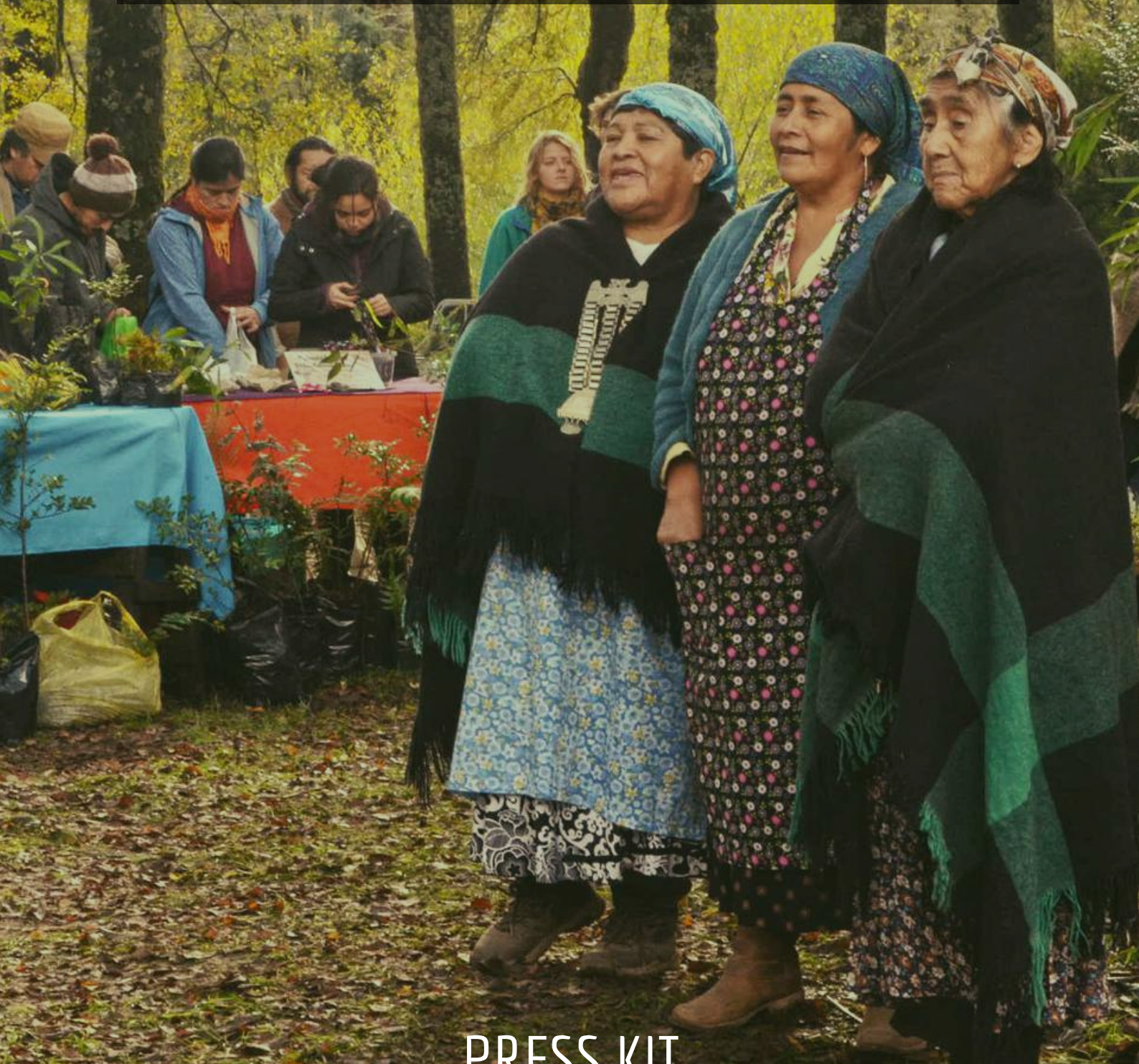


# FOSTERING COMMUNITY CONSERVATION II CONFERENCE

4-8 July, 2018 | Montreal

GLOBAL FOREST COALITION



## PRESS KIT

# 110 activists, Indigenous Peoples, and community members, 52 countries, 5 continents

## Contact info and venue

For live updates, press releases, and information about the event please follow this link:

<http://globalforestcoalition.org/fccc-2018/>

**Conference venue:** Grey Nuns Residence, 1190 Guy St, Concordia University, Montreal QC.

There is a press room at the venue where press are invited to visit for more information or to conduct interviews.

