Southwest Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu



Adaptation efforts are growing across the southwest



How can communities build upon each other's efforts?

- The Southwest Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu is:
 - A collaborative resource for sharing successful adaptation options
 - A menu of these options, filtered through a specific cultural lens
 - A framework to create a similar resource of their own.

What is an "Adaptation Menu"?

- A tool to facilitate the climate adaptation planning process.
- Many climate change impacts are similar across areas with similar climates/geography
 - i.e., increasingly severe wildfires across Western forests
- An Adaptation Menu collects these impacts and lays out potential adaptation responses
- This can serve as a resource for Tribes pursuing adaptation planning, providing information to facilitate key steps of planning or initiate critical adaptation actions immediately.



The SWTCAM takes inspiration from this Great Lakes tribal adaptation menu

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Outline of the Menu's Strategies and Approaches

Strategy 1: Consider cultural practices and seek spiritual guidance.

- 1.1. Consult cultural leaders, key community members, and elders.
- 1.2. Consider mindful practices of reciprocity.
- 1.3. Understand the human and landscape history of the community.
- 1.4. Hold respect for all of our relations, both tangible and intangible.
- 1.5. Maintain dynamic relationships in a changing landscape.

Strategy 2: Learn through careful and respectful observation (gikinawaabi).

2.1. Learn from beings and natural communities as they respond to changing conditions over time.



Strategy 5: Reduce the impact of biological and anthropogenic stressors.

- 5.1. Maintain or improve the ability of communities to balance the effects of manidoonsag (little spirits).
- 5.2. Maintain or improve the ability of communities to balance the effects of bakaan ingoji gaa-ondaadag (non-local beings).

October Workshop and Region 9 Conference

- Relationship & partnership building
- Resource gathering
- Brainstorming key factors of scope and content



Potential principles for organization

- Cultural Diversity
 - Language
- Ecosystems
 - Deserts
 - Grasslands
 - Forests
 - Riparian
 - Cultural Landscapes
- Impacts

- Water
 - Sources
 - Uses
- Strategies/Solutions
- Activities and Uses of NR
 - Agriculture
 - Ranching
 - Timber

Potential Adaptation Topics

Sectors to Include

- Water
 - Water Rights
- Agriculture
 - Seed Banking
- Wildlife
- Mental Health
- Wildfire
 - Prescribed burns and cultural burns
- Energy
 - Renewable Energy



Format and Content

- Users

- Community Members
- Tribal Adaptation Professionals
- Contractors or facilitators
- How it will be used
 - Public/Community Meetings
 - Schools
 - Social Media
 - Presentations
 - Other media

- Format
 - Multimedia, including videos, associated listserv, printable document, and online delivery
- Content
 - Case studies
 - Provide structure/framework that tribes can fill with their own content.
 - Organized by climate impact category

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