

Indigenous Leadership and Engagement in Biosphere Reserve

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- Objectives

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

- Expected outcomes

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; and
3. Identify what is needed in order to implement a full and effective Indigenous engagement program within UNESCO MAB.

- Workshop format

Presentations from 5 Biosphere Reserves, as well as the International Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities followed by questions.

- Main issues discussed
- 5 examples of BR Indigenous activities
- 1 proposal for ICSRC as a model



- **Outputs**

- Chair of EuroMAB Indigenous Working Group will strike a working group of Indigenous representatives associated with EuroMAB BR's who have participated in EuroMAB meetings to develop structure for the EuroMAB Indigenous working group for approval by EuroMAB steering committee.
- EuroMAB Indigenous working group will support EuroMAB to participate effectively in the 2019 UN Year of Indigenous Languages.
- Support the ICSRC as a means of developing and supporting healthy, sustainable rural communities through the cross-cultural application of Indigenous traditional knowledge systems and western science in EuroMAB BR's.

- LAP A1.3, A2.2, A2.3, A3.2, A4.5, A6.1, B2.1, B5.1, B7.1, E2.1
- SDG 1 - 17

