



Tribes & Climate Change website



The Tribes & Climate Change website was developed with support from US EPA as a resource for tribes. The website includes profiles of tribes that are impacted by climate change, audio recordings of tribal elders offering their views on climate change, general information about climate change and its impacts, links to numerous online resources, and much more!

- ◆ <http://www4.nau.edu/tribalclimatechange/index.asp>



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Tribal Climate Change Program



"Training, assistance, and resources for tribes on climate change issues."





ITEP Tribal Climate Change Program



The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at Northern Arizona University provides training, assistance, and educational resources to tribes on climate change issues.

Its accomplishments include the development and delivery of climate change courses for tribal environmental professionals, the Tribes & Climate Change website, and the monthly Tribal Climate Change Newsletter. ITEP conducts outreach with tribes, other organizations, and agencies, and is developing collaborations to provide further training and assistance to tribes on climate change issues.

ITEP is seeking funding for its incipient program, and once attained, it plans to continue its current activities and expand the program in these ways:

- ♦ *develop and deliver additional climate change courses for tribal environmental professionals;*
- ♦ *develop additional electronic resources such as webinars or podcasts;*
- ♦ *provide technical assistance to tribal environmental staff when individualized assistance or training is needed;*
- ♦ *develop a summer internship program to provide college students the opportunity to gain hands-on skills working on climate change issues with tribal environmental offices, governmental agencies, and others.*



Tribal Climate Change Training Courses

ITEP offers training to tribal environmental professionals to build their capacity to address climate change issues. The courses are taught by instructional teams that include staff from ITEP, US EPA and other governmental agencies, universities, and/or organizations, and most importantly, the tribes themselves, who share their expertise and experience. The courses include lectures, discussions, tribal case studies, small group activities, and field trips.

Course offerings include:

Climate Change on Tribal Lands

This course provides an understanding of the basic science of climate change and its impacts on human health and the environment. This is an entry-level course open to tribal environmental professionals interested in learning about climate change and how to educate their communities about it.

Climate Change Adaptation Planning

This course provides an introduction to planning for climate change impacts, highlighting the efforts of local tribes as examples. This course is intended for tribal environmental professionals who expect to be involved in climate change adaptation planning.



Tribal Climate Change Newsletter

This monthly electronic newsletter provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues. Archived issues can be found at: www4.nau.edu/itep/climatechange/.

If you would like to receive the newsletter, please send Sue Wotkyns an email at Susan.Wotkyns@nau.edu and ask to be added to the list. We may occasionally send announcements in addition to the monthly newsletters if we have something to share that is time-sensitive.

Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan Template

ITEP developed the template as a resource for tribes as they write climate change adaptation plans. It provides guidelines and suggestions for writing a plan and includes key terms and additional resources. The template is intended to be used for organizing and presenting information but is not meant to create a "one-size fits-all" plan, as each tribe will have unique needs and approaches to planning for climate change. Please contact Susan.Wotkyns@nau.edu to request the template.



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