

Indigenous Leadership and Engagement in Biosphere Reserves

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The purpose of this workshop is to share, educate, and expand awareness about understanding and engaging Indigenous peoples, values, and principles in biosphere reserves.

Objectives

- 1. Revisit past recommendations and/or establish new principles for understanding and engaging Indigenous peoples in UNESCO biosphere reserves worldwide
- 2. Provide biosphere reserves within the EuroMAB network with tools to facilitate greater Indigenous engagement consistent with the Brockville EuroMAB 2013 recommendations, Lima Action Plan 2016-2025, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and multilateral environmental agreements
- 3. Identify what is needed in order to implement a full and effective Indigenous engagement program within UNESCO MAB

Workshop format

- Introductions
- Brief overview of history and linkages to the principles for Indigenous engagement and knowledge as included in the MAB Strategy 2015-2025, Lima Action Plan 2016-2025, periodic review process and the multilateral environmental agreements
- Share stories and case studies from the local level including:
 - o brief videos
 - o a reflection paper on CBRA's experience with engagement with Indigenous Peoples through governance models, research, programs, etc.
 - o the development and purpose of CBRA's Indigenous Circle
- Moderated discussion
- Recommendations and next steps

Lima Action Plan

A1.3., A2.2, A2.3, A3.2, A4.5, A6.1, B2.1, B5.1, B7.1, E2.1.

Sustainable Development Goals

1.5, 2.4, 4.7, 10.2, 13.1, 17.16.