



## *virtual* NATIONAL ADAPTATION FORUM

*Call for Presentations on Tribal & Indigenous Climate Adaptation  
for a virtual series to take place Fall 2021*

### **Information Sheet**

**Introduction:** The *virtual* National Adaptation Forum series has opened a call for presentations on topics related to climate adaptation in Tribal and Indigenous communities. The series is coordinated by EcoAdapt's National Adaptation Forum under the direction of a subcommittee of experts on Tribal and Indigenous climate adaptation. Each session typically attracts between 200-300 attendees during the live session and is advertised to a mailing list of 7,000+ climate adaptation professionals. [View past sessions here.](#)

**Series Details:** The goal of the Fall 2021 series is to advance discussions about climate adaptation in Tribal and Indigenous communities and elevate best practices for climate adaptation. The series is anticipated to be four, 1.5-hour online sessions. Each session will consist of a panel of 4-5 presenters with discussion, or a roundtable type discussion unless otherwise proposed.

Please review this document and submit your presentation idea through [this form](#) by 11:59 pm PT on **June 23, 2021**. We understand that submissions may require approval from your respective organization. Please know that there will be time for you to confirm or decline your participation once the subcommittee has made selections. Please contact [info@NationalAdaptationForum.org](mailto:info@NationalAdaptationForum.org) with any questions.

**Special Notes:** Priority will be given to Tribal and Indigenous-led and community-driven projects/proposals. An individual can submit more than one proposal but please keep in mind that presenter slots are currently limited to 16.

**Guiding questions for presentations:** Please review the [proposal criteria](#) and answer one or more of the guiding questions (below) in relation to your climate change adaptation work. You are also welcome to address a question related to your work and climate change adaptation that is not listed here. In your presentation description, make sure to mention what climate impacts it relates to, challenges have you faced, and what has been successful or not.

- What does climate change adaptation mean to your Tribal community?
- What adaptation actions are you taking to address climate impacts in regards to water, fire, air and earth? (*Including but not limited to considerations of drought, water security, flooding, health disparities, cultural burning, forest health, air quality, energy, agriculture, food security, infrastructure and education.*)

- In what ways are climate change adaptation projects incorporating cultural revitalization, sovereignty (data, food, energy), relationship-building or other co-beneficial solutions?
- What are best practices for capacity building, partnerships, funding, leadership, working in western contexts, or mobilizing action? What lessons have been learned?
- How does your Tribal community evaluate the effectiveness of its activities? How does your community know it's adapting?

**Presentation format:** Submissions for an approximately 12-minute individual presentation or submissions for a full panel session (3-5 presentations or a roundtable discussion) that fill 1.5 hours will be accepted. The Forum subcommittee will assemble selected individual presentations into topic-focused panel sessions. Selected full panel sessions will fill one of the four adaptation session slots in the series. Should your proposal be accepted, we will contact you with more details.

**Proposal Criteria:** Proposals will be reviewed based on the criteria *Clarity of Purpose, Practice over Theory, Collective Capacity Building, and Research*. Criteria Descriptions:

**CLARITY OF PURPOSE:** Does the presentation provide a clear focus on climate change adaptation; demonstrate innovation within the context of best practices; and/or clearly demonstrate successes and/or failures of climate adaptation practices? Does the presentation clearly define the question, methods, objectives and conclusions of the adaptation project?

**PRACTICE OVER THEORY:** Does the presentation include real world applications, examples or actions as well as a foundation in theory and climate change adaptation concepts? Does the presentation demonstrate effective relationship-building or management practices?

**COLLECTIVE CAPACITY BUILDING:** Does the presentation discuss justice, equity, diversity and inclusion strategies (ex. multi-generational, gender inclusion) in a Tribal and Indigenous context? Does the presentation address issues of Tribal and Indigenous agency, respect for non-human beings, and other important topics? We will give priority to Tribal and Indigenous-led and community-driven projects/proposals.

**RESEARCH:** Does the presentation incorporate research and data, or reflect understanding of the climate linked changes happening in your area of work (ex. natural resources, public health, transportation, energy etc.), including relevant traditional, western scientific or socioeconomic knowledge? Does the presentation use best available science, established methodologies, best practices, metrics for monitoring success or mal-adaptation, and/or reflections on uncertainty?

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