

**59<sup>th</sup> GEF Council meeting  
GEF Consultations with Civil Society  
Friday, December 4, 2020  
7:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. EST (GMT-5)  
Via Zoom**

**The Application of Traditional Knowledge by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities:  
Stewards of the Global Environment**

**Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
7:00 – 7:05	<b>Introduction – Master of Ceremonies (Pilar Barrera Rey- GEF Secretariat)</b>	
7:05 – 7:35	<b>Dialogue with the GEF’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairperson</b>	
7:05 – 7:20	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Akhteruzzaman Sano</b> , Chair GEF CSO Network
7:20- 7:35	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Carlos Manuel Rodríguez</b> , GEF’s CEO and Chairperson
7:35 – 7:40	<b>Opening prayer/spiritual blessing and Traditional welcome</b>	<b>Neida Delia Andi Arimuya</b> , Ecuador, an indigenous sister from the Amazonian region of Ecuador.
<b>Setting the stage – Keynote speakers</b>		
7:40 – 7:47	<b>The importance of traditional knowledge</b>	<b>Lucy Mulenkei</b> – Chair of the GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG)
7:47 – 7:55	<b>Overview about the value of traditional knowledge and its role in biodiversity conservation and supporting the livelihoods of people.</b>	<b>Ramiro Batzin</b> , Guatemala, Co-chair International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
7:55 – 9:10	<b>Roundtable 1: Role of traditional knowledge in the management of IPLC land and water resources. Moderator: Terence Hay-Edie (Programme Advisor -Biodiversity and Indigenous Peoples- for the SGP, and Programme Manager for the Global ICCA Support Initiative)</b>	
	The application of traditional knowledge in managing marine areas for livelihoods and for conservation.	<b>Alifereti Tawake</b> , Fiji - Council Chair & Technical Advisor at LMMA International
	The importance of traditional knowledge to both mitigation and adaptation as recognized by the Paris Accord	<b>Pasang Dolma Sherpa, Nepal</b> , Director of CIPRED, to present importance of TK to both mitigation and adaptation as recognized by the Paris Accord – including processes now being discussed/institutionalized under the LCIPP.
	Traditional fire management practices in Australia	<b>Cissy Gore</b> - Traditional Owner from Western Australia. Panelist

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	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Panelists and Gabriella Richardson-Temm (Discussant -GEF Secretariat)</b> <b>Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>9:10 – 9:15</b>	<b>Highlight GEF support to Indigenous Peoples</b> – Publication launch of the GEF SGP engagement with Indigenous Peoples	<b>Yoko Watanabe (Global Manager, SGP), Pradeep Kurukulasuriya (Executive Coordinator, UNDP), Gustavo Fonseca (Director, GEF Secretariat)</b>
<b>9:15- 10:30</b>	<b>Roundtable 2. The role of traditional knowledge in responding to the COVID crisis and to global environmental challenges</b>  <b>Moderator: Laura Bermudez GEF former Council member, Colombia</b>	<p>Overview of UN trends in the interaction of science and indigenous and local knowledge systems. <b>Nigel Crawhall</b>, Chief of Section, Small Islands and Indigenous Knowledge, UNESCO Natural Sciences</p> <p>The application of traditional knowledge by indigenous peoples through ICCAs and other community-based approaches, and implications for responding to the COVID19 virus. <b>Giovanni Reyes, Philippines</b>, Philippine ICCA Consortium President. Member of IPAG</p> <p>Traditional knowledge from her perspective as a jungle and forest advocate, with implications highlighted for responding to the COVID19 virus <b>Neida Andi, Ecuador</b> an Indigenous sister from the Amazonian region of Ecuador</p> <p>Indigenous youth on traditional knowledge and its relevance to responses to the COVID19 pandemic <b>Cindy Naameni Kobei</b> from the Ogiek community in Kenya working for the International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the tropical forests.</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Panelists and Sarah Wyatt (Discussant -GEF Secretariat)</b>  <b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>10:30- 11:00</b>	<b>Questions and Answers for the GEF CEO</b>	Facilitated by Maria Lechner, Vice-Chair- GEF CSO Network
<b>11:00 – 11:10</b>	<b>Summary of the Consultations</b>	<b>Lucy Mulenkei</b> – Chair of the GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG)