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Invitation to Participate - Indigenous Climate Action Toolkit Workshop

I am writing to see if you might be interested in having a workshop in your community to talk about climate change from your own cultural knowledge and experience.

I am a Coordinator with Indigenous Climate Action (ICA), and we are working to develop a toolkit with Indigenous communities that supports community understanding of climate change (from both scientific and Indigenous forms of knowledge). We would like to seek input into what kind of teaching and planning tools would best support the generation of climate knowledge and leadership in your region.

A little about ICA: we are a very new Indigenous-led organization, working to strengthen Indigenous communities as leaders of climate solutions. We have two very clear targets. At a community and regional level, our aim is to create teaching and planning tools with and for Indigenous communities to spread awareness about climate change. At a national and international level, our goal is to put forward an Indigenous position on climate change from our own cultural values and expertise, so that it will shape policy to protect the earth.

Our Vision for the Toolkit

Our aim is to develop a Toolkit that Indigenous peoples can use to build on their own knowledge and strengths; and that provides useful information to help protect our territories and ways of life from the changes taking place.

We are holding workshops in central communities or regions across Canada from February to July 2018, as the first stage in this project. The purpose of each workshop is to:

- Share basic climate change information (both scientific and Indigenous understandings)
- Ask community members what would help raise awareness about climate change in their community/region and what would help to respond to the challenges
- Seek input from communities on the toolkit design (what type of format, what type of content, etc.)

I hope you can join us for the meeting in Kamloops on Tuesday June 5, 2018 from 8:30 am to

5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Shuswap Nation Tribal Council Conference Room, 680 Athabasca St. West. Lunch, refreshments, and some gas subsidies (if needed) will be provided.

If you are interested in being involved or learning more, please get in touch with our Toolkit Researcher, Dawn Morrison. Contact info below.

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