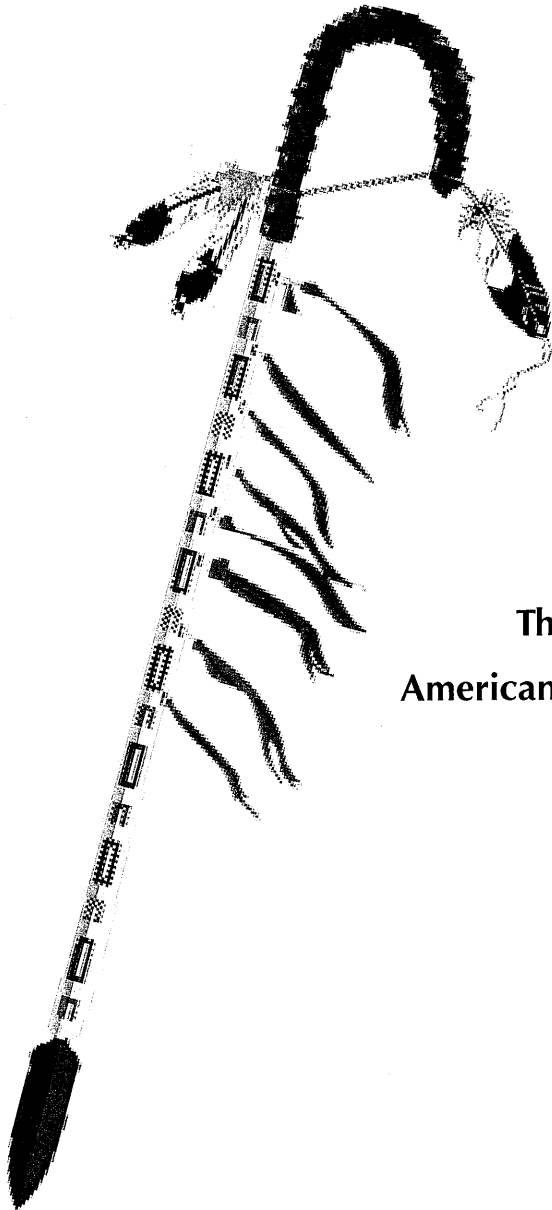


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**U.S. Global Change Research Program
Native Peoples • Native Homelands
Climate Change Workshop**



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Conference Program

Overview

The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) is initiating a national assessment of the potential consequences of climate variability and change for the United States and the significance of these consequences for its people, its environment, and its economy. As part of a series of workshops being held around the United States, the Native Peoples/Native Homelands workshop is designed by Native Peoples to examine the impacts of climate change and extreme weather variability on Native Peoples and their homelands.

Native Peoples bring an indigenous cultural and spiritual perspective, with their spiritual traditions and long community histories of change, adaptation, and survival in specific regions. Native Peoples will provide an invaluable contribution to the assessment and understanding of climate change as well as to the development of sustainable economies in this country.

The Native Peoples/Native Homelands Climate Change Workshop is an opportunity for Native Peoples to participate in the dialogue and consider the impact of climate variability/change on minerals, plants, animals, and humans. The workshop is designed around the simultaneous consideration of *Historical Reminders* and *Contemporary Issues*.

Spiritual Elders are invited to share their wisdom and remind us of our history and prophecies. Tribal leaders, Native scientists and scholars, and community members will consider current observations of change and impacts experienced today in regions across the country.

Representatives of the U.S. National Assessment scientists and local and national political leaders will participate in the dialogue and consider Native oral histories and observational data in the national assessment process.



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Agenda

INVITED SPEAKERS

Oren Lyons, Firekeeper, Chief, Onondaga Nation

Arvol Looking Horse, Dakota & Nakota Nation

Sarah James, Gwich'in Athapascan

Janet McCloud, Tulalip

Jake Swamp, Chief, Mohawk Nation

Dana Mitchell, Penobscot Nation

Jacob Ahwinona, Inupiat

Richard Dalton, Tlingit

Cordell Shorty, Navajo

Jim Main, Gros Ventre

Mary Louise Defender-Wilson, Dakota-Hidatsa

Lionel Bordeaux, Lakota

Simon Ortiz, Acoma Pueblo

Caleb Pungoyiwi, Siberian Yupik

April Hale, Navajo

Al Gore, Vice President of the United States

Daniel Goldin, Administrator,
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Bill Richardson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

