

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF MOUNTAIN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (INMIP)

**Strategic Plan for
2017 – 2022**

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Background

The International Network for Mountain Indigenous Peoples (INMIP) was established in 2014 in the Himalayas of Bhutan by the 25 participating indigenous communities from the ten countries of Bhutan, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Taiwan, Tajikistan, and Thailand. INMIP was formed to improve understanding of mountain indigenous peoples issues and promote capacity building for biocultural climate change adaptation and sustainable mountain development. INMIP is an important platform for supporting implementation of local, national and international climate change programs and policies, and to strengthen sustainable management practices in mountain territories.

The network has **conducted/organized** four International Learning Exchanges (Bhutan in 2014, Tajikistan in 2015, and China in 2016, Peru 2017), with each producing a Declaration outlining key messages that call on governments, research and civil society organizations and the international community to recognize the value of Biocultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge for strengthening natural resources management systems. The INMIP annual Learning Exchange strengthens critical mass and provides a space for the sharing of traditional knowledge and practices for local food sovereignty and climate governance.

Vision

A world rich in biocultural heritage that maintains the reciprocal and harmonious relationship among the spiritual, human and natural realms for resilient indigenous mountain communities

Mission

Provide a global platform for exchange of knowledge and experiences and cooperative discovery for the recognition, protection, and promotion of mountain indigenous biocultural heritage

Values

Reciprocity – between network members and in relation to Mother Earth and the sacred

Diversity – biological and cultural diversity are critical to the future of mountain peoples and the planet in these times of global change

Cultural Identity - focus on indigenous mountain communities

Empowerment – of indigenous peoples to influence policy, support local implementation of policies and practices for food sovereignty, rights to resources and knowledge

Communication – for effective networking, sharing knowledge, experience, best practices, and to influence policies relevant to indigenous peoples, mountain ecosystems, smallholder farmers, environment and climate change

Objectives

1. To **establish networks** of Biocultural Heritage Territories, Community Seed Banks and support International Seed Exchanges and collaborative activities
2. To **strengthen the capacity** of indigenous mountain peoples for resilience in the face of global change by revitalizing their biocultural heritage, particularly spirituality, indigenous knowledge, practices and customary laws
3. To **exchange knowledge, information, strategies and innovations** for adaptation to global change and promote the intergenerational transmission of indigenous knowledge
4. To **advocate for policies** at the local, national and international levels that recognize and protect
 - a) the integrity of communities, biocultural heritage and the environment
 - b) the rights of mountain indigenous peoples, particularly of the role of women, youth, children and elders, based on a range of Traditional

Resource Rights, such as those included in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention 169

Priorities for 5 Years

Year 1 (May 2017 – April 2018)

1. Networking and Communication

- Launch INMIP webpage – featuring announcements, news, archives, link to members' web pages, portal on BCHT, communication platform
- Share recipes for publication of INMIP cookbook

2. Capacity Building

- Prepare Training Manual on BCHT
- Develop Case studies on BCHT – 3 or 4 (eg. Thailand, Philippines)

3. Knowledge Exchanges

- Planning and fundraising for INMIP annual exchanges in Kyrgyzstan, July 2018. Taiwan, March 2019, and a regional thematic workshop in Thailand, Oct 2018
- Call for proposals for collaborative activities among INMIP members

4. Policy Influence

- Prepare a policy brief to be presented at various policy forums
- Organize a side event at the UNFCCC COP 23 in November 2017

5. Fundraising

- Develop joint proposals for funding by potential donors
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Years 2 – 5 (May 2018 – April 2022)

1. Networking and Communication

- Maintain INMIP website
- Maintain regular communication with INMIP members on upcoming events, relevant news

2. Capacity Building

- Develop and carry out collaborative projects among members
- Develop and share training manuals, guides

3. Knowledge Exchanges

- Hold INMIP annual exchange in Kyrgyzstan, July 2018,
- Hold Regional thematic workshop in Thailand, Oct 2018
- Hold INMIP annual exchange in Taiwan, March 2019

4. Policy Influence

- Develop 1 policy paper annually for submission to international policy forums
- Develop and share declaration from each knowledge exchange
- Pilot biocultural indication (design framework, mechanisms, labels, select sites for pilot)

5. Fundraising

- Raise funds for Secretariat and annual knowledge exchanges
- Develop funding mechanism for collaborative projects among INMIP members

Operating Budget 2017

Activity	Funders	New Field Foundation	Tamalpais	Full Circle	UNOPS	Christensen Fund - IIE	Indigenous Biocultural Exchange (IBEX)
	Amount per activity						
Walking Workshop	145,000	50,000			74,000	15,000 + 2 flights Central Asia	5,000

Mountain Dialogue	9,000				9,000		
Secretariat – ANDES, Peru	79,000		50,000		29,000		
Secretariat Support IIED, UK + INMIP coordinator, Peru	87,000			50,000 (2017-2018)	37,000		
TOTAL USD	\$ 320,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 15,000 +	\$5,000

Management Plan

The INMIP Secretariat (Director and staff) will review the Strategic Plan on a quarterly basis to ensure progress is being made in relation to identified priorities. The Secretariat will update the action plan each quarter.

