

## Indigenous Peoples organisations related to World Water Week 2024



Also listed are NGOs and Governmental organisations in strong partnerships with Indigenous Peoples.

The brief presentations are excerpted from their mission statements found on their web pages.

This list can be found in html or PDF version at QR-code or here:

<https://sameforeningen-stockholm.se/indigenous-peoples-organisations-related-to-world-water-week-2024>

### Stockholm Sámi Association

The association is involved in various international forums, including NAISA, to exchange knowledge and strategies for protecting indigenous lands and cultures. Founded 1947.

<https://sameforeningen-stockholm.se/>

### Sáminuorra

The Sámi youth organisation on Swedish side of Sápmi:  
Sáminuorra is engaged in Sámi, national and international politics and advances the interests of our members, creates meeting places for the youth of the Sámi people and works to create the best possible conditions for the future.

<http://www.saminuorra.org/who-are-saminuorra/>

### Swedish Sámi National Federation

The organization aims to protect and promote the Swedish Sámi's interests, focusing on the sustainability and development of reindeer herding and related activities. It is a research partner on various environmental topics.

<https://www.sapmi.se/>

### Saami Council

Since it was founded in 1956 the Saami Council has actively dealt with Saami policy tasks, focused on the Arctic region.  
It is involved in water related development aid with Indigenous Peoples on solidarity basis outside of Swedish governmental channel.

<https://www.saamicouncil.net/en/home/>

### Caldwell First Nation

Caldwell First Nation will exercise its responsibility to use, possess, and protect the air, waters, lands and resources as it has from time immemorial. According to customs, people continue to work in harmony with Mother Earth to preserve, protect, harvest, hunt and fish from the wealth of her resources. That respect continues today.

<https://www.caldwellfirstnation.ca/>

### Carcross Tagish First Nation

The Carcross/Tagish First Nation is mandated to protect the environment, health, education and aboriginal rights of our Citizens; to continue to preserve and protect our culture, traditions, and languages; to protect and develop our natural resources and strengthen our economy and the Carcross/Tagish First Nation government for our future generations.

<https://www.ctfn.ca/>

### Center of Indigenous Environmental Resources

Canada's first Indigenous-directed environmental non-profit charitable organization.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/centre-for-indigenous-environmental-resources-cier/>

### Colorado River Indian Tribes

The Colorado River Indian Tribes include four distinct Tribes - the Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi and Navajo. There are currently about 4,277 active Tribal members.

<https://www.crit-nsn.gov/>

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### How We Walk With the Land & Water

For headwaters-based First Nations and non-First Nations people alike, this land relationship plan represents a relational worldview that is rooted in an understanding of history, relationship, sharing, and reciprocity to ensure the enduring well-being of both the land and water.

<https://www.howwewalk.org/>

### Indigenous Elders and Youth Council - Six Nations

The Six Nations of the Grand River unifies all Haudenosaunee peoples under the Great Tree of Peace. We are currently the only First Nation community that includes all six Haudenosaunee nations. Located along the banks of the Grand River, the Six Nations of the Grand River is the most populous First Nation in Canada.

<https://www.sixnations.ca/>

### Indigenous Science

Indigenous science is a distinct, time-tested, and methodological knowledge system that can enhance and complement western science. Indigenous science is about the knowledge of the environment and knowledge of the ecosystem that Indigenous Peoples have.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/science-technology/indigenous-science.html>

### Indigenous Women's Leadership Network

To support current and future leaders within the Colorado River Basin in protecting our communities and environment through relationship building, the exchange of information, and development of leadership and other professional skills.

<https://www.iwln.org/>

### Jicarilla Apache Nation- Water Commission

By virtue of our sovereign rights as an Indian tribe and pursuant to the authorities conferred by the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat. 984), desiring to assume more responsibility for our own well-being, to protect the land and resources of our Tribe for ourselves and our children, and to work with the Government of the United States in administering the affairs of our Tribe, adopt the constitution, as amended.

<https://jicarillaoga.com/>

### Pakkiru

PAKKIRU represents the 16 communes, towns and Kichwa associations of the Pastaza Province. Through the Governing Council, we seek to continue with the Kawsak Sacha "Living Forest" proposal to ensure true protection of our territory, as well as the continuity of cultural practices and good living in our communities.

<https://pakkiru.org/>

### The Blackfoot Youth Water Council of University of Calgary and Waterlution

The Youth Water Council, a group of 10 rural teen 4-H members from Alberta, took on the challenge of raising awareness of temporary water diversion licenses and their importance. The Council learned about temporary diversion licences or TDLs from experts and landowners, and then planned and created a video and infographics to raise awareness.

<https://youthwatercouncil.com/>

### Tó Nizhóní Ání

Tó Nizhóní Ání was organized to protect the water source of Black Mesa from Industry use and waste. Our goal is to bring power back to our Indigenous communities impacted by coal while maintaining a balanced environment with the elements of life – water, land, air and sunlight. Tó bee iiná. Water is life.

<https://tonizhoniani.org/>

## NGOs and Governmental organisations related to Indigenous Peoples organisations listed above

### **Australian Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Water Interests**

The Committee was established in 2020 and is led by a membership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with extensive expertise across western and Cultural water rights and interests, water science and management, and water policy and planning.

<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/water/policy/first-nations/cawi>

### **Oxfam**

Oxfam in Cambodia is working towards a future where Cambodians, especially women and youth are empowered to hold government and others with power to account so that they can build a resilient society free from poverty and injustice

<https://cambodia.oxfam.org/what-we-do>

### **Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Water**

Traditional Owners share an ancestral connection to Australia's river systems. This is part of their cultural identity. As custodians of the land, they continue to care for Australia's water resources. Water plays an important role in storytelling and learning. This helps to continue the spiritual relationship with Country.

<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/>

### **Stockholm International Water Institute**

For millennia, Indigenous Peoples have developed strong relationships with water. As first-hand water managers, they have played a critical role in caring for and protecting lakes, rivers and seas. It is only in recent years that their expertise has been increasingly acknowledged by the global community.

<https://siwi.org/latest/first-nations-focus-at-world-water-week/>

### **DigDeep**

We believe that every person in the U.S. has a right to clean, running water.

We plan water projects that are locally-led, leveraging the unique experiences and resources of the communities they serve

<https://www.digdeep.org>

### **The Nature Conservancy**

Grounded by decades of local on-the-ground experience, we maximize our ability to affect change by bringing together real-world solutions, policy expertise, sustainable financing and collaborative partnerships.

<https://www.nature.org>

### **One Drop Foundation**

Honouring water and culture in Canada

Many Indigenous communities are being disproportionately affected by water issues. Recognizing this injustice, One Drop is dedicated to establishing relationships with Indigenous communities and co-creating programs that focus on water-related issues and equal opportunities to safe water access

<https://www.onedrop.org/en/>

### **The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center**

We tackle key water policy and management issues, empower informed decision-making, and enrich understanding through engagement, education, and applied research.

<https://wrrc.arizona.edu/>