



## **INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY AT SCAN!**

### **SCAN! INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY FUND: INDIGENOUS CLIMATE ACTION**

Indigenous Climate Action (ICA) describes itself as an “Indigenous-led organization guided by a diverse group of Indigenous knowledge keepers, water protectors and land defenders from communities and regions across the country. We believe that Indigenous Peoples’ rights and knowledge systems are critical to developing solutions to the climate crisis and achieving climate justice.”

“ICA works on connecting and supporting Indigenous communities to reinforce our place as leaders driving climate change solutions for today and tomorrow. We model our work and organizational structure on systems of free, prior and informed consent and self-determination. By providing communities with knowledge and resources, we can inspire a new generation of Indigenous climate leaders building solutions centered around our inherent rights and cultures.”

Founded in 2015, ICA’s work is guided by a volunteer Steering Committee (SC) with Indigenous representatives from across Indigenous territories.

To fulfil its mission, ICA organizes Indigenous gatherings; develops resources and training sessions with a special focus on youth; amplifies the voices of grassroots actors for Indigenous Rights and climate justice; and offers direct support to Indigenous communities and land defenders engaged in the assertion of Indigenous sovereignty.

ICA plays a major role mobilizing Indigenous participation in global climate action, notably at COP27 in Egypt and in global climate action, such as at the 2022 UN conference on climate. ICA works quite closely with the U.S.-based Indigenous Environmental Network.

During 2023 ICA have increased their focus by co-hosting webinars with other climate action groups. They have also joined with Peace Brigades International and others in a campaign to abolish C-IRG, the Community-Industry Response Groups of the RCMP. This unit was formed in 2017 in anticipation of Indigenous resistance to Indigenous industrial extraction.

While focused on Indigenous Peoples, settler climate activists can learn much from ICA’s leadership, actions resources, webinars, and publications, ICA’s 2020 research report on federal climate policy, “Decolonizing Climate Policy in Canada,” has had a major influence on SCAN!’s platform, including recognition of the central role of colonialism in causing the climate crisis and of the leadership of Indigenous peoples in working towards solutions to the climate crisis.

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