

**Call for Papers of the Panel**  
**on**  
**Indigenous Knowledge for Ecological Resource Management**  
**in**

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of**  
**The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES 2008)**

The 16<sup>th</sup> International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) on **Humanity, Development and Cultural Diversity** will be held on 15-23 July 2008 in Kunming, Yunnan, China. The panel entitled **Indigenous Knowledge for Ecological Resource Management** has already been accepted by the Conference Organizers. The scholars and researchers who have interest, and enthusiastic to contribute their academic exercise to this panel, are earnestly requested to email the required information and the title of paper, abstract of the paper, and full paper to the organizers of this panel.

**The language of this panel will be English.**

**A SYNOPSIS OF THE PANEL**  
**Indigenous Knowledge for Ecological Resource Management**

It has been well recognized that ecological resource management is a valuable endeavor to provide information relating to the status and condition of ecological resources the people use those for meeting their multifarious needs. We often mistakenly formulate policies for conserving and restoring the ecological sites by ignoring the local people's skills and traditional conservation techniques. But there is no denying of the fact, that these traditionalists around the ecosystems possess more valuable indigenous wisdom to nurture the natural resources in undoubtedly effective ways. Typically, the indigenous people have own experience and knowledge to exploit their surrounding ecological resources. This knowledge is learned by themselves through the practical experiences and very often it is transmitted from one generation to the next through unwritten and oral communication. The hidden value of indigenous knowledge is yet to be explored and utilized as a sustainable development component by the academicians and development practitioners.

Being the real descendents of their habitats since long past, and nonetheless, in many places around the world, the indigenous people possess valuable traditional environmental knowledge through interacting with their proximate ecosystem. Unfortunately, however, many of such people are now repressed and exterminated by formulating discriminatory laws and policies in the name of development. They are disappearing very swiftly as the endangered species and habitats, which now requires the holistic way of ecological resource management. For that purpose what we require that we should integrate the indigenous knowledge with that of scientific venture to make the environment developed in real sense of the term. And the anthropologists should work with the natural and other social scientists along with the policy makers and development practitioners to help evolving a sustainable model for ecological resource management. Accordingly, this session invites proposals from the academicians of different disciplines, and also people from different regions of the globe, to have the diversities in ecological resource management initiatives.

## Please pay attention to the following deadlines:

1. The required information (pl see the **Form for the Paper Proposal**) and  
The abstract of your paper, before **30 October 2007**;
2. Notice of paper acceptance, before **30 December 2007**; and
3. Full and final version of paper **30 April 2008**.

## Form for the Paper Proposal

Name of Contributor	
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Title of the Topic of Presentation	

### Abstract

The abstract should clearly describe the content, major findings, methodological indication and conclusions of the proposed paper and its relationship to the topic or objectives of the session. The abstract should be no longer than **350 words** in Times New Roman, along with the paper title, key words, name, professional title, affiliation, and contact information of the author (s).

### Submission

Interested individual participants to the panel should submit their paper abstracts to the Chairperson directly and/or the Organizing Committee.

### Session/Panel Organizers

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