NORTH AMERICA REGIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND NATIONS
CONSULTATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
“Defending our Rights and Defining our Priorities
on the Road to Paris and Beyond”
Saturday October 17th, 2015, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
In conjunction with the 72nd NCAI National Convention
Sunrise Room, Town and Country Resort and Convention Center
San Diego California

Agenda

9:30 – 10:00 am Registration and Coffee

10:00 – 10:15 pm Opening Invocation: Mr. Pat Curo, Culture and Language Teacher, Barona Band of Mission Indians
Welcome and Introductory remarks, NCAI President Brian Cladoosby and Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council

10:15 – 10:30 pm What is at Stake for our Nations? Frank Ettawageshik, United Tribes of Michigan

10:30 - 11:00 am Overview of Impacts for Tribes in California, Juana Majel-Dixon
Traditional Legislative Council Woman, Pauma Tribe, and
Chairman Mickey Gemmill, Pit River Tribe

11:00 – 11:30 am Defending the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at COP 21: Andrea Carmen, Yaqui Nation, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council, Global Steering Committee member
11:30 – 12:00 noon  Updates on UN process via Skype from Bonn Germany: Kim Gottschalk, NARF; Roberto Borrello, IITC and Chief Bill Erasmus, Dene Nation and Assembly of First Nations, Canada

12:00 – 12:30 pm  Questions, comments, and discussion, all participants

12:30 – 1:30 pm  Lunch (provided for participants)

1:00 – 1:30 pm  Lunch Keynote Speaker: Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations Tony Alexis, Chief of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Alberta Canada: Climate Change Impacts on Inherent and Treaty Rights and work for solutions by First Nations in Canada

1:30 – 1:50 pm  Climate Change impacts on Indigenous Peoples’ Food Sovereignty and ways of Life: Donald Sampson, Climate Change Project Coordinator for the Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians, Confederated Tribe of Umatilla member

1:50 – 2:00 pm  Report-back on outcomes from the October 9th Oklahoma Climate Change Consultation and Tribal leaders preparations for COP 21: Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation

2:00 – 2:20 pm  Next Steps and other opportunities for input: Andrea Carmen, IITC, GSC and Frank Ettawahishik, NCAI delegate to COP 21

- NCAI Draft Resolution
- COP 21 Questionnaire including input into new Indigenous Peoples Climate Fund
- Video for Indigenous Peoples Pavilion, Paris

2:20 – 2:50 pm  Questions, Discussion and Comments, all participants Completing Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples Questionnaire

2:50 - 3:00 pm  Thanks and Closing Invocation

The 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will take place in Paris from November 30th – December 11th, 2015 to finalize a legally binding international agreement to reduce greenhouse gasses, curb the pace of climate change and define programs to help the most vulnerable States and Peoples, including Indigenous Peoples, to mitigate and adapt to the impacts. This consultation will continue the process of receiving input from Tribal Nations in North America before COP 21, co-sponsored by NCAI and IITC, with thanks to the United Nations Development Programme

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