

# CWE UPDATE

## Conversations With the Earth

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### CWE at Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian

We are thrilled to report that from the July 2011 to January 2012 the CWE multimedia exhibition 'Indigenous Voices on Climate Change' – including photos with captions, participatory videos, and the touch screen interactive web display – will be displayed in the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC.

This museum, one of the most visited in the USA, is much appreciated for bringing Native American peoples' history and culture alive through a great collection of Native American objects from ancient pre-Columbian civilizations through to the 21st century, combined with performances and hands-on demonstrations.

Having CWE in the NMAI is a tremendous opportunity for public education in the United States to raise awareness of climate change impacts on indigenous peoples lands, lives and cultures. It also allows for further education and understanding on indigenous peoples' solutions and responses to the ecological crisis through the lens of traditional knowledge and practices.

### The travels of the mobile exhibit

Before CWE's longterm stay in Washington DC., the mobile exhibition - including the touch screen and CWE videos - will travel to several events. To begin with, the exhibit and participatory video workshops by InsightShare will be part of Europe's first Bioneers conference at Findhorn Ecovillage, Scotland. Following, the exhibit will be displayed at Governor Schwarznegger's Climate Summit in Davis, California and UNESCO's ICTD Conference at the Royal Holloway of the University of London.

> For the dates and more information about these forthcoming events, see the table below.

> For an up-to-date overview and more information on the travels of the CWE exhibition visit: [www.conversationearth.org](http://www.conversationearth.org)

### Festival in Oxford – bringing it home!

In March 2011 the mobile exhibit will be based in Oxford where it will become the heart of a community festival organised by InsightShare in cooperation with local community groups, organisations and low-carbon initiatives. The festival is driven by the wish to promote resilience and celebrate the world's biological and cultural diversity – through amplifying the voices of indigenous peoples as well as local community members of diverse social and cultural backgrounds, in particular people that are normally not involved in climate change initiatives. Through discussions, lectures, films, exhibitions, practical information, hands-on workshops and locally produced organic food, InsightShare hope to motivate the visitors to find out what they themselves can do to contribute to a more sustainable future.

### CWE at CLACPI Filmfestival in Ecuador

At the beginning of this month the 'Conversaciones con los Apus' video from the Peru Hub was screened at the 10<sup>th</sup> 'International Festival of Film and Video of Indigenous Peoples' in Ecuador. This important Indigenous film festival – that was first held in 1985 in Mexico city – is organised by the CLACPI (Coordinator of Latin American Cinema and Communication Indigenous Peoples) and the CODENPE (Council Development Nationalities and Peoples of Ecuador) and aims to provide an interesting alternative intercultural communication channel and promote film and video of Indigenous peoples and nations as a cultural outreach tool.

> For more info visit: [www.xfestival.conaie.org](http://www.xfestival.conaie.org)



Photo: The CWE mobile exhibit at the CLACPI festival in Ecuador.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

15 - 17 October 2010 <b>Bioneers Conference 2010</b> Findhorn Ecovillage, Scotland, UK <a href="http://www.bioneers.org/conference">www.bioneers.org/conference</a>	15 - 16 November 2010 <b>Governor Schwarznegger's Climate Summit</b> Davis, California, USA <a href="http://gov.ca.gov/press-release/15572">http://gov.ca.gov/press-release/15572</a>	11 - 15 January 2011 <b>CEESP Sharing Power Conference</b> Whakatane, New Zealand <a href="http://www.sharingpower.org">www.sharingpower.org</a> (yet to be confirmed)
29 November - 10 December 2010 <b>UN COP16</b> Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico <a href="http://cc2010.mx/en">http://cc2010.mx/en</a>	13 - 16 December 2010 <b>UNESCO ICTD</b> Royal Holloway, London, UK <a href="http://www.ictd2010.org">www.ictd2010.org</a>	21 July 2011 - 2 January 2012 <b>National Museum of the American Indian</b> Washington DC., USA <a href="http://www.nmai.si.edu">www.nmai.si.edu</a>

## New PV hubs in Seri and Yaqui communities in Mexico

In August InsightShare's Latin America Director Maja and Raymundo from the Asociacion Qolla Aymara (in Puno, Peru) travelled to northern Mexico to facilitate a PV training in Vicam, Sonora with the participation of representatives of the indigenous Yaqui and Seri communities. Despite the intense heat the participants created three beautiful videos.