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Phone and in-person interviews can be arranged at any time - we have provided a spokespersons list, detailed program with moments for photo-opportunities in this kit. All sessions are open to press.

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CCRI Kenya. **Edna Kaptoyo/GFC**



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# About the Fostering Community Conservation Second Conference

More than 80 forest activists and Indigenous Peoples' community representatives from across the world will be in Montreal from 4 July to 8 July 2018 for the "Fostering Community Conservation II Conference," organized by the Global Forest Coalition. This conference will celebrate the immense contribution that Indigenous Peoples' and local communities make to biodiversity conservation and protecting the world's critical ecosystems. This conference is a follow up to a similar conference that took place in 2015 in Durban, South Africa.

The conference will take place in parallel to the official meeting of

the [United Nations Convention of Biodiversity's Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice \(SBSTTA\)](#) in Montreal, which will deliberate global biodiversity conservation policies from 2 July to 8 July 2018.

Increasingly, mainstream conservation policies have a people problem. They are giving more importance to 'people less' models of conservation such as national parks or protected areas rather than community conservation initiatives. Often, these people less conservation models displace and marginalize forest communities and Indigenous Peoples that live in these ecosystems. But there is a

growing body of scientific evidence that forest communities are the real conservation heroes. Their efforts are often more cost efficient and effective than government protected areas. When Indigenous Peoples and local community's rights over their territories are enforced, then biodiversity in their territories is often much better conserved. The Fostering Community Conservation II Conference will emphasize exactly this point. It will showcase the wonderful conservation efforts of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and women on the ground.

The conference will open on the 4 July 2018 at 19:00 with an opening party that includes short speeches by key actors in biodiversity conservation, including a Mohawk elder and other Indigenous Peoples' representatives, and cultural performances. Press are encouraged to attend. We have provided a detailed program with information about sessions.



# About the Community Conservation Resilience Initiative: Conservation by Communities, for Communities

This conference is the result of the Community Conservation Resilience Initiative (CCRI, a joint effort of the Global Forest Coalition in collaboration with a large number of Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations and institutions. CCRI's aim is to provide policy advice on effective and appropriate forms of support for biodiversity conservation and restoration initiatives by Indigenous Peoples, local communities and women, including as a contribution to the

implementation of the UN CBD's 2011-2020 Strategic Plan.

Since 2014, the CCRI has documented the findings of bottom-up, participatory assessments on the resilience of community conservation initiatives in 22 countries: Chile, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, India, Iran, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Nepal, Panama, Paraguay, Russia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South

Africa, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Tanzania and Uganda. The global report and country reports of the first 10 assessments were launched in 2015. The others are being launched between February and June 2018. They can be accessed here:

<https://globalforestcoalition.org/category/supporting-community-conservation/>

## About the Global Forest Coalition

The Global Forest Coalition (GFC) is an international coalition of grassroots NGOs and Indigenous Peoples' Organizations defending social justice and the rights of forest peoples in forest policies. The GFC has more than 94 member organizations in 62 countries. It has staff working from 12 countries and offices located in Asuncion, Paraguay and Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The mission of the Global Forest Coalition is to reduce poverty amongst, and avoid impoverishment of, Indigenous Peoples and other forest-dependent peoples, by advocating for their rights as a basis for forest policy and addressing the direct and underlying causes of deforestation and forest degradation.

For more information visit GFC's website:

<http://globalforestcoalition.org/>

# Fostering Community Conservation: 2nd Conference Programme

## Wednesday, 4 July

### 1800-1845 - Press Conference

#### 19:00 - 22:00 - Opening Ceremony – photo opportunity

A socio-cultural event where the voices of 15 community activists from around the world will come together and show inspiring examples of community biodiversity restoration and conservation initiatives, demonstrating that life is not for sale. Their voices will interweave with the drums, poetry, dance and singing of five Montreal-based artists. This inspiring event will set the tone of the Fostering Community Conservation II Conference.

The event will start with a Mystica led by Patrick Meunier, and speakers will include Diego Cardona, Chairperson of the Global Forest Coalition, Melissa Mollen Dupuis (Idle No More / Suzuki Foundation), Nana Künkel from IKI/German Government representative and a dozen of community leaders from all continents and cultures. Artists will include: Patrick Meunier, Greg Selinger (Bboy Krypto), Maritza Grégoire, Jacqueline van de Geer, Claudia Bernal and Elena Stoodley.

