

Self-determination is critical to Indigenous-led climate action

Indigenous self-determination allows our communities to:

Develop solutions rooted in our knowledges. Indigenous knowledges provide insights into sustainable environmental management and climate adaptation.

Lead with our own governance systems. Indigenous laws and decision-making structures ensure that climate strategies reflect cultural values and community priorities.

Strengthen our relationship with the Land, Water and Ice. Protecting and restoring ecosystems based on Indigenous stewardship principles ensures sustainability.



Where does Indigenous leadership happen?

Government boardrooms, influencing policies.



Rural and urban homelands, where local solutions are implemented.



Lecture halls of universities, sharing knowledge and advancing research.

Within organizations, leading decision-making.



Out on the Land, Water and Ice, actively stewarding natural environments.



Virtual spaces, where Indigenous voices connect and advocate for change.

Why does self-determination matter for climate resilience?

When we have control over our own climate strategies and actions, we can:

Respond to local climate challenges in ways that make sense for our people.

Build long-term sustainability based on our unique governance structures.

Ensure that solutions respect cultural traditions and relationships with the Land, Water and Ice.

Now You Know!

Indigenous leadership is shaping a more sustainable world by bringing forward solutions that align with our knowledges and governance.

Learning about success stories and supporting Indigenous self-determination strengthens climate resilience for all!