Local coordinator Anabella remarked that "this is the first ever training organised by Yaqui people and open to all Yaqui people." The videos were presented to an audience of community members and representatives from the local Yaqui school.

*"This screening helped the participants realize through the interest of the audience the value of the messages of the videos. They expressed the feelings of the communities on climate change and propose new strategies for a life in harmony with nature as our indigenous ancestors did."*

Raymundo, Aymara (Puno, Peru)

At the end of the training the participants made plans to produce more videos by introducing the PV process to their community members. In February 2011 they will have a meeting during which they will share these videos with each other. The intention is that this will seed participatory media hubs in both Seri and Yaqui territories.



## PV training in the Gamo Highlands of Ethiopia

In September Darout and Abera from ILCA in Ethiopia came to the UK to participate in the InsightShare PV training at the Lambeth Hub. They also met with the IS team to plan a PV training that will take place in February 2011. This training will be the start of a two year PV capacity building process in the Gamo Highlands of Ethiopia for the Christensen Fund.



Photo: 'The fellowship river' created by the InsightShare team, during their yearly retreat in September 2010.

## Funding for 2011

We are excited to report that the following funders have awarded CWE with grants to continue our work in 2011:

- **The Christensen Fund:** a two year Regional Grant for CWE hub capacity building in Ethiopia and Mexico. [www.christensenfund.org](http://www.christensenfund.org)
- **The Lia Fund:** a grant for the local costs of further PV projects in Kenya, Philippines and a PV taster in Canadian First Nation communities affected by the Tar sands.
- **Ford Foundation REDD Watch initiative:** a grant to support Land is Life partners including the CWE hubs in Philippines and Panama to create videos about the impacts of the pilot REDD programmes on local communities.
- **The Staples Trust:** a core grant to support curriculum development for the Indigenous Fellowship. [www.sfct.org.uk/staples.html](http://www.sfct.org.uk/staples.html)
- **Taalim Forum of Bishkek:** a contract to develop their PV capacity working with communities in Kyrgyzstan with the view to integrate them in the CWE network.
- **UNDP:** have invited us back to Samoa in January where we plan to focus on using participatory video as part of the M&E process with the 11 communities that participated in the first process in 2009.

Finally, Artist Project Earth ([www.apeuk.org](http://www.apeuk.org)) invited Insightshare to broker small grant applications from the CWE hubs. We helped Philippines, Peru and Panama hubs to submit their home grown proposals which link PV to concrete community action. Fingers crossed!

## Nick and Jennifer at the Worldly Leadership Summit

In the beginning of September APIYN coordinator Jennifer from the Philippines Hub came over to the UK to join Nick as a keynote speaker at the 2nd International Worldly Leadership Summit of The Leadership Trust in Ross-on-Wye. The theme of this year's Summit was "Building a leadership ethic of responsibility and conviction – connecting Business, Civil Society, Education and Indigenous Communities across the globe toward a shared agenda for ethical, transformative and connected leadership for the benefit of humanity across our world." Jennifer talked about her work as a young Igorot leader to promote and defend the rights of indigenous peoples in general and youth in particular. She spoke about her personal motivation, the guidance of elders, and importance of leading from

