

18th General Assembly of the ICCA Consortium

(Association Consortium pour les Aires et Territoires du Patrimoine Autochtone et Communautaire)

25 - 28 April 2022, 12:00-14:30 UTC

Members, Honorary members and observers participated virtually via Zoom

Actions and decisions

Notes

As per the Statutes of the ICCA Consortium, there is quorum if at least one-fifth of the Members in good standing are present at the time of a decision. There was quorum at each moment that decisions were taken by consensus during the General Assembly.

In total, over the course of four days, 101 unique Member organisations and 61 unique Honorary members attended the General Assembly from 20 different regions of the world.

Minutes of Day One: Monday 25 April 2022

12:17 UTC: Welcome by the Chair for Day One – Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council)

Teddy Baguilat (President of Council) acted as Chair of the General Assembly (GA) but requested other members of the Executive Committee to support him in this role. Over the course of the four days, the following Executive Committee members took a shared leadership approach to chairing the GA: Teddy Baguilat (President), Colin Scott (Treasurer) and Sara Oliveros López (Secretary).

On Day One, Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council) opened the Assembly and welcomed Members, Honorary members, Secretariat and observers to the 18th General Assembly, held online from 25 – 28 April 2022.

The GA agenda for all four days was read by Sara Oliveros López (Secretary).

Motion to adopt the agenda proposed by SAVE Rivers (Member), seconded by Natural Justice (Member) and KRPAVIS (Member)

Opening ceremony

Yamili Chan (Maya) from Mexico performed the opening ceremony for the General Assembly and offered greetings to all participants from around the world. She invited all participants to find a sacred object to share with the General Assembly and to accompany us and remind us of our reasons for gathering.

Yamili read a few words from an old book "Territorio Maya Yucateco: Chilam Balam". This is one of the few books that still exist after the violent eruption of the West into Mayan territories, and the burning and plundering of their collective memory. Their memory remains alive in the Chilam Balam.

"Every moon, every year, every day, every wind walks and passes also, also every blood arrives to its place of stillness."

Yamili offered this phrase as the meaning of an assembly for her. Participants were then invited to light a candle so the light could accompany us through our discussions in this Assembly. This was followed by one minute of silence to remember our ancestors and those who have been taken away from this life. On a national and global level, our territories are experiencing systematic violence. We are left with the reminder of these defenders who have preceded us and who now allow us to weave together our reflections and our actions.

Review of Consensus Procedures

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of this presentation

Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council)

Consensus is achieved when there is general agreement as well as an explicit lack of disagreement about a specific decision. It is rooted in the principles of civil and respectful participation and collective ownership of decisions. It enables everyone to work together cooperatively and in good faith to develop a solution that is sufficiently acceptable for all.

Decisions and questions can be shared via Loomio (using your email address) or in the chat box of Zoom.

Questions and discussion:

Guy Moussele Diseke (Member, FIDEPE) – Joining the meeting from the northern most part of the Republic of Congo. The way we vote can vary from one community to another depending on many differences. Some people interact more at international level and they are better placed to make the correct decisions. There may also be some topics that it is easier for women to understand or for men to understand. Whoever understands the issues and is responsible should make the decisions.

Motion to note the Consensus Procedures – accepted with no objections

2021 Secretariat Report

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of these presentations

Session moderator: Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – We will now hear from the amazing members of the Secretariat team around the world and some thematic reports. These are short reports and will be complemented by full reports in the 2021 Annual Report which will be published soon.

A. Alison Powell (Administration Coordinator) – membership and administration

B. Regional Coordinators:

Lorena Arce (Regional Coordinator for the South Cone)

Carmen Miranda (Regional Coordinator for the Amazon)

Albert Chan Dzul (Regional Coordinator for Mesoamerica)

Neema Pathak Broome (Regional Coordinator for South Asia)

Sutej Hugu (Regional Coordinator for East Asia)

Ali Razmkhah (Regional Coordinator for West and Central Asia and the Caucasus)

Amy Maling (Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia)

Sergio Couto (Regional Coordinator for Europe)

Emmanuel Sulle (Regional Coordinator for East Africa)

Job Morris (Regional Coordinator for Southern Africa)

Salatou Sambou (Regional Coordinator for Coastal West Africa)

Alexis Kaboré (Regional Coordinator for the Sahel)

Joseph Itongwa (Regional Coordinator for Central Africa)

Questions and discussion:

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – we don't currently have a Regional Coordinator in North America but we are hoping to strengthen the membership there over the coming months.

C. Thematic streams of work:

June Rubis (Council co-chair, thematic stream of work on documenting territories of life)

Sarah Alakara (Council co-chair, thematic stream of work on sustaining territories of life)

Pooven Moodley (Council chair, thematic stream of work on defending territories of life)

Josefa Tauli (co-chair of the Youth Group)

D. Global Secretariat roles:

Ameyali Ramos (International Policy Coordinator)

Mohammad Arju (Communications Coordinator)

Daniela Campos & Gaëlle Le Gauyer (Linguistic Support Coordinators)