Bruce Babbitt, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior

Gary Johnson, Governor of New Mexico

Roy Bernal, Chairman, All Indian Pueblo Council

Agenda

Wednesday, October 28

4:00 pm **Registration & Welcome**

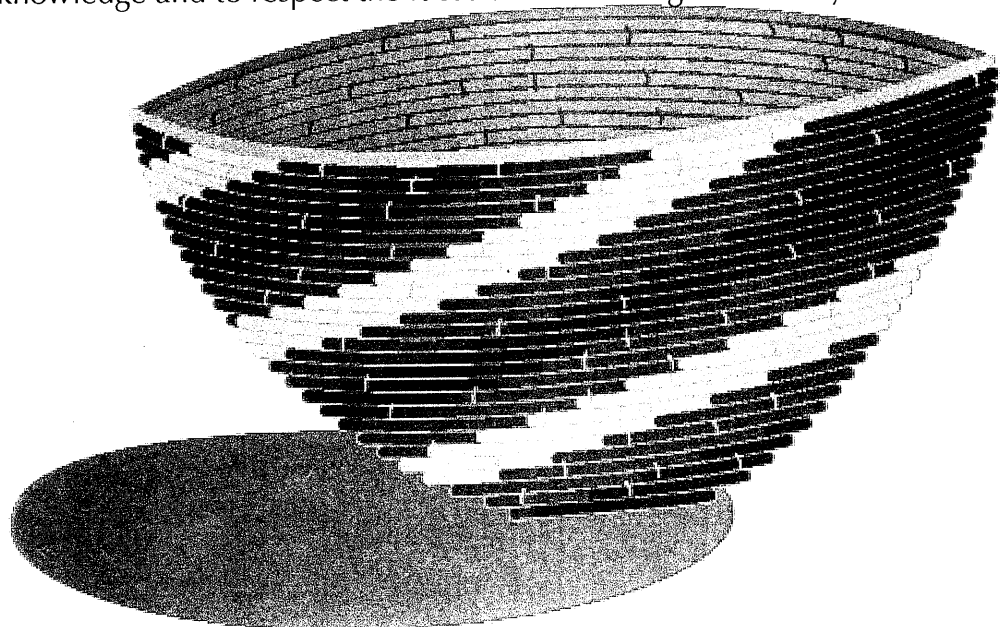
-8:00 pm La Posada Hotel

- Informal Reception • “Taste of New Mexico”
- Participant Registration
- Facilitators Planning Meeting
- Cultural Area Coordinators Planning Meeting
- Informal Orientation

This gathering of leaders is intended to bring together people of conscience and intelligence who seek purposeful dialogue and critical understanding of climate change and impacts on Native Peoples/Native Homelands. During the course of the workshop, we will consider four questions:

1. What are current concerns and stresses in tribal lands across the country, economic, environmental, and social?
2. How might climate variability and change impact these stresses?
3. What types of mitigating/coping strategies are available?
4. What information and data are needed to address these climate-related issues?

The following three and 1/2 days are organized to give participants a forum to speak about what they know. It is in this spirit that we invite everyone to offer their ideas and knowledge and to respect the ideas and knowledge offered by others.



Thursday, October 29

- 7:00 am Elders and Steering Committee Breakfast Meeting, La Posada Hotel
- 7:30 am Continental Breakfast • San Miguel/Mesilla Room, East Convention Center
- 8:30 am **Opening Ceremonies - San Miguel/Mesilla Room, East Convention Center**
Elders Blessing
Official Welcome • Roy Bernal, Chairman, All Indian Pueblo Council
Nancy Maynard, National Aeronautics & Space Adm.
Fidel Moreno, American Indian Chamber of Commerce
Overview of U.S. National Assessment and Climate Change
Jerry Mellilo, Ecosystems Center, Woods Hole, MA
Overview of Impacts of Climate Variability & Change on Native Peoples
Caleb Pungoyiwi, Siberian Upik

Historical Reminders • Elders Talking Circle

Elders from the Four Directions consider the current environmental & climate concerns and stresses

- 12:00 pm **Lunch • Native Authors Speak • Simon Ortiz & April Hale**
Brazos Room

Contemporary Issues • Breakout Groups

- 1:30 pm **Orientation to Breakout Groups • Brazos Room**

Introduction to Questions to Address in Breakout Sessions:

1. What are current concerns and stresses in your region?
2. How might climate variability and change impact these stresses?
3. What types of mitigating/coping strategies are recommended?
4. What information and data are needed to address these climate-related issues?

Cultural Area Coordinators:

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| Eastern Woodlands (New England, Mid-Atlantic, Appalachians, Southeast): | Janice Whitney |
| Great Lakes (Great Lakes, Heartlands): | Tom Goldtooth |
| Great Plains (Northern, Central, Southern Plains): | Sky Houser, Pat Spears |
| Southwest (Southeast California, Southwest, West Texas): | Ted Garcia |
| Rocky Mountain/Great Basin: | Viola Kennison |
| Coastal (Alaska, Northwest Coast, West California, Gulf Coast, Hawaii): | Caleb Pungoyiwi |

Thursday, October 29 (con't)

2:00 pm **Breakout Groups**

Question #1: What are the current concerns and stresses in your region?