The session will also commemorate the life of Wally Menne, an organizer of the first Fostering Community Conservation Conference, which took place in 2015 in Durban, South Africa.

Snacks and drinks will be provided during the event, and there will be a brief poster exhibition. CCRI participants will be available for 20 minutes to answer questions.

## Thursday, 5 July

**Facilitator:** Estebancio Castro

#### 16:00 - 16:15 - Mystica led by participants from Africa - photo opportunity

#### 16:15 - 16:45 - Session 1: Looking at official UN biodiversity conservation policies: Introduction to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, Sustainable Development Goals and looking beyond to the post-2020 biodiversity framework

- Holly Jonas (GFC/Indigenous and community conserved areas (ICCA) Consortium): Convention on Biological Diversity and the Strategic Plan 2011-2020
- Mrinalini Rai (GFC): Community conservation and the inter-linkages between the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals

#### 16:45 - 17:30 - Session 2: Contributions of Community Conservation to achieving the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Targets

- Mabel Agba (The Development Institute, Ghana): The Opportunities and challenges of integrating community conservation in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans for Biodiversity 2011-

- 2020 in Ghana, and the challenges of mainstreaming conservation in the extractive industry sectors
- Taghi Farvar (ICCA Consortium, Cenesta & UNINOMAD, Iran): On the contributions of community conservation and ICCAs and related traditional knowledge to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in particular to Aichi Targets 11 & 18

**17:30 - 18:30 - Session 3: Painting our Dreams - photo opportunity**

All participants will be invited to paint their dreams for the future of biodiversity on the blank side of their conference bag.

## Friday, 6 July

**Facilitators:** Isis Alvarez and Jeanette Sequeira

**16:00 – 16:15: Mystica led by participants from Latin America (Irla Vargas) - photo opportunity**

**16:15 – 16:45 - Session 4: CBD's Gender Plan of Action and the contributions of women in community conservation**

- Tanya McGregor (Programme Officer Gender, SCBD): On strategies to develop a gendered approach to biodiversity policy, on the key role of women in community conservation and the mainstreaming of CBD's Gender Plan of Action
- Lucy Mullenkei (Indigenous Information Network, CCRI Kenya): On good practices and the way forward for the integration of gender and indigenous' women's traditional knowledge and practices into the work of biodiversity conservation, taking into account the CCRI outcomes in Kenya

**16:45 – 17:45 - Session 5: Gender Skill Share**

Participants will break into regional groups to identify the main actions and issues to focus on as far as gender and biodiversity are concerned. Results from the discussions will be summarised into a set of recommendations.

## Saturday, 7 July

**Facilitator:** David Kureeba

**09:30 – 9:45 - Mystica led by participants from Central Asia and Eastern Europe - photo opportunity**

**09:45 – 12:00 - Session 6: Community Conservation Resilience Initiative (CCRI) case studies analysing outcomes, including threats to community's livelihoods and customary sustainable use and present steps to operationalise some key recommendations (Part I)**

- Dil Raj Khanal (FECOFUN, CCRI Nepal): on the threats of protected areas to community conservation in Nepal
- Nicolas Mukumo Mushumbi, (PIDP, CCRI DRC): on the impacts of illegal logging and mining and the violations of the rights of indigenous peoples in DRC
- Ramesh Bhatti and Souparna Lahiri (Sahjeevan, CCRI India): on the problems of tree plantations impacting community livelihoods in India
- Perla Alvarez Brites (CONAMURI, CCRI Paraguay): on the impacts of unsustainable livestock and feedstock production in Paraguay
- Mary Lou Malig (Global Forest Coalition): on the implications of international trade agreements and livestock
- Simone Lovera (Global Forest Coalition): other key threats and challenges to community conservation identified by the CCRI

**12:00 - 13:00 - Session 7: A Peoples' Pathway for Biodiversity: Group work and report back/plenary**

In parallel regional meetings, participants will discuss a People's Pathway for 2030, which could be a collection of recommendations for the CBD negotiators to fully incorporate community conservation, and effective measures to address the threats to community conservation into the CBD future Strategic Plan. Participants will define how this collective vision responds to the realities they are facing, and identify strategies and actions to be developed at community level and globally.