Sarah Ryder (Programme Manager) – Secretariat overview

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – Funding and finances

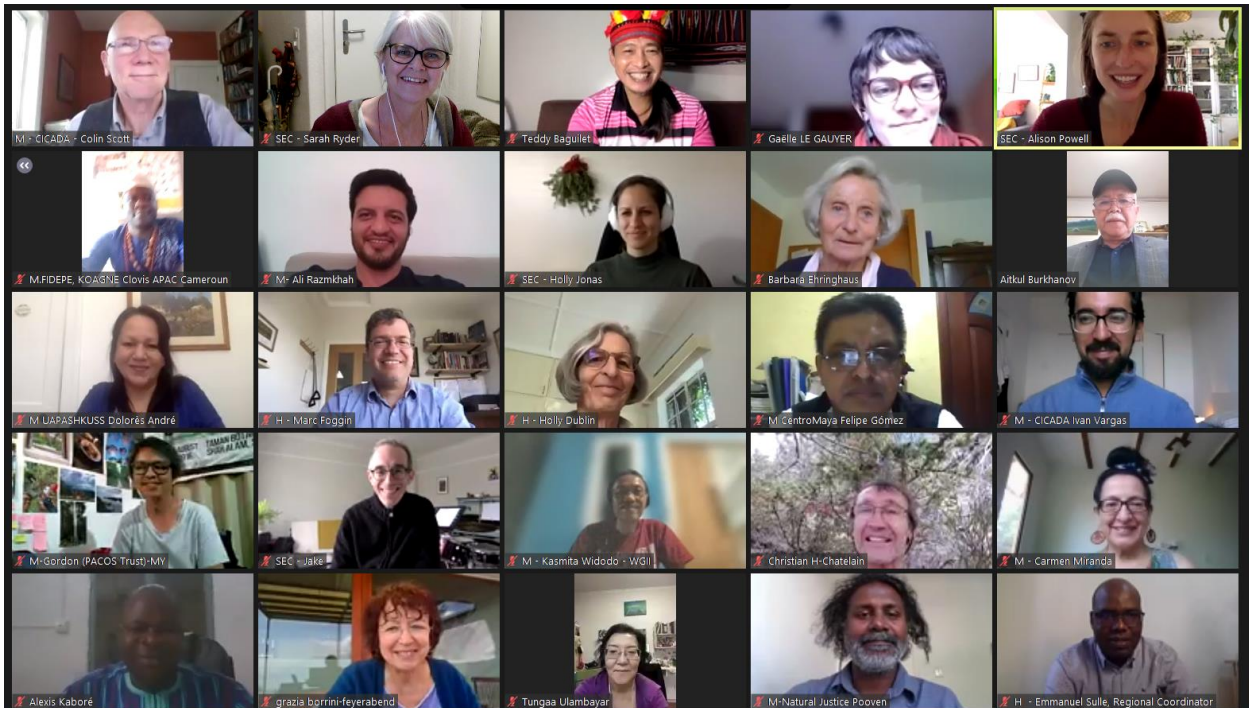
Questions and discussion:

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – The IUCN provided funding for the World Parks Congress in 2014 in Australia and this ran into 2015 but it was only for the C. We have not approached IUCN directly for funding since then.

There are two funders whose grants concluded in 2021 who we will not continue to receive funds from (at least for now): International Land Coalition, which specifically funded the role of Regional Coordinator for Europe for a 2-year period; and the Christensen Fund who supported us for many years but we have reached the maximum number of years possible.

Motion to note the Secretariat report for 2021 – accepted with no objections

14:31 UTC: Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council) suspended the General Assembly until Tuesday 26 April 2022



Minutes of Day Two: Tuesday 26 April 2022

12:07 UTC: Welcome by the Chair for Day Two – Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council)

The GA agenda for Day Two was read by Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council).

Member spotlight 1 – Mongolia ICCA Network

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Questions and discussion:

Chantsallkham Jamsranjav (Member, ICCA Network Mongolia) – there is a good relationship between the communities and the state concerning legislation but there are some issues with mining in Mongolia. Mining uses a lot of water which is causing problems. We have various herder community groups. Some have registered as NGOs.

Sabine Schmidt (Honorary member) - currently under the land law, a pasture law has been drafted at the core of which would be pasture user groups and collective rights, through rangeland use agreements. Also, the FAO Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests have been adapted to Mongolia and the pastoral practices there.

Peer learning and exchange on the regionalisation process

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Session moderator: Dominique Bikaba (Council member for Central Africa)

Questions and discussion:

Vololoniaina Rasoarimanana (Honorary member) – I agree with Holly. Sometimes the notion of ICCAs and Indigenous peoples is narrower than the notion of the territory in which communities live.

Parfait Dihoukamba – In Africa, Christian mentioned ambition and an initiative that wanted to create 200 ICCAs. Who proposed this and which country has this ambition? It is important to keep in mind the risk. After training of coordinators in Africa, we still need some strengthening of our capacities to identify ICCAs. We find territories of life in many areas. We need the support of the Regional Coordinators in Central Africa to strengthen capacities and enable us to become part of the Consortium family.

Christian Chatelain (Co-coordinator for Africa) – The ambition was discussed at the Central Africa sub-regional assembly in Goma. It is not important which country it was, the important thing is the risk of NGOs that want to “create” ICCAs. There is a network of African coordinators in place to help them work together.

Clovis Koagne (Member, FIDEPE) - What are the challenges facing the regionalisation process?

Marco Bassi (Council member for Europe) –The presentations show how far behind the European region is. What would you advise, considering that we are facing the problem of assuring sustainable funding from donors? In Europe we cannot access the same donors as in other regions. The funders we can approach are very complex and offer short term funds only. Based on your experience, do you see working through projects as feasible?

Ali Razmkhah (Regional Coordinator for West and Central Asia & the Caucasus) – the vision in our region for regionalisation is to keep the grassroots of the Consortium and ensure it does not become a big NGO. The grassroots should retain the power. In West and Central Asia and Caucasus, we found that we need to design our

own process for regionalisation. It is a kind of decentralisation but also federalisation. The Members have their own projects and have their own needs. They need to know why they should devote their resources to working on regionalisation. We started by forming a Council but it wasn't successful and it was decided to focus more on functionality. We now have an ad hoc working group and are working on a manifesto and road map for our region. We seem to be reinventing the process in our region. It is not always possible to pursue an already existing process.

Christian Chatelain (Co-coordinator for Africa) – Yes, Ali! The process comes from a will from the top, but it has to be done from the bottom. Each ICCA, each country, each region must initiate its own process and define its "minimum vital functioning to be self-financed". If partners and funders want to participate, then so much the better, but minimum autonomy is crucial.

Neema Pathak Broome (Regional Coordinator for South Asia) - We are hearing some lessons and constraints from different regions and it is very useful. However, I feel a separate exercise with different regions trying to address these questions and perhaps also a separate meeting on the regionalisation process would be useful - how has it gone so far? In what kind of time? What financial and human resources were required in different regions? What have been the impacts so far?

Sutej Hugu (Regional Coordinator for East Asia) – Dreaming is so important for channelling to our ancestors' spirits. However, we do not do anything by dreaming. The Consortium may change its name but it is a global association for the custodian communities of territories of life. They are embedded in the interconnectedness of species all around us. This message is important to future generations. All colleagues in the Secretariat and the membership are learning from one another for mutual recognition. We are striving together for the appropriate recognition from the dominant power – state or big-money transnationals.

Joseph Itongwa (Regional Coordinator for Central Africa) - We need to consolidate the grassroots dynamics to support local community efforts, even without funding - communities and ICCA support structures must exist and work.

