

Implementing the Global Indigenous Youth Summit on Climate Change (GIYSCC): Outcomes and Opportunities

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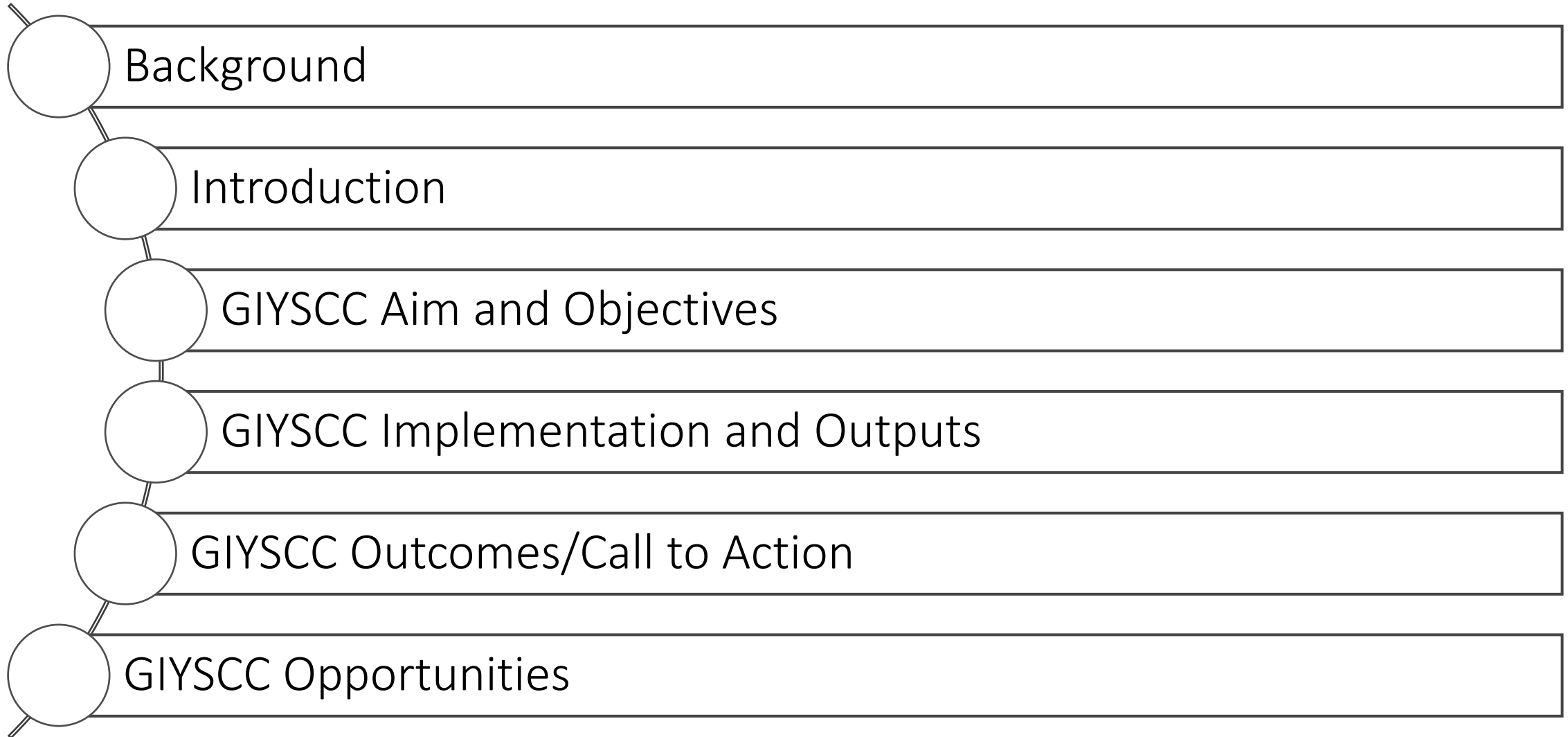
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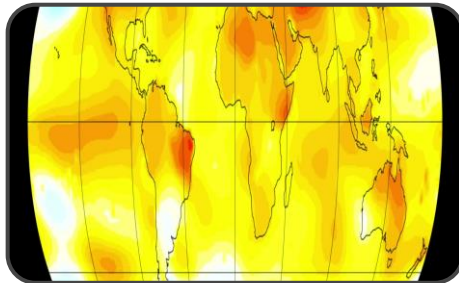
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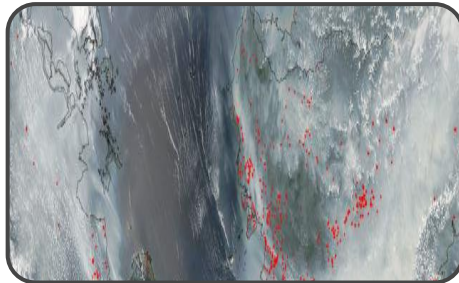
Background to the GIYSCC



International Network for Governmental Science Advice (INGSA) Africa: Science Advice Skills Development Program (SASDP) 2022.