**13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30 - Session 7: A Peoples' Pathway for Biodiversity: Group work and report back/plenary (continued)**

**15:30 - 16:30 - Session 8: Reporting back through playback theatre**

Participants will report back on the discussions and proposals debated in plenary using playback theatre. Spontaneous, non-judgemental, and respectful, playback is an improvisational form of theatre where members of the audience tell their stories, share their goals and dreams, and actors play them back on the spot through improvisation. With the participation of the Montreal-based Promito Playback company and its artists: Koudia Guéniot, Julian Duarte, Veronika Kisfalvi, Kens Mukendi, and playback conductor Élisabeth Couture.

**17:00 - 19:00 - Session 9: Forest restoration documentary film - photo opportunity**

Presentation of "the Call of the Forests: The Forgotten Wisdom of Trees," with introductory remarks by the film's main producer, Diana Beresford-Kroeger. This is an inspiring film about the power of community forest restoration.

**Sunday, 8 July**

**Facilitators:** Swati Shresth, Diego Cardona, and Andrey Laletin

**09:30 - 9:45 - Mystica led by participants from the Asia and Pacific region - photo opportunity**

**09:45 – 12:00 - Session 10: Community Conservation Resilience Initiative (CCRI) case studies analysing outcomes, including legal reviews and presenting steps to operationalise some key recommendations (Part II)**

- The 2nd Community Conservation Resilience (CCRI) Global Report 2018
- Fernando Salazar Ferreira and Diego Cardona (Colectivo de Reservas Campesinas y Comunitarias de Santander/ Fundaexpresion, CCRI Colombia): On the impacts of armed conflict on the lives of indigenous communities and their territories and the resistance strategies of Colombian communities
- Gordon John Thomas (PACOS Trust, CCRI Malaysia): On the strategies for strengthening traditional knowledge and the rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Anna Kirilenko (BIOM, CCRI Kyrgyz Republic): On the results of the legal review carried out through the CCRI in Kyrgyzstan

**12:00 – 12:30 - Theatre performance by Helena Paul showing the importance of biodiversity for human life - photo opportunity**

**12:30 - 13:30 - Lunch**

**13:30 – 15:00 - Session 11: Multi-actor dialogue leaving no one behind: Community rights and biodiversity conservation post-2020**

- Presentation of the Peoples' Pathway for Biodiversity by the drafting group
- Mundita Lim, CBD SBSTTA Chair and Executive Director of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Philippines
- Andreas Obrecht, Programme Management Officer (Biodiversity), Law Division, UN Environment
- Edna Kaptoyo, coordinator, International Alliance of Tribal and Indigenous Peoples of the Tropical Forest, Kenya
- Claudia Ituarte-Lima, researcher at the Stockholm Resilience Centre and Advisor at SwedBio
- Leel Randeni, Government of Sri Lanka
- Chief Constant Awashish, Grand Chief of Atikamekw Nation
- Aydah Vahia, coordinator, Network of Indigenous Peoples of the Solomon Islands

**15:00 – 15:30 - Session 11: Closing Session**

- John Scott (Senior Programme Officer - Traditional Knowledge, Secretariat to the Convention on Biological Diversity): The positioning of IPLCs, and a Rapprochement of Nature and Cultures in the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework: Reimagining Conservation
- Diego Cardona, GFC chairperson

**17:00 - 21:00 - Session 12: Closing Event - **photo opportunity****

The closing event will take place on the Narvark's Archipel, the ship that will bring participants down the Saint-Lawrence River accompanied by the traditional Cuban music of the Yoel Díaz Cuban Quintet. Diaz is a brilliant Cuban author and composer, whose music and pianistic style reflect the immensity of his cultural heritage. Snacks and drinks will be served.

**Keynote speeches by:**

- Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Vice-Chair, Global Forest Coalition and AFPAT, Chad: Rights and Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples as a Basis for Conservation.
- Professor Hamdallah Zedan, National Focal Point, Egyptian Presidency to the 14th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity: Community conservation in Africa and the Road to CBD COP14.



# Available for Interviews in Montreal

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Expertise: Indigenous land rights in Colombia, climate change, REDD+, Market based conservation models, forest policies, UN CBD

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Expertise: Free trade, climate. Political scientist (international political economy and social movements), has been working with multi-sector social coalitions and networks in Quebec and at the international level for nearly 25 years.

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Expertise: International forest policies, Convention of Biodiversity (CBD), Carbon offsets, REDD, Indigenous rights; International environmental law, Women and biodiversity; Payments for environmental services; Market-based conservation mechanisms; Biofuels.

