



Communities Conserving Nature and Culture

*A gathering among Aboriginal Peoples, Indigenous Peoples
and Local Communities from five continents*

10-11 Nov. 2014 - Blue Mountains NSW and The Gully Aboriginal Place - Katoomba

10 Nov. –Field visit and “meeting one another” Preliminary agenda

09:00 10:00	First meeting at The Gully for a smoking ceremony at the beginning of the day
10:00 15:00	Field visit in the Blue Mountains and exchanges with local Aboriginal Owners (different destinations are envisaged and different groups will go with separate small buses; possibility of shorter or longer visits and walks; packed lunches available)
15:00 16:00	Gathering at The Gully Aboriginal Place –Welcome by Aboriginal Owners and local hosts -- mutual introduction by group (participant groups will say who they are, where they come from, what language they speak, what their story is...)
16:00 16:30	Presentation by New South Wales Park Authority and Traditional Custodians from New South Wales.
16:30 17:30	Introduction to the World Parks Congress and ways to contribute to its results and conclusions (Taghi Farvar, John Scott and Melissa George-- TBC) Outline of the “Dialogue day” on the 11th -- presentation by the organising committee (Gully Traditional Owners, KLC, Girringun AC, CSIRO, NPWS, UNDP GEF SGP, WIN, ICCA Consortium) and organization of the working groups
17:30 19:00	Barbeque dinner
19:00 20:00	Corroboree in the Gully (Aboriginal Peoples interact with Dreamtime through dance, music and costume)
20:00	Exchanges of music and dances from other traditions
21:00- 22:00	Buses take people back to accommodation in Leura (last bus at 22:00h)

Note: An initial “welcome to country” by the Traditional Owners for international guests will also take place at dinner time on the 8th of November.



11 Nov. – “Dialogue day” -- Preliminary agenda

7:30	Buses take participants from Leura to The Gully Aboriginal Place
8:00 - 8:30	Gathering at The Gully Aboriginal Place – Welcome by Aboriginal Owners Welcome by NSW National Parks and other co-sponsors.
8:30 - 8:45	Setting up of small groups
8:45 - 9:45	Presentations and discussion of recognition and support to Aboriginal Peoples and communities conserving nature and culture in Australia and Pacific Islands (25 minute presentation; 10 minute “questions and answers”; 25 minute discussion in small groups on the basis of two questions)
9:45- 10:15	Coffee break
10:15 -11:15	Experiences from other continents (one hour per continent) Asia: Iran, India, The Philippines, Indonesia, Taiwan... (25 minute presentation; 10 minute “questions and answers”; 25 minute discussion in small groups on the basis of two questions)
11:15 - 12:15	Africa: Namibia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Dem. Republic of Congo, Senegal... (25 minute presentation; 10 minute “questions and answers”; 25 minute discussion in small groups on the basis of two questions)
12:15 - 13:15	Mesoamerica and South America: Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Guyana, Panama, Guatemala... (25 minute presentation; 10 minute “questions and answers”; 25 minute discussion in small groups on the basis of two questions)
13:15 - 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 - 15:30	Europe and North America: Spain, Rumania, Finland (IP Arctic network) and Canada...(25 minute presentation; 10 minute “questions and answers”; 25 minute discussion in small groups on the basis of two questions)
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 16:45	Discussions in mixed continent groups: drawing from all the experiences in different continents (Are there equitable and effective ways of recognising and supporting indigenous peoples and local communities to conserve nature and culture? What recommendations for the World Parks Congress?)
16:45 - 18:00	Back to plenary, reports from the groups (<i>non-boring methodology</i>), development of overall synthesis and ways to convey it to different Streams and cross-cutting Themes at the WPC.
18:00- 18:30	Official closure of meeting and celebration of the good work!
18:30 - 19:30	Light dinner
19:30	Buses leave to Sydney