Mentor-Mentee program (Prof Paul Berkman and Dr Sogbanmu) focused on **Climate Change science advice in Africa-global.**



Discussions with Indigenous youths from the Arctic with the idea of a global summit on climate change.

Background to the GIYSCC, Cont'd



Thus came about the Global Indigenous Youth Summit on Climate Change (GIYSCC) - **We are inclusive.**



Youth leadership to actualise the summit came from Africa through INGSA Africa, **led by me and coordinated by Paul.**



Summit hosting capacity provided by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (**UNITAR**) .



Seed funding and Partnership from Springer Nature.

Introduction to the GIYSCC



Indigenous Peoples estimated at approximately 470 million constitute over 6% of the global population and spread across the globe (ILO, 2020).



Global variability in temperature and weather conditions over a long period of time (**climate change**) are now mostly driven by human activities since the industrial age.

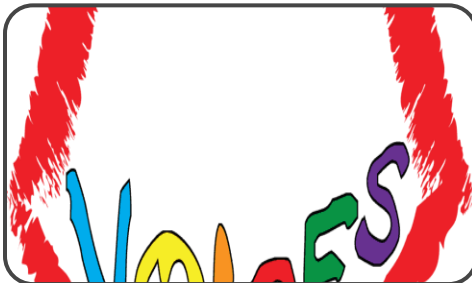


Indigenous People live in and are some of the **most vulnerable** and **resilient** to climate change impacts due to **Indigenous Knowledge (IK)** about and closeness to nature.

Introduction to the GIYSCC, Cont'd



Youths from Indigenous communities are potential **conduits** for integration and transfer of IK and practices to scientists and policymakers.



Also, indigenous youths are **important conduits to voice the challenges and vulnerabilities** of their communities for sustainability.



The GIYSCC was convened by, for and among Indigenous youth from **three 8-hour time zones**, in a **24-hour period**, on **9th August 2023** (UN Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples).

GIYSCC Aim

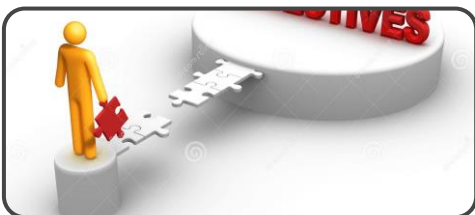


To mobilise partnerships among Indigenous youths through dialogue for climate action to make our voice count!

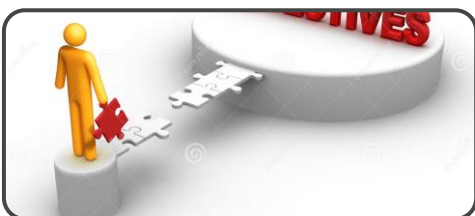
GIYSCC Objectives



Provide a 'one of a kind' platform for global engagement with Indigenous youth across the world;



Share youth perspectives, approaches, observations, concerns, interests and strategies to **address the local impacts of climate change**;



Stimulate **lifelong learning** among Indigenous youth to contribute with knowledge and skills in the evolution of the UNFCCC and related global agreements;



Inspire Indigenous youth leaders to **think short-to-long term** across their lifetimes to empower progress with sustainability at local-to-global levels.

GIYSCC Implementation and Outputs



GIYSCC Social Media campaigns by Steering Committee members, UNITAR, Springer Nature, among others.



Monthly planning meetings and Partner engagements. Ex. Presentation (Virtual) at SRI 2023 meeting in Panama.



Online sessions stimulated dialogues across three 8-hr regions/time zones – Asia, Oceania, Australia; Africa/Europe, North/South America + Arctic.



Invited Nature Comment published on the 4th of August, 2023 

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Indigenous youth must be at the forefront of climate diplomacy

Holistic approaches to water and land management practised by Indigenous communities worldwide hold the key to a more sustainable future, say co-organizers of the Global Indigenous Youth Summit on Climate Change.

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GIYSCC Implementation and Outputs, Cont'd



Regional hubs were realized through partnerships (ex. **ALAM** (Malaysia), **UNIPOINT** (Nigeria), **SOI** (Arctic region)) of, with and through Indigenous youth leaders.