Dewi Sutejo (Member, Working Group on ICCAs in Indonesia) - Based on my experience with ICCA Southeast Asia, the lessons learned are: how we can connect with each other among the Members and share learning, particularly on documentation (mapping) and sustaining territories of life. We are also trying to build solidarity to respond to conflicts or criminalization that is being faced by the communities.

Dolorès André (Member, UAPASHKUSS) – In Quebec (Canada), our goals are: recognition of sacred sites; membership strengthening; governance strengthening. We have 11 communities with their own procedures. They are all working in small groups. I have tried to look for information where we can learn and share but I feel that people do not want to share. We need to create partnerships with other communities. It is important to gather ideas from other places. We have limited resources. I would like to know who is in Canada so we can share experiences.

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – CICADA is based in Canada and has many connections. Some prefer to be focused on local initiatives and do not want to be involved at international level. It would be good to understand the dynamics and opportunities for strengthening the movement in different regions around the world.

Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council)- It is a crucial conversation to continue in the Quebec/ Canadian/ North American context. We should be able to develop a more robust alliance.

Salatou Sambou (Regional Coordinator for Coastal West Africa) - A strategy for me is that the Regional Coordinators go through an analysis review of the existing ICCAs. The multiplication of non-quality ICCAs could one day put a serious strain on the process started for their recognition and dynamics.

Amy Maling (Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia) - Regionalisation resulted in more interaction among ICCA Consortium Members in the region, increased solidarity and sharing and discussion of common issues and confidence-building of other Members in their advocacy.

Member spotlight 2 – Pastoral Women's Council, Tanzania

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2021 Council report

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Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council)

Two Council members have completed their terms and are not standing for re-election or other positions. Please join me in thanking:

- Phapi Rakdamrongphorn (Paul Sein Twa), who served a full term as co-chair of the thematic stream on sustaining territories of life since his election in 2019; and
- Zelealem Tefera Ashenafi, who served two full terms as the regional representative for the Horn of Africa since his election in 2016.

Nominations received for Council positions:

- Colin Scott, who is standing for a second term as the Treasurer
- Aman Singh, who is standing for a second term as the Chair of the Membership Committee
- Pooven Moodley, who is standing for a second term as the thematic representative for defending territories of life
- Alifereti Tawake, who is standing for a second term as the regional representative for East Austronesia and the Pacific islands
- Yingyi Zhang, who is standing for a second term as the regional representative for East and North Asia
- Malika Virdi, who is standing for a first term as the regional representative for South Asia
- Victor Boton, who is standing for a first term as the regional representative for the Sahel, North Africa and Horn of Africa

Motion to note the 2021 Council report – accepted with no objections

2021 Membership Committee report

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Aman Singh (Council Chair of the Membership Committee)

Motion to note the 2021 Membership Committee report – accepted with no objections

14:26 UTC: Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council) suspended the General Assembly until Wednesday 27 April 2022

Minutes of Day Three: Wednesday 27 April 2022

12:06 UTC: Welcome by Jorge Nawel (Mapuche), member of the Council of Elders

I greet you, brothers and sisters, from Mapuche territory, the Mapuche Confederation of Neuquén. I am grateful to open the session and share much strength and energy with you. This will allow our journey to begin with much clarity and wisdom.

We need our Consortium to be empowered and strengthened. It is an enormous guide for many territories in the world. The Indigenous world is in a very important moment. We are still, after more than five centuries of contact with Europe here in this region, trying to consolidate our identities, our cosmovision, without losing our territories to the threat of capitalism. Our territories are being threatened, they are being coveted by a predatory capitalist model that threatens thousands of Indigenous cultures and humanity. We need to go back to other models that have a better relationship with nature.

We are trying to emerge from a great pandemic that is the product of precisely the type of relationship proposed by a capitalist model and this has no future. However, as the mortal threat of the pandemic disappears and we return to normality, humanity is once again being governed by the same codes and a model that focuses on the exploitation of territories where the Indigenous Peoples are.

The future lies with Indigenous Peoples, in recovering that deep respectful relationship of coexistence, of being part of the nature that surrounds us. It is fundamental, it is powerful, it is crucial, to strengthen our community organisations, our organisations as peoples-nations, and to be able to strengthen this alliance, these bonds of brotherhood that we have with other peoples who are living in the same situation. The ICCA Consortium has made everyone understand that our struggle is not isolated, it is not individual, it is collective. It has focused on strengthening these bonds.

The General Assembly aims to consolidate this alliance of brotherhood, to feel accompanied in this struggle, and to acquire the wisdom that other peoples carry forward. This is very encouraging, mobilising and empowering for us and for each one of you. Therefore, let us never forget the objective of going deeper and deeper into our goals and giving more and more clarity to our strategies.

There is no other way out than to unite our struggles and demonstrate that all is not lost, that there are alternatives and everything depends on holding on to the life that our territories possess. We have the enormous generational responsibility of accompanying all this new force that is emerging in the territories and that is giving greater content, greater clarity to what we seek, a freely determined life where we can carry out our life plans, our "coming together well". It is about recovering this collective life and a profound relationship with our natural environment because it will guarantee a better future for our children and grandchildren.

I wish you all a lot of strength, warmth and energy. We need to have more clarity, we need to have an objective for the Consortium that is as clear as possible. This Assembly will give us an enormous contribution to our struggle in the territories. We need a very clear and powerful document to orient us and to be a beacon that contributes to the path of the thousands of communities that are waiting for this.

From here, I send encouragement to all the directors of the ICCA Consortium. Don't give up! It is a hard fight and you are being very clear and very wise in giving us orientation and guidance. I wish you a very active and wise journey ("Aipeu Cayai").

Welcome by the Chair for Day Three – Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council)

The GA agenda for Day Three was read by Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council).

Election of new members of Council

The agreed process for Council elections at the General Assembly was:

- *The title of vacant positions for global level roles was given;*
- *Biographies for all three nominees were read out to the General Assembly;*
- *Questions for the nominees were invited from the Members present;*
- *The nominees were moved to the Zoom waiting room;*
- *A discussion of the nominees was held in private (without them present);*
- *Consensus was recorded on Loomio;*
- *The nominees were invited back into the Zoom plenary to hear the decision of the General Assembly; and*
- *The decision was recorded in the official minutes of the General Assembly.*

Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council) read the nominations received for Council positions with a global scope:

- Colin Scott, who is standing for a second term as the Treasurer
- Aman Singh, who is standing for a second term as the Chair of the Membership Committee
- Pooven Moodley, who is standing for a second term as the thematic representative for defending territories of life

1. Nomination of Treasurer: Colin Hartley Scott

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of Colin's biography

2. Nomination of Chair of Membership Committee: Aman Singh

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of Aman's biography

3. Nomination of thematic representative for defending territories of life: Poovalingum ("Pooven") Moodley

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of Pooven's biography

Questions for the nominees:

Sutej Hugu (Regional Coordinator for East Asia and ITW-SDA, Member) - All these people are great choices for their roles respectively. ITW-SDA gives their full support for their re-election to another term.

