

Steering Committee meeting #8 communiqué

14 September 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 eighth meeting of the NFPGCC Steering Committee was held online on 14 September 2020.

Attendees

Steering Committee members in attendance were Bianca McNeair (Chair), Samarla Deshong, Jamie Graham, Tammy Hunter, Damian Morgan-Bulled, and Jason Wilson.

Mandy Hopkins, Rowena Bullio and Marian Sheppard from the Organising Committee were in attendance.

Apologies were received from Djarra Delaney, Hilda Mosby, Kelvin Flugge, Josh Gilbert and Djungan Neal; Organising Committee member Ro Hill.

Gathering location and date

The Steering Committee agreed that a national face-to-face meeting was preferable. It was also recognised that some states may still have COVID19 related border restrictions and so there may still be a need to have a couple of satellite sites. With increasing confidence of the borders being open in time for the Gathering in March 2021, the

Steering Committee revisited the Eols received to hold the National Gathering from Dubbo (NSW) and Cairns/Yarrabah (Qld). The Steering Committee confirmed the date and location for the National Gathering as 22-26 March 2021 in Cairns/ Yarrabah.

Gathering agenda

An agenda planning sub-committee was held on the 24 August and drafted an initial agenda. The agenda was further refined in this meeting. The Steering Committee will aim to have a near final draft approved at the next meeting, in time to be distributed with the Eol to attend the Gathering.

Invitation process

The Steering Committee agreed that the participants of the 2018 National Indigenous Dialogue on Climate Change should be invited to the Gathering first, then the invitation distributed more widely. An Eol process would be run to establish whether participants would attend state nodes or the national site and to determine the needs and priorities for funding for participants to attend the Gathering. The Eol there would be assessed in a transparent way to ensure diversity in representation across Australia and in knowledge.

Communication planning

The Communication sub-committee has finalised the draft communication plan for review and feedback

from the Steering Committee. Jamie Graham will manage the communication plan process.

Next meeting

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on 12 October 2020, via videoconference.

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."

