Invitation for Collaboration

Dialogues for Collaborative Action on the Links Between Biological and Cultural Diversity

The American Museum of Natural History’s Center for Biodiversity and Conservation in collaboration with the Joint Programme between UNESCO and the Secretariat to the Convention on Biological Diversity invites you to be a part of the Dialogues for Collaborative Action on the Links Between Biological and Cultural Diversity.

The Dialogues are intended as a collaborative process between different stakeholders to foster exchange and collective impact to promote the links between biological and cultural dimensions of diversity and their role in achieving sustainable development.

A critical aspect of the Dialogues is connecting a range of actors engaged in biological and cultural diversity to form a series of different thematic ‘Action Groups’ across the globe. These groups can take many forms in structure and work process (e.g. as a single meeting or ongoing discussions) and will offer an interactive framework for collective thinking about future action, research, and policy recommendations to strengthen the integration and positive relationship between nature and culture.

The initiative presents a timely opportunity for a wide range of voices to provide inputs to key international policy processes. Key insights from the Action Groups will be synthesized into a report to inform consultations on the development of the Post-2020 arrangements for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), which put nature and culture central to the mission of the Convention. Initial outcomes will be presented at a Nature-Culture Summit during the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (CBD COP 14) in 2018.

We are looking for collaborators to form and lead Action Groups!

We encourage interested parties to begin forming groups around a topic/set of topics relating to the meaning, value, and policy/management implications of the links between biological and cultural diversity. Please reach out to Hellin Brink to register a group and receive further guidance.

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For more information, please visit:
www.amnh.org/dialoguesforaction
The Action Group on Knowledge Systems and Indicators of Wellbeing

The **Action Group on Knowledge Systems and Indicators of Wellbeing** will meet April 21-22, 2018 at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. This Action Group will contribute to the **Dialogues for Collaborative Action on the Links Between Biological and Cultural Diversity** through a cross-cutting exploration of knowledge systems and indicators of wellbeing.

Recognizing there are a number of groups around the world working on this topic, we’re interested in coordinating efforts to learn together and increase our collective impact. If you or someone you know is working on a biocultural and/or wellbeing oriented indicator set, please feel free to reach out.

For more on the Action Group on Knowledge Systems and Indicators of Wellbeing, please contact Pua’ala Pascua (CBC) at ppascua@amnh.org or Eleanor Sterling at sterling@amnh.org.