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## North American Dialogue on Biocultural Diversity

5-8 May 2019

### Programme

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

- 17:30 Participants arrive at Redpath Museum (McGill University Campus)
- 17:30 – 18:00 Cultural performance
- 18:00 – 18:45 Welcoming
- Kenneth Deer and Joe Deom, Kahnawá:ke representatives
  - Kathleen Johnnie, Hul'q'umi'num' Lands & Resources Society
  - John Scott, on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
  - Liette Vasseur, President of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO
  - Claire McNeil, Policy Manager/Advisor III, Indigenous Affairs Branch, Parks Canada
- 18:45 – 20:00 **Reception**

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

- 9:00 – 9:30 Coffee & Registration
- 9:30 – 9:45 Presentation of conference programme and logistics (CICADA)
- 9:45 – 10:15 **Keynote Addresses**
- Local Action and its role in transformational change* - Colin Scott, Director of CICADA
- Shaping the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework* - John Scott, on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Welcoming by Partner Organizations:** The Centre for Indigenous Conservation and Development Alternatives (CICADA), the Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Science (QCBS), the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the Indigenous Peoples and Community Conserved Areas and Territories (ICCA) Consortium, Parks Canada, the Assembly of First Nations, the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation (CBC) of the

American Museum of Natural History, and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break – Questions and Answers over coffee

11:15 – 12:00 **Interactive Panel** on restoration, revitalization, maintenance and transmission of indigenous languages and traditional forms of knowledge and culture, and the integration of knowledge systems (Chair: John Scott (SCBD); Rapporteur: Eleanor Haine-Bennett (CCUNESCO))

**Focus I:** Actions and strategies for strengthening local and Indigenous languages and knowledge, including intergenerational transfer through formal/non-formal education and the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages

**Focus II:** Information sharing and cross-fertilization across diverse worldviews and knowledge systems to create stronger approaches to sustainability and conservation

**Panellists:**

- Bernie Francis (Maupeltu First Nation) and Thomas Johnson (Eskasoni Fish & Wildlife Commission)
- Larry Gorenflo (Penn State University)
- Cecil Chabot (Concordia University)
- Tonio Sadik (Assembly of First Nations)

12:00 – 12:30 Transportation to Kahnawá:ke

12:30 – 14:30 Traditional opening ceremony and lunch at Kahnawá:ke

14:30 – 18:00 Visit of Kahnawá:ke Longhouse, Language and Cultural Centre, and Survival School

18:00 Return to hotel accommodation

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

On the second day of the conference, the participants will have an opportunity to choose among three streams. Participants are free to contribute and move amongst the streams. Each stream involves presentations followed by a round table discussion. A chairperson and rapporteur will be appointed for each stream to record main points and actions recommended.

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and organizational matters (CICADA)

9:30 – 12:30 **Thematic Streams**

**Room 1 – *The nexus of nature, culture, and well-being*** (Chair: Pua'ala Pascua (CBC); Rapporteur: Hellin Brink (CBC))

**Focus:** Exploration of actions, strategies and indicators that link biological and cultural diversity through the lens of relationships between humans and nature. In this session, we will share, compare, and contrast place-based indicators on well-being across organizations and scales, as well as the role of traditional livelihoods, food sovereignty and security and the relationships among culture, economy and ecology.

**Speakers:**

- William Dunbar (UNU-IPSI)

- Maureen Reed (University of Saskatchewan)
- Tyson and Lona Runningwolf (Blackfoot Tribe)
- Monica Shore (Canadian Biosphere Reserves Association)

Coffee break available from 10:45

**Room 2** – *Instruments of change: culturally-specific applications of communications technologies to promote biological and cultural diversity and ecological integrity* (Chair: Charles Menzies (UBC / CICADA); Rapporteur: Sophie Gagné-Landman (McGill University))

**Focus:** Mobilizing information and communication technologies (e.g. video, mapping, social media) for the preservation of biological and cultural diversity; communications and mapping methodologies, remote sensing and ground-truthing, for collectively monitoring environmental changes and identifying key areas of bio-cultural diversity; inter-scale local, national and international monitoring and reporting.

**Speakers:**

- Mary Marshall and Jonathan Waterhouse (LINK, the Living Indigenous Network of Knowledge)
- Steven Alexander (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)
- Melissa Mollen-Dupuis (David Suzuki Foundation)
- Geneviève Reid (McGill University / CICADA)
- Steven Schnoor (CICADA)

Coffee break available from 10:45

**Room 3** – *Territories of life: Indigenous peoples' stewardship (governance, management and conservation) of their collective territories and areas* (Chair: Eli Enns (ICE / ICCA Consortium); Rapporteur: TBD)

**Focus:** Understanding Indigenous peoples' approaches to territory-based land and sea stewardship that contribute to conservation, sustainable use and nurturing of both biological and cultural diversity; customary tenure; inter-legal and trans-jurisdictional issues in territorial governance.

