



NATIONAL FIRST PEOPLES GATHERING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Steering Committee meeting #11 communiqué

30 November 2020

The National First Peoples Gathering on Climate Change (NFPGCC) aims to celebrate, learn from and enhance First Peoples-led climate change action.

The theme of this event is 'Catastrophic extreme weather events: a changing world'.

The eleventh meeting of the NFPGCC Steering Committee was held online on 30 November 2020.

Attendees

Steering Committee members in attendance were Damian Morgan-Bulled (Chair), Djarra Delaney, Samarla Deshong, Hilda Mosby, Bianca McNear, Djungan Neal.

Ro Hill, Mandy Hopkins, Sophie Schmidt, Marian Sheppard from the Organising Committee were in attendance.

Apologies were received from, Josh Gilbert, Jamie Graham, Tammy Hunter, Jason Wilson, and; Organising Committee member Rowie Bullio.

Update from the organising committee

Sophie Schmidt has joined the Organising Committee as a communication advisor to provide advice and support to the communication sub-committee.

The Organising Committee has contacted a couple of potential Steering Committee members to replace those who have resigned from NT, SA and WA.

The first round of invitation was sent on 30 November, the invite list included the attendees of the 2018 National Indigenous Dialogue on Climate Change. Once nominations from the first round of invites have been received, a second list of invitees will be developed to fill the remaining spaces.

Consent processes

Following feedback on the draft consent form at the last meeting, a revised version in the structure of the AIATSIS participant information and consent form has been drafted with the Co-Chairs for review of the Steering Committee. The new draft consent form still includes important protocols, such as UNDRIP, highlighted at the 2018 National Indigenous Dialogue on Climate Change. The Steering Committee provided feedback that some of the terminology used in the consent form needed to be simplified. It was decided that the consent form will be sent to nominees to read and talk with their group if needed prior to the Gathering, and an explanation and discussion with the Gathering participants would occur on the first morning of the Gathering.

The Steering Committee also agreed that the scientists should sign a code of conduct form based on the ['Co-design, cross cultural communication and](#)

[climate change: considerations for engaging with First Nations peoples](#)’ developed at AMOS 2020, Fremantle.

Draft agenda

The Steering Committee reviewed and updated the program. Volunteers from the Steering Committee were suggested to lead the development of sessions in the program. A program sub-committee meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks to finalise the program.

Next meeting

The date of the next Steering Committee in the new year is to be confirmed.

The National First Peoples Gathering on Climate Change is being supported through the Earth Systems and Climate Change Hub of the Australian Government’s National Environmental Science Program. **For more information contact Mandy Hopkins on 03 9239 4649 or mandy.hopkins@csiro.au**

Artwork: Layers of Country by Keisha Leon. – “Building upon the knowledge and history of the Country, both its people and environment, from land and sea, to work towards creating a sustainable future.”



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