Diversity of **presentation formats** – Short documentaries, artworks, short stories, infographics, dance, music, informal panel discussions, open dialogues, and **languages**.



Themes discussed:

- Climate Change Perception/Knowledge
- Indigenous Climate Change Adaptation/Resilience Strategies;
- Climate Change Communication;
- Current Realities on Climate Change;
- Future Perspectives on Climate Change.

GIYSCC Outcomes/Call to Action: Youths Engage & Dialogue!



Youths serve critical roles as **intermediaries** between the old and future generations and Indigenous and Western knowledge systems that will **ensure sustainability**.



Indigenous youths to **sustain the dialogue**, develop **sustainable partnerships** (UN SDG 17) and **play active roles** in **global high-level discourses** for climate action.



Inclusion of Indigenous youth leaders in global decision and/or policymaking on climate change mitigation and adaptation.



Indigenous youths have been **emboldened and facilitated** to be **included** and get a **'seat at the table'** in high level global discourses/dialogues on climate change decision making.

GIYSCC Opportunities



Create and Sustain GIYSCC Social Media Channels – Website/Webpage, YouTube, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram.



Sustain and expand GIYSCC community/network/collaboration across the world.

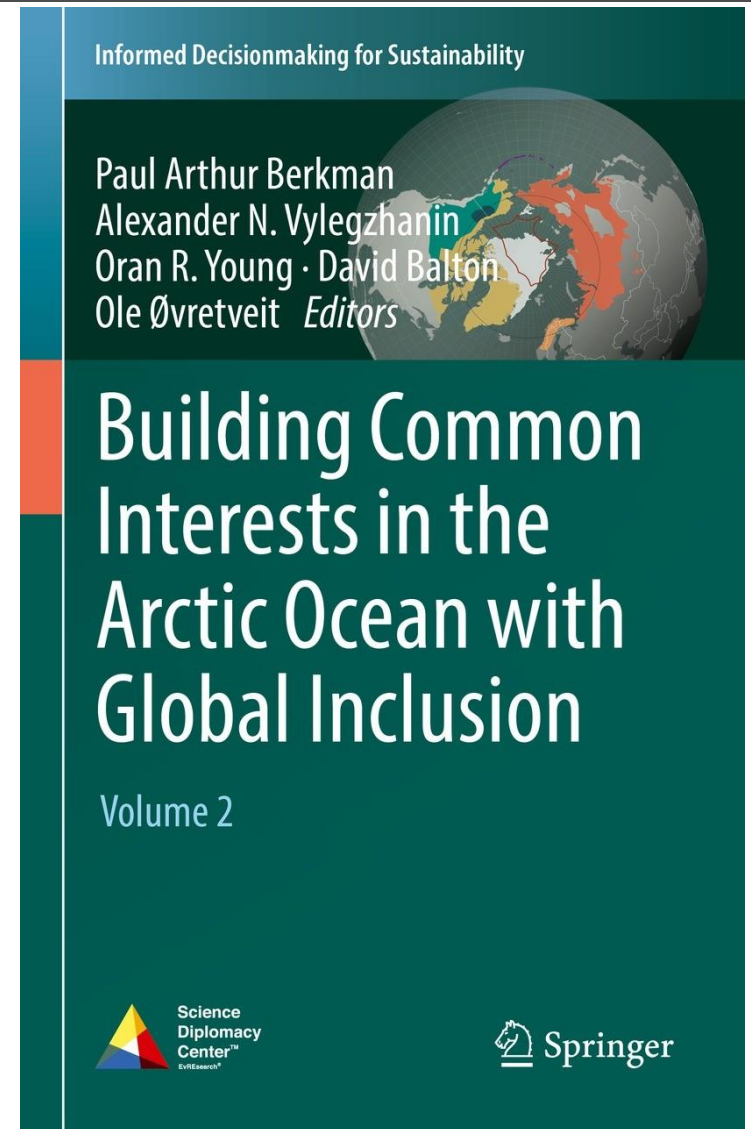


Partnerships and engagements – collaborative and transdisciplinary initiatives, funding, action-oriented research, innovative and just knowledge exchange.

GIYSCC Opportunities, Cont'd

Several presentations across the regions of the summit are being considered to be developed into full length articles and published as **book chapters** in a **special issue collection/book** under the **Informed Decisionmaking for Sustainability book series** published by Springer Nature. →

High-quality manuscript submissions are requested and a **group of 3-5 editors** who are experienced will work with us to deliver the book.



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