



NATIONAL FIRST PEOPLES GATHERING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Steering Committee meeting #9 communiqué

12 October 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 ninth meeting of the NFPGCC Steering Committee was held online on 12 October 2020.

Attendees

Steering Committee members in attendance were Damian Morgan-Bulled (Chair) and Jason Wilson.

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

Apologies were received from Djarra Delaney, Bianca McNeair, Kelvin Flugge, and Samarla Deshong; Organising Committee member Rowie Bullio.

Proposed Host Community Working Group

Organising Committee members Ro Hill, Rowie Bullio meet with Cairns local Steering Committee member Djungan Paul Neal to discuss a Working Group to the on-ground event co-ordination. Cairns Traditional Owners, the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji and Yirrganydji people will be invited to join the Host Community Working Group to and seek their advice

on local protocols and participation in the Gathering. The proposed Host Community Working Group would also include NFPGCC Steering Committee members based in north-east Australia and the Organising Committee to assist with the on-ground event co-ordination. The proposed Host Community Working Group will meet in mid-October to hold further discussions.

Invitation and consent processes

The Steering Committee reviewed and revised draft versions of the EoI and nomination form for approval by the end of the week. The aim is to circulate the EoI the coming weeks to the participants of the National Indigenous Dialogue on Climate Change and through Steering Committee and Organising Committee networks.

Gathering agenda

Discussion on the draft agenda was held over to the next meeting to allow for a more fulsome discussion among Steering Committee members. A high-level version of the agenda that captures the Gathering aims, as well as information on when a full version of the agenda will be available, will be sent with the EoI.

Steering Committee membership

Kelvin Flugge has advised he is no longer able to participate in the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee acknowledged Kelvin's valuable contributions and will seek advice on an alternative member from Western Australia.

Next meeting

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on 9 November 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."



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