*"Our leaders say: 'How can you own something that outlives us?'*

*It is the land that owes us. Land is life.  
Land is sacred."*

Jennifer, addressing business leaders at the Leadership Summit

example. Nick facilitated a workshop where business leaders recorded some ways they connected to nature through a participatory video exercise after watching the recent film from the Peru hub, Mother Earth Rights. Nick and Jennifer both felt the CWE project touched hearts and inspired delegates to think carefully about their responsibilities to the Earth. "It was satisfying to move out of our comfort zone and engage with the business world" said Nick who is now in discussions with The Leadership trust about a possible collaborative research project on Indi-

genous Leadership and was invited to meet the developers of the first sustainability-focussed MBA. Exeter University has partnered with WWF to create the One Planet MBA and they would like to develop a module on CWE as well as explore ways to integrate PV as a progressive learning approach. Following the summit Jennifer stayed in Oxford for an inspiring evaluation and planning session with the IS management team to discuss the Philippines hub future strategy and strengthen the hubs connection with IS.



## Okani at the FPP COP10 Side Event in Japan

Cameroon Hub 'Okani' has been invited to present their work as a case study at the Forest Peoples Programme (FPP) Side Event, that was held in conjunction with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, during COP10 in Nagoya, Japan at October the 18<sup>th</sup>. This side event focussed on Article 10: 'Customary Sustainable Use: Examples, Challenges, Community Initiatives and Recommendations' and was a key event for governments, media, experts in the field of biodiversity conservation, representatives of indigenous and local communities, academia, NGOs, IGOs and industry representatives, to share and learn from the direct experiences of indigenous communities living in daily interaction with biological diversity. Okani presented their work together with other FPP's Partners from Bangladesh (Unnayan Onneshan The Innovators), Suriname (Organisation of Kaliña and Lokono in Marowijne),

Guyana (South Rupununi District Toshias Council), Thailand (Inter-Mountain Peoples' Education and Culture in Thailand Association) and Panama (Fundacion para la Promocion de Conocimiento Indigena). They all presented their own case studies and shared their experiences focusing on: what customary sustainable use is; what challenges these practices face; how implementation of Article 10 at national and local levels can be improved; and what communities are doing themselves to support and accelerate this process.

📺 Watch the video of [Venant Messe presenting the Baka case](#)

## Maja's travels

This month Maja is travelling to Malaysia, Penang to participate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> international meeting on the Food Sovereignty Program which is organized by Michel Pimbert from IIED. The members from Iran, Mali, India, Peru and Bolivia will participate. Maja is taking many videos to this meeting to share them with the international partners. From Penang, Maja will continue her travel to China to attend the first International Congress on terraces where she will share the video 'Anden Man' which shows three places in the Peruvian Andes where Andenes (terraces) exist since many thousand years. On her way back she and Nick will spend almost a week in San Francisco, California in the CWE meeting where the themes will be: celebrating all the accomplished in two years, recognise the difficulties and see how to overcome them and finally create a vision with the CWE Team. Maja looks very much forward to these coming weeks which will be wonderful.



Photo: Okani representative Venant Messe presents their at the FPP COP10 side event.

## Cameroon – an awareness raising campaign for Baka people's rights

Great news from Okani! Following the initial funding contract with Plan Cameroon a new agreement has been signed for a funding partnership of no less than four years! As part of this new contract Okani has received two new video camera's, a video projector and a PA sound system to raise awareness among the Baka communities of their rights.



Photo: Baka school children watching a video.

In order to also encourage local mayors to take into account the rights of the Baka people in their decision-making and actions, Okani has organised a series of awareness raising workshops in local municipal councils. At the moment Okani's main focus is promoting children's rights, which has already resulted in a 13 minute film. Besides, Okani is planning to produce a film about a typical day in a classroom in a Baka village in order to raise awareness among the wider society in Cameroon about the inequalities in education provision. Other plans include using PV to raise awareness about hygiene as a response to the current cholera epidemic that Cameroon is experiencing – one of the most severe outbreaks of cholera in decades. As the Baka are forced to move out from their traditional lands (due to plantations, deforestation and illegal logging), they also lose their language and traditional knowledge that is directly linked with these environments. During the course of 2011 the Okani PV team will explore this theme in depth with CWE funding and will also work on producing a video about REDD (1) with the support from the Ford Foundation REDD Watch.