The INMIP membership will review and update the strategic plan annually at the annual knowledge exchange.

Action Plan

Quarter 1 (Dates: May – July 2017)					
Action to take	Related Objective		Start Date	End Date	Resources Cost, time, people
Launch INMIP website	1, 3			May	Jessica
Develop and publish Report on the INMIP Walking Workshop	3, 4		April	July	Krystyna, Jessica
Prepare and publish Cusco Declaration on website	4		April	June	Krystyna
Consult members on Strategic plan and publish on INMIP website	1		April	June	Tammy, Jessica
Video Documentation of INMIP walking workshop	3, 4			April	Lucia y Christian
Selection of edited photos from WW	3		April	May	Lucia
Develop Script and Edit Video of INMIP event	3, 4		April	July	Alejandro, Lucia, Christian
Develop BCHT Training Manual	2		April	July	Marco Arenas

<i>Send recipes, photos and information on traditional food systems for INMIP recipe book</i>	3		May	July	All INMIP members, Anne Marie, Jessica
<i>Design format and collaborative process for development of INMIP training manual</i>	3		June	July	Alejandro, Tammy, Jessica

Quarter 2 (Dates: August – October 2017)					
Action to take	Related Objective		Start Date	End Date	Resources Cost, time, people
<i>Hard copies of reports and declarations disseminated</i>	3, 4		August	December	Krystyna, Jessica
<i>Prepare press release ahead of COP 23 and publish on line</i>	4		September	October	Alejandro, Krystyna, Jessica
<i>Organize side event at COP23</i>	4		August	November	Alejandro, Jessica, Krystyna
<i>Choose sites for Case Studies on BCHT and develop format</i>	2, 3		August	October	Alejandro, Krystyna
<i>Publish short video on line</i>	3, 4			August	Lucia
<i>Fundraising for study on legal aspects of seed exchanges</i>	1, 2, 3, 4		September	November	Krystyna, Alejandro
<i>Organize recipes and photos for recipe book</i>	3		August	October	Anne Marie
<i>Preparation of training manual chapters</i>	3		August	November	All INMIP partner organizations

Quarter 3 (Dates: November 2017 – January 2018)					
Action to take	Related Objective		Start Date	End Date	Resources Cost, time, people
<i>Develop Case studies on BCHT and publish on INMIP website</i>	2, 3		November	February 2018	Krystyna, Alejandro, Tammy, Jessica

<i>Hold INMIP side event at COP23</i>	<i>4</i>			<i>November</i>	<i>Alejandro</i>
<i>Fundraising for Secretariat and annual walking workshop</i>	<i>1, 2, 3</i>				<i>Krystyna, Akylbek, Alejandro</i>
<i>Prepare and submit INMIP reports to Tamalpais, Newfield Foundation</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Tammy, Krystyna, Jessica, Carolina</i>
<i>Carry out study on legal aspects of seed exchanges</i>	<i>2, 3, 4</i>		<i>November</i>	<i>February 2018</i>	<i>Consultant (pending funding)</i>
<i>Revision of Recipe book</i>			<i>November</i>	<i>January 2018</i>	<i>Anne Marie, all INMIP members</i>
<i>Consolidation and review of INMIP training manual</i>			<i>November</i>	<i>January 2018</i>	<i>Alejandro, Tammy, Jessica</i>

Quarter 4 (Dates: February 2018 – April 2018)					
Action to take	Related Objective		Start Date	End Date	Resources Cost, time, people
<i>Carry out pilot study (pending co-funding)</i>	<i>2, 3</i>				
<i>Prepare and submit INMIP Secretariat reports</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>January</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>Krystyna, Tammy, Carolina</i>
<i>Organize annual walking workshop</i>	<i>1, 2, 3</i>		<i>January</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Akylbek, Alejandro</i>
<i>Develop funding mechanism for collaborative projects among INMIP members</i>	<i>2, 3</i>		<i>January</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>Alejandro, Krystyna</i>
<i>Editing, Layout and Publication of INMIP recipe book</i>			<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>Anne Marie, Chemuku</i>
<i>Editing Layout and Publication of INMIP training manual</i>			<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>Alejandro, Tammy, Krystyna</i>