

## Knowledge Sharing and Policy Development



Climate change impacts our economy as much as it impacts health and wellness, food and water security, clean air and biodiversity. Fostering systems thinking and growing the capabilities of funders, leaders, and practitioners to understand the complexity of change in complex circumstances like climate change is integral to transformative change.

This Focus Area consists of building on two concepts that have already received a considerable amount of positive feedback from government, Indigenous leaders, and academic stakeholders. We aim to build a community of practice that will forward goals stated under the Paris Agreement and in many National and Sub-National Climate Change plans.

These concepts also show TRI's commitment to active reconciliation with First Nations in Canada. They are as follows:

### **Local Communities and Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Exchange**

- Example of how non-state actors can help Nations meet commitments made under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples' Platform (Paris Agreement)
- Replicable model for other State and non-State actors to follow
- Pilot designed and pending funding: Kainai First Nation in Canada and Nama Tribe in South Africa

### **Village of Hope**

#### *A process for weaving Indigenous and scientific views*

- A process for bringing Indigenous and non-Indigenous knowledge holders together in a meaningful and substantive way.
  - Considers the notion of time and the importance of food in important gatherings.
  - Concept was tested at the IPCC Cities Conference, Edmonton, Alberta 2018 and received exceptionally good feedback.
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**The Rockies Institute** (TRI) is a charitable organization based in Canada. Our mission is to grow the capacity of individuals, organizations, and communities to build their resilience to climate change by bridging the gaps between knowledge and action. With a focus on adaptation, we will achieve this through education, weaving together knowledge systems, and conducting action research. Our vision is that humans have the knowledge, will, and capacity to incorporate the risks and opportunities associated with climate change in all of their decision making.

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