1 REDD: Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation

### The Arctic – PV Training in Tar Sands community in Fort Chip

In November people from the Fort Chip community in the Athabasca region in the Canadian Arctic will participate in a seven-day PV taster to encourage more community cohesion and build strength of their campaign to close down the exploitation of tar sands. The training will be facilitated by InsightShare Associate Erin and a local indigenous co-trainer from the Community Action Research Team in Becho'ko in collaboration with the Nunee Health Board of the Athabasca.



Photo: the Tar sands in the Alberta region.

### Panama – Recycling, documenting Kuna culture and spreading PV

The PV team in Kuna Yala is currently working on three PV projects inspired by the action plan that they developed during the CWE retreat in Hou. To carry out their first action – collecting and separating trash for recycling– into practice, Dia has brought together a group of students and teachers. A fund from Land is Life made it

possible for this action group to travel to the Kuna Congress and present the Congress with their resolution "No to plastic in Kunayala territory". And with great success! The resolution was approved and is now being executed! In order to start using PV for their second action – documenting Kuna culture – Jesus has organised a workshop to share his PV skills with his community members and assist them in the creating of a new video that will be finished this month. Their third action – spreading PV skills – Jesus is working on a proposal to start training other indigenous groups in Panama in PV to enable them to create videos about their cosmovisions. Recently Jesus and his team also started to create a video on the issue of REDD.



### The Philippines – Spreading PV skills and documenting education issues

During the last months the Regional Hub based at APIYN (Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network) has facilitated a PV project in a community in Sarawak (Malaysia) and at the moment they are they preparing for a Training of Facilitators for Indigenous youth activists from Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines that will take place in November.



Photo: Indigenous people reclaiming their traditional forest in Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia.

At the Igorot Community Hub the PV team has been working on a video about the education situation in the Cordillera region.

### 📺 New videos from the Philippines:

- ['Didigra'](#) ('Devastation'): a video on how climate change affects the culture of the indigenous peoples in the Cordillera.
- ['Sangandaan'](#) ('Crossroads'): a video about the current education situation in the Philippines.
- ['Reclaiming the forest'](#): a video on how climate change affects the Iban in Sarawak, Malaysia.
- ['Karbengan si Fatawa'](#) ('Rights of Mother Earth'): a video on how indigenous mothers perceive the rights of Mother Earth (Fatawa).
- ['Muyong'](#) ('Traditional Forest'): a video about indigenous people's view on their traditional forest.
- [The Philippine elders' committee](#): Interviews with the Hub steering committee members.

## Peru – Medicinal plants, water rituals and Andean shamans

The Peru PV team is also working hard on putting their action plans into practise. Irma is leading the production of a video on medicinal plants while Rosio is in charge of a video about rituals around water issues. Besides these two PV projects they are also planning to make a video on the wisdom of Andean shamans with one of our Elders Steering Committee members, Hippolyto. The 'Los Derechos de la Pachamama' ('The Rights of Mother Earth' video and the video that the Peru PV team 'Los Sallqavideastas' shot during the People's Forum on Climate Change and Mother Earth Rights in Cochabamba (Bolivia) are finished and will be available online soon.



Photo: Filming at the Cochabamba People's Summit.



Photo: Samoa women talking about the effects of floods.

## Samoa – PV for Monitoring & Evaluation and video proposals

The UNDP have invited us back to Samoa in January where we plan to focus on using participatory video as part of the Monitoring & Evaluation process with the 11 communities that participated in the first process in 2009. We have been actively developing the participatory video methodology as a M&E tool for some time, focussing in particular on integrating PV into the Most Significant Change technique, and are in the process of writing up a toolkit on the subject. In addition we hope to engage at least one further community to use participatory video as a means for creating video proposals for the UNDP Community Based Adaptation programme. There is also significant interest (but not necessarily the resources necessary) in seeding a 'Hub' for the continuation of PV practise at community level.

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