Ali Razmkhah (Regional Coordinator for West & Central Asia & the Caucasus and CENESTA, Member) - Agreed.
Neema Pathak Broome (Regional Coordinator for South Asia and Kalpavriksh, Member) – We are very happy to have all three nominations. We are familiar with the fabulous work of Amanji and our support is with him. We have also had opportunities to work with Colin and Poven and think both are well deserving.

Peter Kallang (member of Council and SAVE Rivers, Member) - Agree.

Emmanuel Sulle (Regional Coordinator for East Africa and Honorary member) - I support their election to their respective posts. Great minds and resources for our Consortium.

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) - The Council composition is set out in the Governance Procedures, in Section 2.2 (<https://www.iccaconsortium.org/index.php/governing-documents/>). There are some global-level positions and many region-specific positions.

Gordon John (Member, PACOS Trust) – No objection.

The nominees were moved to the Zoom waiting room and a private discussion was held.

Holly Dublin (Honorary member) - I have no objection to these 3 candidates.

Jorge Nahuel (member of Council of Elders) – is everyone able to comment or only the Members?

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – The consensus building is open to everyone.

Olindo Nastacuz (Member, Centro Awa Pambilar) – I support them all.

Yingyi Zhang (member of Council) - I support all of them without objection.

José Martial (Member, Ndima-Kali) – I support them all.

Femy Pinto (Member, NTFP- EP) – I fully support the 3 Council members’ renewal of their terms. They have been very active in their functions and inspiring in their commitment to their roles.

Michel Forst (Honorary member) - Congrats and welcome to the new members.

Malika Viridi (Honorary member) - Congrats to all 3 new members of Council.

Grazia Borrini Feyerabend (member of Council of Elders) - The Council itself represents multiple regions. Any Member or Honorary member can be part of the Council.

Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council) - does anyone have any objections to any of these appointments? There were no objections.

Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council) - It looks like many of you were able to register your consent on Loomio. If not, again, that's ok, you can do it later. It looks like so far we have no objections. Asked for a motion to approve the election of Colin, Aman and Pooven and a second (we need a Member to propose and another Member to second the motion). So, with that, we can confirm consensus support for Colin, Aman, and Pooven to be elected to their second terms on Council. Congratulations to all three.

Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council) – I am happy to support the Consortium again.

Pooven Moodley (member of Council) – The next few years will be critical for defenders of territories of life and we need to find new ways to support and put more pressure on governments.

Aman Singh (Chair of the Membership Committee) – Thanks to all the Members. It has been great to have this opportunity.

Motion to elect Colin Hartley Scott as Treasurer of Council proposed by Oxlajuj Ajpop (Member), seconded by PACOS Trust (Member)

Motion to elect Aman Singh as Chair of the Membership Committee of Council proposed by Oxlajuj Ajpop (Member), seconded by PACOS Trust (Member)

Motion to elect Poovalingum (“Pooven”) Moodley as Council thematic representative for defending territories of life proposed by Oxlajuj Ajpop (Member), seconded by PACOS Trust (Member)

Member spotlight 3 – SAVE Rivers, Sarawak, Malaysian Borneo

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Questions and discussion:

Celine Lim (Member, Save Rivers) – We are a civil society organisation that empowers Indigenous rural communities to protect land rights, watersheds and rivers. One of our current projects is the Upper Baram forest area (UBFA). We are working with Indigenous communities between Malaysia and Indonesia in the Penan Peace Park, which was established in 2009. It is an effort driven by the Indigenous communities to protect the rainforest and provide a source of income. For more information, please see www.barampeacepark.org. The proposed working model for the UBFA is a collaborative forest management model.

After the presentation from Save Rivers, there was a short virtual "field trip" that NFTP-EP (Member) co-organized with Bukluran (Member) and the Philippine ICCA Consortium to the Ayta Abellen community in Zambales, Philippines. Please see [here for the presentation](#).

2021 Treasurer's report

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Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council)

Motion to note the 2021 Treasurer's report – accepted with no objections

2021 Report of Auditor of the Accounts

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Marc Foggin (Auditor of Accounts)

Motion to note the 2021 Auditor of Accounts report – accepted with no objections

Member spotlight 4 – Korchi community, India

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Questions and discussion:

Neema Pathak Broome (Regional Coordinator for South Asia) – The communities in Korchi have been defending their territory from mining and working out their own view of development. There have been some advances in laws in India on rights. They have been learning from one another so the 133 villages are strengthened. They are rewriting their own history. They want to keep the forest intact for future generations. Thank you to the Korchi community for allowing us to do a collaborative study with them. The Consortium contributed to this effort as they provided a small fellowship to support the work in 2021.

Organisational change - reflection, revisioning and manifesto process

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Questions and discussion:

Ignacio Krell (Honorary member) - As a relatively new member, I appreciate this historical journal and pay tribute to our great confederation of living territories.

Felipe Gomez (member of Council) – When a movement grows, it is easy to lose your philosophy. There is a lot of growing but going back to talking about the spirit that created the association is important. When there is growth, it is necessary to have people to help us remember. The manifesto is a key material that will help Members and Honorary members. It gathers the philosophical thinking of origin and difference and there are many organisations that talk about the defence of land, and many of these movements that have this approach. The principle, the essence of what we want is not lost. I encourage all of us who participate to take a step further, hopefully. Grazia

has entrusted us with the role of following the process, and how to expand our networks and platforms, and the network of the Latin American sub-region. I am very motivated as long as we can share.