## **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**

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Organization: Indigenous woman from a Mbororo pastoralist community of Chad, Board Member of Global Forest coalition, co-chair of the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change.

Languages: French, English and Arabic and her mother tongue Fulfulde.

Expertise: Indigenous Peoples on Climate Change, traditional knowledge and the adaptation of pastoralists in Africa, women and climate change in Africa, Policy Board Member of the United Nations-Indigenous Peoples Partnership (UNIPP).

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Organization: president of NGO Forest

Observatory Morocco

Languages: French

Expertise: Sustainable land use practices, traditional ethnobotanical knowledge, plant and habitat conservation status, the impacts of climate change, and High Atlas ecology and flora amongst others.

## **Grazia Borrini Feyerabend**

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Organization: global coordinator of the International consortium on Indigenous Peoples' territories and Community Conserved Areas (ICCA Consortium)

Languages: French, English, Italian, Spanish

Expertise: Community rights, policy and practice of conservation of nature, politics of national parks, protected areas, has developed progressive conservation policies in major international initiatives like the World Parks Congress (2003, 2014). In 2014, has been awarded the Fred Packard International Parks Merit Award.

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Languages: English

Expertise: More than 20 years of being involved in forest movements and policies in India, politics of national parks and conservation in India, climate change policies and implementation in India like REDD +, dams in India, forest communities in India.

**Aydah Vahia Akao**

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Organization: Network of Indigenous Peoples in the Solomon Islands.

Languages: English

Expertise: Well-known campaigner for the rights of Indigenous Peoples, women, and Pacific Peoples; International biodiversity policies, community biodiversity conservation practices, traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples of Pacific Islands.

**Taghi Farvar**

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Organization: Chairperson, ICCA Consortium, Director, CENESTA (Centre for Sustainable Development), member of a Shahsevan indigenous tribe of Iran

Languages: French, English, Spanish, Farsi

Expertise: Interdisciplinary scientist and activist leader for the conservation of nature and the customary rights of indigenous peoples and traditional communities. Iranian founding Member of the ICCA Consortium.

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Languages: French, English

Expertise: Director of Amis de la Terre-Togo and Executive Committee member of Friends of the Earth International. More than 10 years' experience in national and international biodiversity policies and community conservation.

# Photo-essays on community conservation

## **Peasants and Afro-Descendants Preserve Mother Earth in Colombia**

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/multimedia/Peasants-and-Afro-Descendants-Preserve-Mother-Earth-in-Colombia-20180422-0028.html>

## **Community conservation is vital to biodiversity, security for Indigenous Peoples of Kenya**

<https://intercontinentalcry.org/community-conservation-vital-biodiversity-security-indigenous-peoples-kenya/>

## **Indigenous and Rural Women Conserve Mother Earth and Empower Their Communities**

<http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/43778-indigenous-and-rural-women-conserve-mother-earth-and-empower-their-communities>

## **Mapuche Play Key Role Protecting Chile's Environment**

<http://wp.telesurtv.net/english/multimedia/Indigenous-Mapuche-Play-Key-Role-Protecting-Chiles-Environment-20170604-0014.html>

## **How indigenous nomadic pastoralists in Iran are using GIS maps to defend and conserve their territories**

<https://intercontinentalcry.org/indigenous-nomadic-pastoralists-iran-gis-mapsconserve/>

## **Indigenous communities are at the heart of conserving biodiversity and protecting mother earth**

<https://intercontinentalcry.org/indigenous-communities-heart-conservingbiodiversity-protecting-mother-earth/>

# Past press releases on community conservation

## **Indigenous communities urge governments to support their biodiversity conservation initiatives**

<http://globalforestcoalition.org/indigenous-communities-urge-governments-support-biodiversity-conservation-initiatives/>

## **Indigenous peoples and communities are key to mainstreaming biodiversity, highlights new report on Earth Day**

<https://globalforestcoalition.org/mainstreaming-biodiversity-on-earth-day/>

## **Indigenous and Local Communities launch crucial report to help governments appropriately recognize and support community conservation**

<https://globalforestcoalition.org/exciting-news-from-the-community-conservation-resilience-initiative-ccri/>

## **Community Conservation Conference Brings Real Forest Heroes Together**

<https://globalforestcoalition.org/real-forest-heroes/>

