the impacts? Check all that apply:

-Education for community/tribal leaders and members about the causes and impacts of Climate Change, and the rights that are impacted 139 (76.80%)

-Programs to protect, preserve and transmit traditional seeds and other food sources, methods and practices 149 (82.32%)

-Access to and development of sustainable energy sources as an alternative to fossil fuels 99 (54.70%)

-Support for work to halt resource use that contributes to climate change 113 (62.43%)

-Water collection and saving, sustainable water use 137 (75.69%)

-Programs to prevent erosion, conserve and/or restore wetlands, rivers and waterways 129 (71.27%)

- Programs to conserve and/or restore forests or other depleted ecosystems 133 (73.48%)
- Assistance to relocate your community from eroding coastal or other threatened areas 48 (26.52%)
- Other: 16 (8.84%)

11. If funding should become available through a UN process, who should channel or manage the disbursement of these funds?

- The United Nations 40 (22.10%)
- State/Federal Governments in each county 7 (3.87%)
- A new Board/Committee established by the UN with Indigenous Peoples' full and effective participation 110 (60.77%)
- A new Board/ Committee made up of only Indigenous Peoples from all regions 72 (39.80%)
- Another existing or new mechanism or entity 15 (8.29%)
- I don't have enough information to answer this now 17 (9.39%)
- No opinion 3 (1.66%)

12. What is the traditional means of subsistence for your Community/Tribe/Nation/Peoples? (check all that apply):

- Fishing 52 (28.73%)
- Hunting 50 (27.62%)
- Marine mammals 8 (4.42%)
- Farming 135 (74.59%)
- Gathering 60 (33.15%)
- Herding/pastoralism 55 (30.39%)
- Other: 3 (1.66%)

13. Describe your land base, area or ecosystem (Check all that apply):

- Coastal/island 28 (15.47%)
- Forest 78 (43.09%)
- Desert 53 (29.80%)
- Mountain 72 (39.80%)
- Arctic/subarctic 1 (0.55%)
- Plains 48 (26.52%)
- Other (describe) 15 (8.29%)