Tero Mustonen (Member, Snowchange) – priorities that Snowchange has been considering for ICCAs. Congratulations to Grazia and Ashish, we are here because of you, you are in the Council of Elders for a reason. Manifesto thoughts: In the new world, we will see more pressure on communities, especially in the context of resource extraction. We want the Consortium to be more streamlined to serve these communities. We would like to propose that the purpose of the organisation should be to support communities, including with alerts and defending territories of life. Scientific people are useful but the Consortium should be a global network for communities, as they do not have many other venues to exercise their voices. The Consortium is the best thing to happen to conservation. The Consortium should support communities directly as it reforms. The Consortium should support those who want to register in the ICCA Registry, but there should be no pressure to do so. I support Holly; I could not have done what you have done, but we need to change.

Gabriel Lucio (Member, Fundation Ser Ambiente) - This is a process of learning. We recognise the work that the Consortium is doing. I support what Tero said. The main way of conservation is to support territories of life at the community level. We see all the vulnerabilities in human rights at the local level. We are looking for a way to strengthen collective rights. We want to be more involved in the processes that are happening.

Lorena Arce (Regional Coordinator Cono Sur and Observatorio Ciudadano, Member) – It is important to talk about the history of the Consortium. It is present in the work we do each day to support territories of life. The mission and the vision are present in all we do. We would like to include in the manifesto – keep the steps that we have walked until now. We have gained a lot in this path and we should not forget it. The challenges are big but we have to face them. All this work is still very present, not with nostalgia, but for its belonging, its mission, vision and all this in everything we do. It is important not to forget the steps gained and we must continue to build from there and look forward, facing it by bringing this history and gathering the new.

Manuel May Castillo (Member, Ka Kuxtal Much Meyaj A.C.) – Thank you for the enormous work both globally and from the grassroots. Thanks to the sisters and brothers of the various Peoples of the world and the Members and Honorary members. The risk is there, our defenders are at risk, but it is also hopeful to know that we can be supported in this global network.

Nora Tzec (Member, Ka Kuxtal Much Meyaj A.C.) - I think we have to take care of each other, it gives us strength to know that there are many of us worried about our Mother Earth, it gives us hope. There are certainly threats, but together we can keep walking and defending life.

Isis Alvarez (Honorary member) - It is very gratifying to see how the ICCA Consortium has grown over the years and to witness that important growth process. It is satisfying to be part of a community that has put so much heart into this cause. Congratulations to all and we keep moving forward.

Heidy Zaith Orozco (Member, Nuiwari, A.C.) - It is important that the manifesto includes the reflections generated within the territories of life themselves as well as those from the Members of the Consortium; it should be the product of a broad process of dialogue.

Joseph Itongwa (Regional Coordinator for Central Africa and ANAPAC-RDC, Member) – I want to thank the Secretariat team and pay tribute to Grazia who reminds us of the genesis of our work in Africa. We need to value the work at national level. Thank you for the support for the [cultural event in Mbosa](#). This helps to revitalise territories of life and raise visibility. Local level actions need more support. We need to improve communication around these events. We are currently doing great work and it is having a good effect at local level. We need practical help to defend territories of life. I have experience with Gabon, a new Member organisation of the Consortium in our Central Africa zone, which has led a massive struggle with the communities. This field work really needs support to defend the territories of life.

Laura Peña (Member, Red TICCA Colombia) – We are happy to be part of this work in support of territories of life. We are very diverse and have diverse modes of life, which include our own systems of governance which have demonstrated and demonstrate the conservation and life of the territories. We have to highlight the respect for this. Our message is one of gratitude to the Consortium; in you, we find immense support for Colombia, which has inspired us to create the network. because they include their own government who have demonstrated and demonstrate the conservation and life of the territories.

Albert Chan Dzul (Regional Coordinator for Mesoamerica) - We will use these rich comments to develop the manifesto.

Carolina Rodriguez Acero (Member, Red TICCA Colombia) - Even when we shared common purposes, we did not have the clarity of an international movement. Our experiences received great support and from different sources of funding, we were able to provide support for exchange meetings where we could revive the spirit of our principles of solidarity and revindication as territories of life. Even though it is still a process of understanding the use of a global acronym, we know that from the network, it is a movement in which we feel supported and identified. We value that the founders are still there so that we do not lose the value of their foundation, which we share as part of our territorial processes.

Sutej Hugu (Regional Coordinator for East Asia) - Ashish's wonderful presentation should be made available to all our Members and Honorary members for identification and orientation.

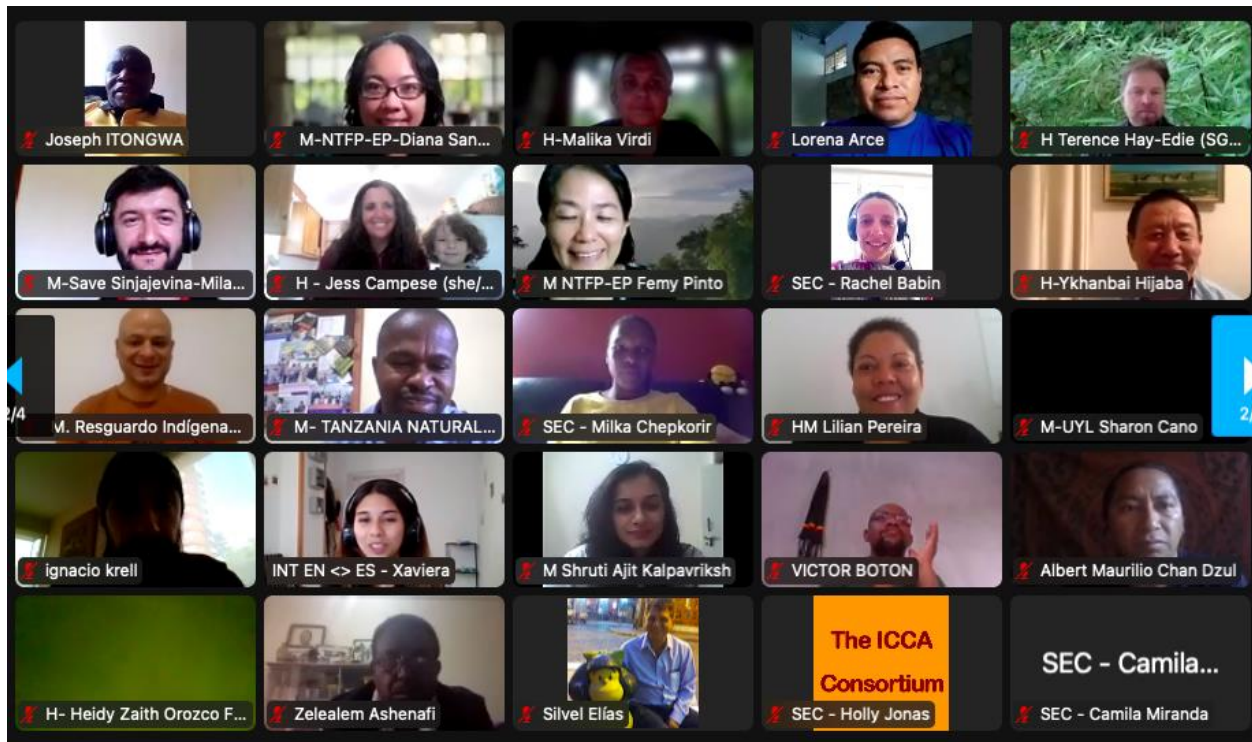
Anne-Marie André (Member, UAPASHKUSS) - Our identity is the fundamental basis of our culture which is an integral part of nature - territories of life.