**Speakers:** TBD

Coffee break available from 10:45

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 **Thematic Streams**

**Room 1** – *Livelihoods, health and well-being, food sovereignty and security, and relationships among culture, economy and ecology* (Chair: Aili Pyhala (CICADA / ICCA Consortium); Rapporteur: Cheryl Chetkiewicz (WCS))

**Focus:** Biodiversity, culture, food, medicine and health: exploring the role of food security, food sovereignty and land-based livelihoods for cultural renewal and biodiversity conservation; links between traditional diets, traditional medicines and human health; and impacts of socio-environmental and climatic changes on food security and human health and well-being.

**Speakers:**

- Janelle Baker (Athabasca University)
- Daisee Francour (Cultural Conservancy)

- Sarah Mortiz (McGill University / CICADA)
- Neil Patterson (Center for Native Peoples & the Environment)
- Rodney Mark (Cree Nation Government) and Colin Scott (CICADA)

Coffee break available from 15:15

**Room 2** – *Instruments of change: inter-legalities and indigenous rights in advancing biocultural diversity* (Chair: John Scott (SCBD); Rapporteur: Eleanor Haine-Bennett (CCUNESCO))

**Focus:** How do customary, domestic and international legal mechanisms shape biological and cultural diversity, and how can appropriate recognition enhance the role of Indigenous law and practices in territorial conservation? How can we ‘braid together’ Indigenous and state laws / legal traditions as a catalyst for positive change (e.g. strategic litigation, legislative reform, etc.)?

**Speakers:**

- John Scott (SCBD)
- Viviane Weitzner (CICADA)
- Geneviève Motard (Université Laval / CICADA)
- Liette Vasseur (CCUNESCO)
- Georgia Llyod-Smith (WCEL / ICCA Consortium)

Coffee break available from 15:15

**Room 3** – *Territories of life: Indigenous peoples’ stewardship (governance, management and conservation) of their collective territories and areas* (Chair: Thora Herrmann (Université de Montréal/CICADA); Rapporteur: Claire McNeil (Parks Canada))

**Focus:** Bio-cultural approaches to stewardship: Holistic systems-level approaches based on locally and culturally grounded designs for nature conservation and landscape management, including protected and conserved areas, forest, marine and agricultural landscapes; the significance of culturally valued places (sacred and ceremonial sites, ritually regulated sanctuaries, etc.) and species in the region.

**Speakers:**

- Anne-Marie André, Dolorès André, Jacques (taby) McKenzie, Evelyne St-Onge, and Jean St-Onge (Uapashkuss)
- Véronique Bussièrès (SNAP Québec / CICADA)
- Chief Gordon Planes (T’Sou-ke First Nation)
- Caroline Desbiens (Université Laval / CICADA)
- Bill Snow (Stoney Nakota Nation)

Coffee break available from 15:15

19:30 – Meeting of the Open-ended Drafting Committee of the Declaration

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome to the final day. Logistics and organizational matters (SCBD and CICADA)

9:15 – 10:00 *Restoration, revitalization, maintenance and transmission of indigenous languages and traditional forms of knowledge and culture, and the integration of knowledge systems* - Bernie Francis, Cecil Chabot, Teresa Ryan, and Thomas Johnson

10:00 – 10:30 “Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ), Climate and Polar Bears” - Michael Ferguson and Adamie Nunna (Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

**Presentation of discussions, conclusions, and proposals by stream Chairpersons and Rapporteurs, with plenary commentary, discussion and recommended actions**

10:45 – 11:00 *The nexus of nature, culture, and well-being*

11:00 – 11:15 *Livelihoods, health and well-being, food sovereignty and security, and relationships among culture, economy and ecology*

11:15 – 11:30 *Instruments of change: culturally-specific applications of communications technologies to promote biological and cultural diversity and ecological integrity*

11:30 – 11:45 *Instruments of change: inter-legalities and indigenous rights in advancing biocultural diversity*

11:45 – 12:15 *Territories of life: Indigenous peoples’ stewardship (governance, management and conservation) of their collective territories and areas*

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch (Open-ended Drafting Committee will finalise the Declaration and recommended actions for consideration by the participants)

13:45 – 14:45 **Presentation of the Declaration**

14:45 – 15:30 Next steps forward (John Scott (Secretariat of the CBD) and Colin Scott (CICADA))

15:30 – 16:00 Closing remarks by CICADA and other partners

16:00 – 16:30 Discussion over coffee

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