



Coordinator Indigenous engagement, Adaptation Futures 2023 Conference

The Adaptation Futures conference ([AF2023](#)) will be held in Montreal in October 2023, hosted by the Canadian consortium on climate change, Ouranos. One of AF2023's strategic objectives is to "Learn from Indigenous, local knowledge and voices in climate change adaptation research, policies, practices and actions around the world". **AF2023 organizers seek to hire an Indigenous Peoples coordinator (or a firm) to ensure this objective is fully and meaningfully achieved.**

About the Conference

The Adaptation Futures Conference series is the premier international conference devoted entirely to climate change adaptation, bringing together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, industry representatives and other relevant adaptation actors to present their work on adaptation, discuss emerging issues, learn what others are doing, and build networks. This biennial conference is the flagship event of the [World Adaptation Science Programme](#), and one of the four components of the World Climate Programme.

Adaptation Futures 2023 will take place in Montreal, Canada, October 2 to 6, 2023 with a hybrid format to allow online participation. Having Adaptation Futures in Montreal is an opportunity to showcase Canada's leadership in sustaining the momentum on adaptation action at a global scale. Given the importance of Indigenous Peoples, including their rights, governance, and knowledge systems, in climate change adaptation efforts around the world, it is important this is appropriately profiled and considered in all aspects of the conference. Representatives of Indigenous Peoples from across the country and internationally will be invited to share their perspectives, knowledge systems, and solutions, while potentially benefitting from new knowledge, collaborations, and partnerships in adaptation.

AF2023 is therefore looking for an Indigenous Peoples' coordinator or small team to oversee these important aspects of the conference, serving as an active member of the Organizing Committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Coordinator/firm will serve on the AF2023 Organizing Committee to ensure that Indigenous Peoples, including their rights, governance, and knowledge systems, are well integrated and represented in AF2023 program and logistics. This will include:

- Working with Indigenous partners and advisors to develop a dedicated program of conference sessions (in close relation with Scientific Committee), parallel events, and social activities uplifting Indigenous Peoples within in climate change adaptation;
- Suggesting and organizing Indigenous speakers for plenary or parallel sessions;
- Providing guidance on appropriate Indigenous protocols and practices to integrate in AF2023;
- Conducting targeted outreach to Indigenous Peoples and networks across Canada and the rest of the world to build awareness of and interest in AF2023;
- Serving as the first point of contact on Indigenous issues for AF2023, responding to requests for information.



Skills and Experience

- Expertise in Indigenous Peoples, their rights, governance, and knowledge systems, and adaptation to climate change
- Extensive experience in working in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, networks, organizations, and communities
- Strong knowledge of Indigenous Peoples within Canada, as well as an understanding of Indigenous Peoples around the globe
- Knowledge of international Indigenous climate change adaptation initiatives
- Strong, interpersonal, negotiation and influencing skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Excellent verbal, written communication and presentation skills
- Proven ability to identify, propose, plan and implement projects
- Experience in working with international organizations an asset
- Fluency in English. Proficiency in French is an advantage.

Length of the contract: ASAP – November 30, 2023

Salary: around 100 000 \$

Send your application to af2023@jpdj.com with the subject “Coordinator Indigenous perspectives at Adaptation Futures 2023”.

About Ouranos

[Ouranos](#) is a consortium on regional climatology based in Montreal, Quebec, with a mission to acquire and develop knowledge on climate change and its impacts, as well as relevant socio-economic and environmental vulnerabilities. Our objective is to help policy-makers identify, evaluate, promote and implement national, regional and local adaptation strategies.