Andrea Rocché (Member, Oxlajuj Ajpop) - Congratulations to the founders of the ICCA Consortium, they have been an inspiration and motivation to continue working for our sacred places as the heart of the territories of life.

Amado Ramos (Member, Los Pasos Del Jaguar) - Many thanks to Grazia and Taghi for the creation of this space and to all the founding Members and wise men and women who gave life to this sacred space.

Clovis Koagne (Member, FIDEPE) - ICCAs in Cameroon suffer from a government policy that does not facilitate the expression of local communities and Indigenous Peoples in their rights of access to and management of land, the forestry law does not recognize the rights of local communities. But we are mobilized to advance the understanding in the different agro-ecological zones of the country.

14:38 UTC: Sara Oliveros López (Secretary of Council) suspended the General Assembly until Thursday 28 April 2022



Minutes of Day Four: Thursday 28 April 2022

12:07 UTC: Welcome by the Chair for Day Four – Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council)

The GA agenda for Day Four was read by Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council).

2021 President's report

Teddy Baguilat (President of Council) and Patricia Mupeta Muyamwa (Vice President of Council)

Motion to note the 2021 President's report – accepted with no objections

Questions and discussion:

Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council) – There are many things at stake in your [Teddy's] campaign and it is reflective of many in the Consortium.

Sutej Hugu (Regional Coordinator for East Asia) - We look forward to greeting the first Indigenous Senator in the Philippines very soon.

Dolorès André (Member, UAPASHUSS) - Thank you, President Teddy, for all your hard work and congratulations on your voice to nature and your actions.

Election of new members of Council

The agreed process for Council elections at the General Assembly was:

- *The title of vacant positions for regional level roles was given;*
- *Biographies for all four nominees were read out to the General Assembly;*
- *Questions for the nominees were invited from the Members present;*
- *The nominees were moved to the Zoom waiting room;*
- *A discussion of the nominees was held in private (without them present);*
- *Consensus was recorded on Loomio;*
- *The nominees were invited back to the room to hear the decision of the General Assembly; and*
- *The decision was recorded in the official minutes of the General Assembly.*

Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council) read the nominations received for Council positions with a regional scope:

- Alifereti Tawake, who is standing for a second term as the regional representative for East Austronesia and the Pacific islands
- Yingyi Zhang, who is standing for a second term as the regional representative for East and North Asia
- Malika Viridi, who is standing for a first term as the regional representative for South Asia
- Victor Boton, who is standing for a first term as the regional representative for the Sahel, North Africa and Horn of Africa

1. **Nomination of Council regional representative for East Austronesia & Pacific Islands: Alifereti Tawake**

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of Alifereti's biography

2. **Nomination of Council regional representative for East and North Asia: Zhang, Yingyi**

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of Yingyi's biography

3. **Nomination of Council regional representative for South Asia: Malika Virdi**

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of Malika's biography

4. **Nomination of Council regional representative for the Sahel, North Africa and Horn of Africa: Yelognisse Victor Boton**

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of Victor's biography

Questions for the nominees:

There were no questions.

The nominees were moved to the Zoom waiting room and a private discussion was held.

Grazia Borrini Feyerabend (member of Council of Elders) - Do we have their records of participation in the Council?

Alison Powell (Administration Coordinator) – Yingyi and Alifereti have been active in the Membership Committee. Alifereti has also been active in Council while Yingyi has had more difficulties with connecting for Council meetings.

Sutej Hugu (Regional Coordinator for East Asia) - Both Yingyi and Alifereti have consensus support from all their regional Members.

Salatou Sambou (Regional Coordinator for Coastal West Africa) - Victor Boton is supported by nearly all the Members in [his region in] Africa.

Alexis Kaboré (Regional Coordinator for the Sahel Region) – The nomination of Victor has been validated by the Members in the region.

Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council) - Does anyone have any objections to any of these appointments?

There were no objections.

Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council) - It looks like so far, we have no objections. Asked for a motion to approve the election of Alifereti, Yingyi, Malika and Victor, and a second (we need a Member to propose and another Member to second the motion). So, with that, we can confirm consensus support for Alifereti, Yingyi, Malika and Victor to be elected to the Council. Congratulations to all four.

Motion to elect Alifereti Tawake as Council regional representative for East Austronesia & Pacific Islands proposed by FIDEPE (Member), seconded by UAPASHKUSS (Member), APCRM (Member) and NATUDEV (Member)

Motion to elect Yingyi Zhang as Council regional representative for East and North Asia proposed by FIDEPE (Member), seconded by UAPASHKUSS (Member), APCRM (Member) and NATUDEV (Member)

Motion to elect Malika Virdi as Council regional representative for South Asia proposed by FIDEPE (Member), seconded by UAPASHKUSS (Member), APCRM (Member) and NATUDEV (Member)

Motion to elect Yelognisse Victor Boton as Council regional representative for the Sahel, North Africa and Horn of Africa proposed by FIDEPE (Member), seconded by UAPASHKUSS (Member), APCRM (Member) and NATUDEV (Member)

Alifereti Tawake (member of Council) – It's an honour to have the trust of the Council, Members and Honorary members and be nominated for a second term. I am committed to promoting the ideals of the Consortium. Our aim is to grow the membership and ensure that communities see territories of life as a way for the future for them. I owe a lot to our hard-working Members and the Regional Coordinators.

Yingyi Zhang (member of Council) – Today, I am very glad. Thank you for the support and trust as I continue in my role as regional representative. We have new Members and Honorary members in China and other countries in the region. We have a regional hub so we can expect that there will be better support to territories of life in my region.

