



## Action pledge to the Nairobi Work Programme (NWP)

Name of the Project	<b>On the Frontlines of Climate Change: A global forum for indigenous peoples, small islands and vulnerable communities</b>
Overall objectives	<p>Contributing to NWP action area 5: <i>“Document, analyze and disseminate appropriate local adaptation knowledge and practices”</i> –</p> <p>UNESCO, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), the Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issue (SPFII) and the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR), will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build up a global network of community-level observations, experiences, practices and coping strategies related to climate change,</li> <li>• Provide an opportunity for communities to share and exchange their experiences with other communities;</li> <li>• Support community-based projects and activities related to climate change;</li> <li>• Reinforce international awareness of the role of local and indigenous knowledge, as well as the concerns of small island, rural and indigenous peoples and promote their inclusion in climate change debates.</li> </ul>
Project purpose	<p>Recognizing that vulnerable communities are experiencing the early impacts of global climate change, and that their opportunity to engage in international climate change debates is as yet limited, UNESCO in collaboration with the SCBD, SPFII and OHCHR will (i) operate an Internet forum and (ii) develop a global network of community-level field projects, that focus on the knowledge, strategies and experiences of rural and indigenous communities living in small islands, the Arctic, high altitude zones, desert margins and other vulnerable environments.</p> <p>The Forum and Project Network will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek grassroots observations on climate change impacts, opportunities and adaptation strategies, as a complement to scientific understandings.</li> </ul>

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Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a global Internet forum with regular postings of informative information on climate change that provide the basis for debate and exchange amongst vulnerable communities</li> <li>• Operate the Forum in at least three languages (English, French and Spanish) and take additional measures to broaden outreach and participation</li> <li>• Develop a network of community-level projects and case studies on local climate change observations and adaptation responses</li> <li>• Create a database of global grassroots observations of climate change impacts and local strategies for adaptation</li> </ul>
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthened international recognition of the key role of community-level observations, interpretations and coping strategies with respect to climate change.</li> <li>• Awareness and understanding of responses to climate change as well as to the impacts of these responses increased at the local level.</li> <li>• Community-level response to climate change reinforced through the sharing of concerns, challenges and coping strategies, on their own or with outside assistance.</li> <li>• Database of locally-nuanced and fine-grained observations and experiences at the grass-roots level created, as a complement to broader-scale and quantitative scientific data.</li> </ul>
Indicators of Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of forum and associated platform</li> <li>• Number and quality of contributions to forum debates.</li> <li>• Number and quality of community-level projects that highlight the contribution of local and indigenous knowledge related to climate change</li> <li>• Establishment of database</li> <li>• Profile of the concerns and inputs of islanders, indigenous peoples and other vulnerable communities in international climate change debates.</li> </ul>