Call for Abstracts

Indigenous Peoples, Marginalized Populations and Climate Change

Vulnerability, Adaptation and Traditional Knowledge 19-21July 2011, Mexico City

Deadline for Abstracts: 18 March 2011

United Nations University (UNU), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) are co-organising two workshops on "Indigenous Peoples, Marginalized Populations and Climate Change." The workshops will bring together representatives of indigenous peoples and marginalized populations, natural and social scientists, and other experts in relevant domains. The aim of the workshops is to identify, compile and analyse relevant indigenous and local observations, knowledge and practices related to understanding climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation. The workshops will provide a key opportunity to ensure that experience, sources of information and knowledge (scientific, indigenous and local), along with data and literature (scientific and grey), focusing on vulnerable and marginalized regions of the world are made available to the authors of the IPCC 5th Assessment Report and the global community.

The workshop secretariat is now calling for the submission of abstracts for the first workshop, which will focus on **Climate Change Vulnerability**, **Adaptation and Traditional Knowledge**. This workshop will be held in collaboration with the Mexican National Institute of Ecology (INE) from 19-21 July 2011 in Mexico City, Mexico.

Submissions should be relevant to the workshop theme – Climate Change Vulnerability, Adaptation and Traditional Knowledge. Submissions are sought from researchers and knowledge holders from around the globe. Contributions from individuals and communities in developing countries and/or marginalized regions are encouraged.

All submissions will be subject to review by an international panel of experts that is overseeing the organization of the workshop. An important objective of the workshop is to expand the baseline information available in this thematic area, so please indicate on your submission form if you agree to the publication of your abstract and contact information in the workshop proceedings and subsequent publications.

A second workshop on "Adaptation, Mitigation and Traditional Knowledge" is planned for Cairns, Australia in late 2011. The call for submissions for the second workshop will be opened in March 2011.

The workshops will be held in English. Subject to demand and availability of funds, Spanish and/or French translation may be made available. A limited number of travel grants will be made available for selected participants.

Submissions will be accepted through the online submission form (http://www.unutki.org/abstract_submission.php) until 18 March 2011. For more information about the workshops please visit http://www.climatefrontlines.org/workshop_background or http://www.unutki.org/default.php?doc_id=187.



