Malika Virdi (member of Council) – I believe this is a good opportunity to bring the voices of people on the frontline to the forefront to showcase and support them.

Victor Boton (member of Council) – Thank you to all the founding Members of this organisation. I had goose bumps yesterday, listening to the history of the organisation. I understand the difficulties we have to face. Thank you to the Members who have supported me at national, regional and global levels. We will support each other in the future.

Member spotlight 5 – Pueblo Shuar Arutam, Ecuador

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of the presentation

[Watch the video on YouTube](#)

Appointment of the Auditor of Accounts for the coming year

Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council)

The Auditor of Accounts is one of the three organs of the Association, in addition to the General Assembly and Council. According to the Statutes, the Auditor of Accounts shall check the operating and annual accounts prepared by the Council and present a written report to the General Assembly. We heard the Auditor of Accounts' 2021 report yesterday. As per the Statutes, the Auditor of Accounts may also act as Ombudsperson. The Ombudsperson supports the Association in a voluntary capacity by serving as a fair and neutral arbiter when dealing with complaints or grievances. I would like to acknowledge Marc Foggin's contribution as Auditor of Accounts and Ombudsperson since the General Assembly at the end of 2019. Within the membership, Marc is an Honorary member and with the Member Plateau Perspectives and is actively involved in supporting work in Central Asia, among other things. We are very grateful for the work he has done as Auditor of Accounts and Ombudsperson in 2020 and 2021. He has kindly agreed to be appointed again in this role for the coming year. As noted in the Governance Procedures, the term is for one year at a time.

Questions and discussion:

Holly Dublin (Honorary member) – Thank you, Marc, for taking on this very important work. If only all organisations would value such a position and people like you would take it up.

Clovis Koagne (Member, FIDEPE) – Dr. Marc is a formidable advocate for ICCAs and well positioned to take on the role.

Daniel Santi (Member, Pueblo Originario Kichwa de Sarayaku) - We are local partners in Ecuador. It is important that the Indigenous Peoples who are working on legal instruments related to stopping the extractivist model develop them together with the Consortium. We have worked on a law on prior consultation and consent, and we propose to the Consortium to develop this type of instrument that can be applied in other territories of Indigenous Peoples, in the global context. This is important because it supports peoples in safeguarding and protecting their territories in a legal and political way.

Motion to appoint Marc Foggin as Auditor of Accounts proposed by Natural Justice (Member), seconded by PACOS Trust (Member) and Los Pasos del Jaguar (Member).

Marc Foggin (Honorary member) - Thank you for this vote of confidence. It is great to work alongside so many great Members and Honorary members. There is a strength in working together and I am happy to continue our collaboration.

Proposed 2022 Action Plan and Budget

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of the presentation, including key information about the ICCA Consortium's banking arrangements and transition to a new financial/operational home with a fiscal sponsor

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator)

Questions and discussion:

Malika Viridi (member of Council) - Thank you, Holly, for explaining rather complicated yet geo-politically sensitive financial issues so well.

Grazia Borrini Feyerabend (member of Council of Elders) - All our sympathy for this, Holly! Wonderful that you managed to find a solution... We should extend our indignation to the Swiss and USA government for this indecent restriction of civil rights of everyone 'supposedly' to avoid bad practices in banking. The result is exactly the opposite... the bandits and arm dealers keep thriving and the civil rights organizations like ours are restricted. I am afraid that this may have been the intended result.

Holly Dublin (Honorary member) - I totally agree with Grazia - it is disgusting! Making regular people and civil society feel like criminals.

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – We want to engage in some advocacy around this once we have the bandwidth to do so. This problem already affects many Members, including in countries like India, Mexico, Brazil and others, and is likely to become more of an issue in the future.

Pooven Moodley (Member, Natural Justice) - In terms of the agreement with the fiscal sponsor, are there major implications in terms of costs that they bear and whether we need to ensure this is covered in our fundraising and budgeting?

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – One of the options we had to consider in selecting a fiscal sponsor was the cost. Most charge 10% for regular grant income and 14% for government grants. We are going with a sponsor with 7% for regular grants and 10% for government-linked grants (which will apply to our grants from UNDP and SwedBio). All other grants are from private foundations who have all been very supportive in addressing this challenge and our solution. Because our administration rates are so low, this fiscal sponsorship fee will be higher than we currently pay so we will not be able to cover it without reallocating from other areas of the budget. We intend to be with fiscal sponsor until at least the end of 2024, in line with our longest current grants, and the need to complete our organisational processes and reflections.

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – So many communities in our membership are facing struggles. There are many connections with the global financial system. Certain corporations are allowed to do whatever they want without restrictions and small organisations such as ours are restricted.

Carolina Rodriguez Acero (Member, Red TICCA Colombia) - It is a complex issue and I know how demanding it is in terms of time and work. I am very sorry that the situation is the same in Colombia.

Saïdou Marega (Member, ONG GUIDRE) - Thank you for these details. We are very impressed with the progress made despite the context of COVID 19. On the Guinean side, we remain very attached to these exchanges.

Alexis Kaboré (Regional Coordinator for the Sahel Region) - Does the fiscal sponsor have a history of financial transactions with banks based in the South, in Africa?

Sarah Ryder (Programme Manager) - Yes, they have a lot of experience working with many global organisations around the world.

Amado Ramos (Member, Los Pasos Del Jaguar) – In the Action Plan, please make visible the threats of land grabbing posed by companies pose to Indigenous Peoples (as in the case of the peoples of Nicaragua). Also, please

make efforts to support peoples who have lost their lands for centuries to recover them (as in the case of El Salvador).

Gabriel Lucio (Member, Ser Ambiente) – A fisher community we work with in Ecuador would like to work on self-strengthening. How can we support them?

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – Please connect by email with me and Carmen Miranda (Regional Coordinator for the Amazon) so we can see what we can do to support.

Holly Dublin (Honorary member) - How do we (Honorary members) become more involved in ongoing programmatic work, for example, like the work you mentioned on conservation finance?

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – If is it region- or country-specific, the Regional Coordinator for your region would be the first port of call. For conservation finance, please contact Ameyali Ramos (International Policy Coordinator). We are putting together a designed version of the Action Plan and this will be put on the website with the Annual Report for 2021. This will be announced in the Newsflash when ready.