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| Eastern Woodlands: | Room: San Miguel |
| Great Lakes: | Room: Mesilla |
| Great Plains: | Room: Pecos |
| Southwest: | Room: Tijeras |
| Rocky Mtn/Great Basin: | Room: Mesilla |
| Coastal: | Room: Ruidoso |

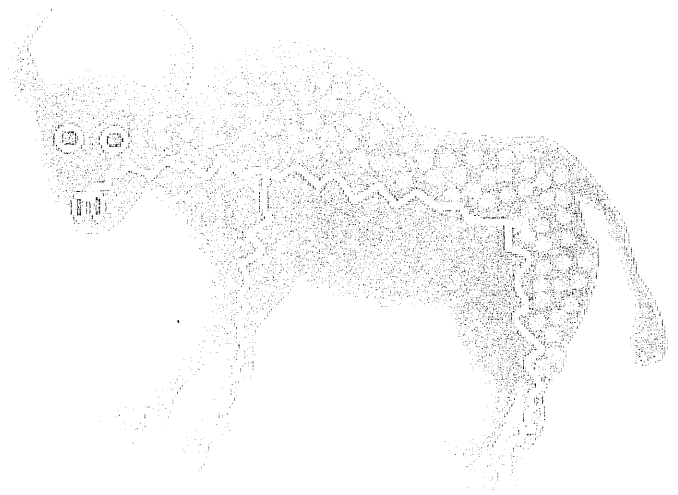
4:00 pm Question #2: How might climate variability and change impact these stresses?

6:00 pm Close Breakout Groups

6:30 pm Dinner - Brazos Room

8:00 pm Optional Informal Talking Circles: Caucus on Issues

*** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibitions in Upper Foyer Featuring Native Artists ***



Friday, October 30

- 7:00 am Pre-workshop Breakfast • Vice President Al Gore (*invited*)
with Elders and Public Officials • *La Posada Hotel* (*no press*)
- 7:30 am Continental Breakfast • San Miguel/Mesilla Room, East Convention Center

9:00 am

Historical Reminders • Elders Talking Circle

San Miguel/Mesilla Room, East Convention Center

Elders from the Four Directions consider climate variability and change

with The Vice President of the United States, Al Gore (*invited*)
The Honorable Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator of the National Aeronautics and
Space Administration (*invited*)
The Honorable Bill Richardson, Secretary of the Department of Energy (*invited*)
The Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Department of the Interior (*invited*)

- 11:30 am Lunch • Brazos Room, Convention Center
The Vice President of the United States, Al Gore (*invited*)
Chief Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper-Turtle Clan, Onandaga Nation (*invited*)
"The Meeting of Two Worlds"

Contemporary Issues • Breakout Groups

- 1:30 pm Plenary Session: Reports from Breakout Groups on Questions #1 & 2
San Miguel/Mesilla Room
- 3:00 pm Charge to Breakout Groups on Question #3
Question #3: What types of mitigating/coping strategies are recommended?
- 6:00 pm Close of Breakout Groups
- 6:30 pm Dinner • Brazos Room
- 8:30 pm Festival • Kiva Auditorium, West Convention Center
Celebration of Culture and Tradition
Performances by Native Artists
Sponsored by the American Indian Chamber of Commerce

*** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibitions in Upper Foyer Featuring Native Artists ***

Saturday, October 31

7:30 am Continental Breakfast • San Miguel/Mesilla Room, East Convention Center

8:30 am

Historical Reminders • Elders Talking Circle

San Miguel/Mesilla Room, East Convention Center

Elders from the Four Directions consider what we can learn from past experiences with adaptation and coping strategies.

10:00 am Concurrent Sessions

Economic Viability: Opportunities and Vulnerabilities • Pecos Room

Education Tools and Resources Caucus • Ruidoso Room

10:00 am Special Session: Using Remote Sensing and GIS • Tijeras Room
-2:00 pm (approximately 30 participants for 1/2 day)

12:00 pm **Lunch** • Brazos Room

1:30 pm

Contemporary Issues • Breakout Groups

San Miguel/Mesilla Room, East Convention Center

Report from Breakout Groups on Question #3.

2:30 pm Charge to Breakout Groups on Question #4

Question #4: What information and data are needed to address these climate-related issues?

