

REN-19-005: Response to the IPCC 1.5° C Report on Climate Change

Sponsor: International Indian Treaty Council

Summary:

- To prevent irreversible loss from climate change, signatories to the 2016 Paris Agreement agreed to prevent global temperature from increases exceeding 2° C and agreed to the benefits of limiting temperature increases to 1.5° C.
- The 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) “Report on Global Warming of 1.5° C” found that indigenous peoples are among the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change and are disproportionately affected by those changes.
- Resolution REN-19-005 provides instruction on NCAI’s climate change advocacy.

Issue:

This resolution is one of several NCAI resolutions to address climate change. Specifically, it incorporates recent United Nations level findings regarding the impacts of overall global temperature increases on indigenous peoples. The content of the resolution REN-19-005 falls broadly within the scope of the newly formed Climate Action Task Force (CATF).

Action:

In relevant part, Resolution REN-19-005 directs NCAI to:

1. Advocate for policies that prevent an increase in global temperatures above 1.5° C;
2. To be engaged in the work of the Facilitative Work Group for Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
3. Support the establishment of safeguards for indigenous rights to cultural heritage, Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC); and
4. To call on the U.S. and United Nations Green Climate Fund to provide support and direct funding to tribal nations to carry out disaster and transition programs.

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Resolution Action Plan: REN-19-005

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Action Plan:

- 30 Days:
 - Research and familiarize oneself with resolution subject area.
 - Contact resolution sponsor to coordinate requested assistance.
 - Assess opportunities for cross-coordination with other tribal organizations on the issue identified in the resolution.
- 60 Days:
 - Discuss resolution with CATF co-chairs and Technical Committee regarding possibilities for CATF involvement at international level.
 - Share resolution with participants of first CATF meeting via email prior to 2019 NCAI Annual Meeting.
 - Incorporate resolution into CATF discussion during NCAI's Annual Convention.
- 90 Days:
 - Work with CATF co-chairs and Technical Committee to incorporate suggestions/discussion from Annual into long-term CATF work plan.
 - Revise plan as necessary to respond to new and related resolutions and action/inaction by Congress.
 - Work with CATF co-chairs and Technical Committee to contact Congress regarding climate issues facing Indian Country.
- 120 Days:
 - Continue implementing the plan.