Terence Hay-Edie (Honorary member and UNDP/GEF-SGP, funder) – For the Global Support Initiative on ICCAs (GSI), we will have a board meeting with the primary donor in Germany around this transition. We know the financial reporting will come from the fiscal sponsor. What is the situation with governance?

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – In general, the fiscal sponsor does not want to change anything about our governance. They are planning to adapt to us, rather than vice versa. Our understanding at this point is that we will still handle all donor relations. Grant agreements have to be signed by the fiscal sponsor as they have legal and fiduciary responsibility for our operations. They require us to have an advisory council. We have a well-established governance system and the Executive Committee will be our ‘advisory council’ within their existing mandate. The Council and GA and membership as an association will continue as they are, until the GA decides otherwise. Only our operations and our finances will move to the fiscal sponsor.

Grazia Borrini Feyerabend (member of Council of Elders) - What about obligations to staff? Can people continue as consultants?

Holly Jonas (Global Coordinator) – This was a major aspect that concerned us as we have relatively complex arrangements and it was very difficult to find a fiscal sponsor willing to work with this. With our operations in Switzerland, we only have one employee who is based in Switzerland. This will change when we move. Everyone will remain on a consultancy agreement and remuneration, review periods, and supervision will be decided and handled by us as usual. The fiscal sponsor has no role in this, aside from ensuring legal compliance.

Clovis Koagne (Member, FIDEPE) - Thank you for thinking about the countries in the framework of the regionalisation process. In Cameroon, we are involved in the process of setting up the RAPACAM (Network for the Support and Promotion of Indigenous and Community Heritage Areas in Cameroon). We are planning a national meeting on ICCAs with the guidance of FIDEPE.

Motion to approve the 2022 Action Plan and Budget proposed by FIDEPE (Member) and Holly Dublin (Honorary member), seconded by Cenesta (Member) and NATUDEV (Member)

Closing ceremony - UAPASHKUSS

Please see the Annex to the General Assembly Minutes for the transcript of the presentation

Dolorès André (Member, UAPASHKUSS)

Questions and discussion:

Alexis Kaboré (Regional Coordinator for the Sahel Region) – The problem is not the poverty of communities but the ‘riches’ of unscrupulous capitalists. We must all work together to create responsible enterprises.

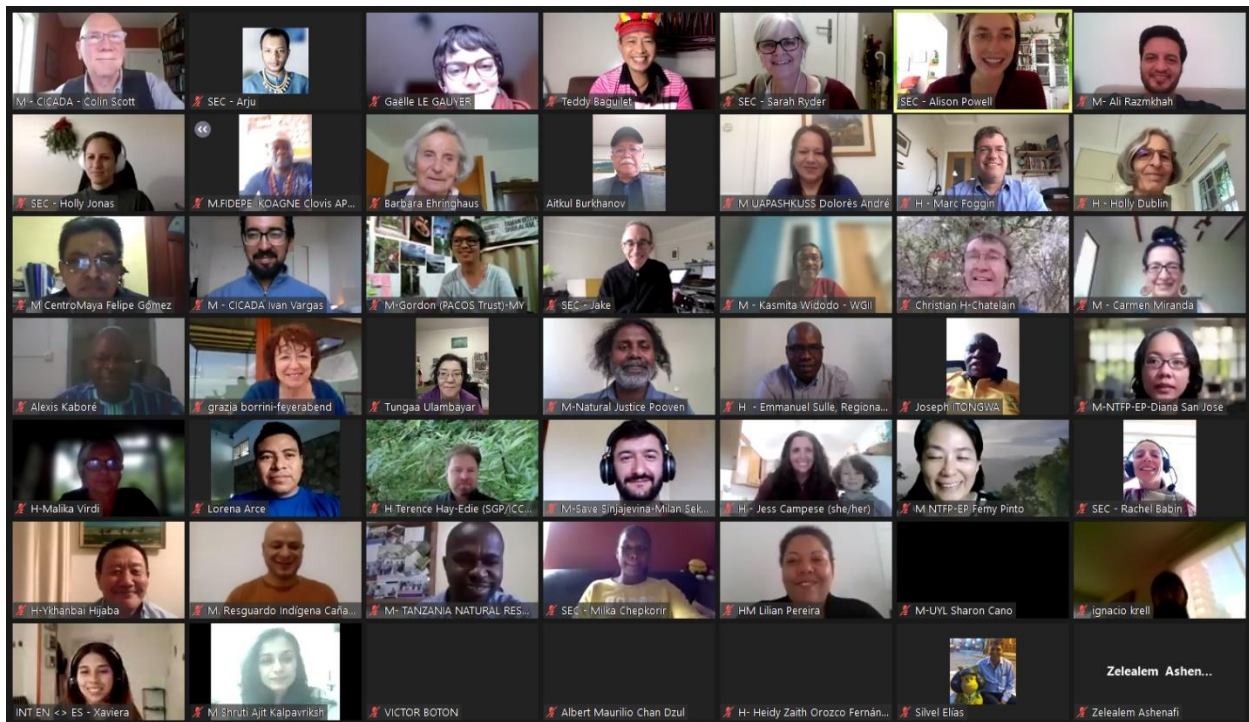
Malika Virdi (member of Council) - Thank you for giving voice and reason to continue to keep the flame burning.

14:32 UTC: Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council) closed the General Assembly

Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council)

We had a productive and inspiring four days together. We covered all the important procedural aspects of being an association, including reports from the President, Secretariat, Council, Membership Committee, Treasurer and Auditor of the Accounts. We also had an excellent session on regionalisation and a great start to a much longer and deeper process of organisational reflection and revisioning, including preparation of our first manifesto. Thanks to all Members, Honorary members, members of the Council and Secretariat, and observers for taking part in our Assembly. We had strong participation throughout the four days and on Loomio, which we tested for the first time this year to help us with consensus-building. Special thanks to everyone who helped us communicate with each other by translating key documents and providing simultaneous interpretation during the General Assembly. This includes: Gaëlle, Daniela, Camila, Rachel, Mathilde, Solène, Xaviera, Lucia, and Surya.

On behalf of the President of Council, Colin Scott (Treasurer of Council) formally closed the 18th General Assembly of the ICCA Consortium.



Minutes signed by President of Council of the ICCA Consortium (Association Consortium pour les Aires et Territoires du Patrimoine Autochtone et Communautaire (APAC)) and Programme Manager (as compiler of Minutes).

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