4:30 pm **Plenary:** Report from Breakout Groups on Question #4 • San Miguel/Mesilla Room

5:30 pm **Plenary:** Building Partnerships

6:30 pm **Dinner • Brazos Room**
Speaker: Mary L. Defender, Dakota-Hidatsa Elder

8:00 pm **Optional Informal Talking Circles:** Cuacus on Issues

*** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibitions in Upper Foyer Featuring Native Artists ***

Sunday, November 1

7:30 am Continental Breakfast • San Miguel/Mesilla Room, East Convention Center

9:00 am Sovereignty Issues • Panel of Legal Experts

11:00 am Concluding Session

Summary of Recommendations from Breakout Groups

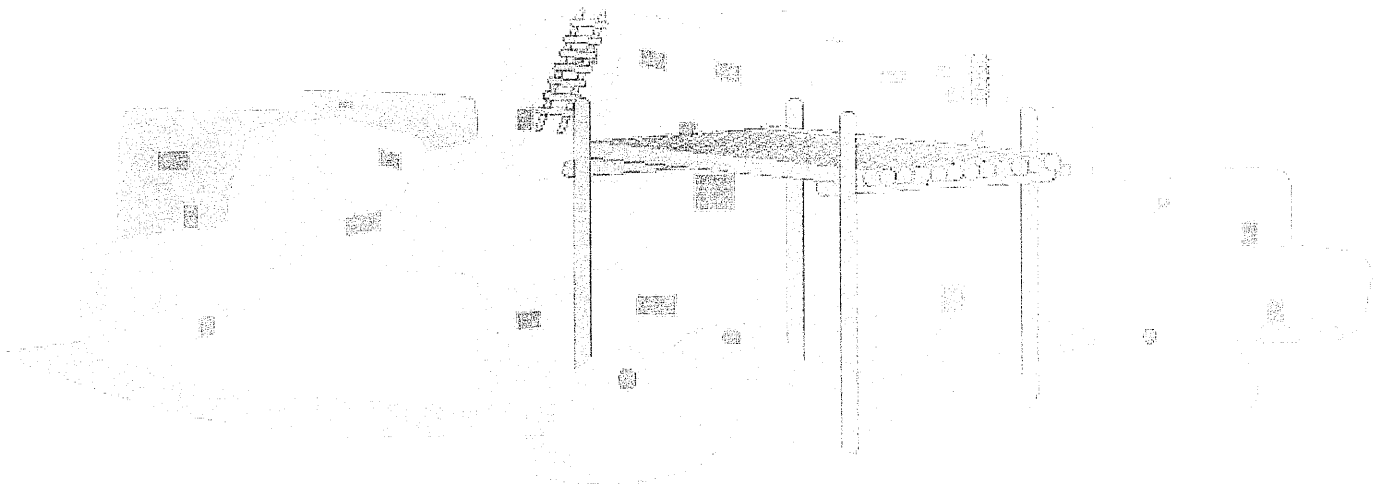
Next Steps in the National Assessment Process

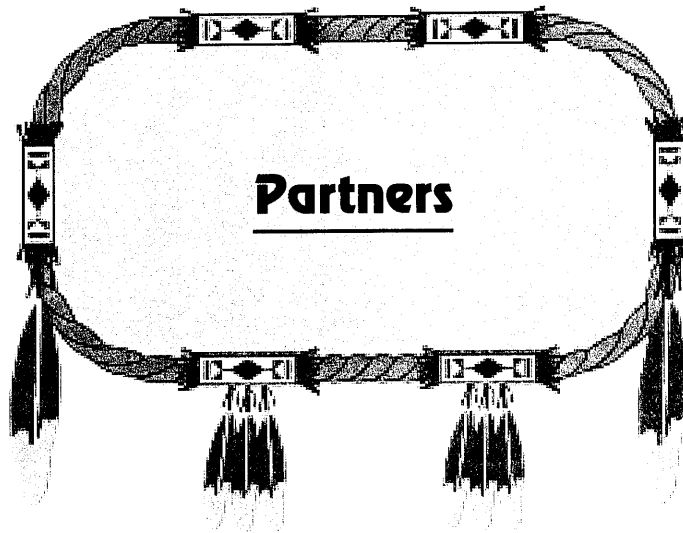
12:00 pm **Closing Prayer**

1:30 pm- Visit to Isleta Pueblo
3:30

Isleta Pueblo (Shea Whipf Teu y) is located just 12 miles south of downtown Albuquerque. It is the southernmost of the Tiwa tribes and has 4000 tribal members. Isleta has been located on the same site for at least 1000 years. Traditionally a farming community, it is located along the Rio Grande River. It was the first tribe in the nation to establish water quality standards and to obtain Treatment As State status from the EPA for the purpose of enforcing its water quality standards on up-stream users. In October 1997, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Pueblo's water quality standards.

The traditional life of the Isleta People remains much the same as it always has. Enjoy the hospitality of the Isleta Tiwa People as they share the history of their pueblo with you.





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