

# Indigenous Knowledge Systems and lived experiences are essential components of climate action

**Indigenous Knowledge Systems** are deep, living practices passed down through generations.



They are based on the principles of **hope, love, respect, reciprocity, responsibility and gratitude.**

**More than just information**—they include languages, cultural practices, history and ways of governance.



## How are Indigenous Peoples leading in climate research?

Our young leaders are **learning traditional practices** and shaping the future of climate action.

**Our leadership is growing** in academia, government, boardrooms, and on the Land—leading efforts to protect the environment and share knowledge.



## Why are Indigenous Knowledges critical to climate action?

Our holistic ways of knowing balance human and more-than-human relationships, focusing on co-existence and sustainability.



We are adapting using cultural practices and place-based knowledge.



Our knowledges are incredibly technical and often detect early environmental changes before western science.



## We can build a better future together

The world is recognizing the value of Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

It's time to **decolonize** climate change research and policy by valuing Indigenous ways of knowing equally with western science.



## Now You Know!

Cultural knowledge and academic degrees are equally important in tackling climate change. How we manage, apply and share our knowledge is important to Indigenous Knowledge Systems.