



Global Gathering on Knowledge, Wisdom, and Ways of Knowing

12th World Wilderness Congress

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Early Call for Participation and Save-the-Date

August 25-31, 2024 – Rapid City, South Dakota, U.S.A

Response Requested by November 24, 2023

Greetings from the organizers of the **WILD12 Global Gathering on Knowledge, Wisdom, and Ways of Knowing**, which aims to bring people together from diverse cultures, societies, and regions to discuss wilderness stewardship issues from around the globe.

The Congress host is the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation and on behalf of the Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Lakota Council Fires. The choice of host and location is based on an invitation issued by Phil Two Eagle, the Executive Director of the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council, who expressed a desire to bring the world to the Lakota homelands to “witness what is happening to the land and to listen to it speak.”

You are invited to help us identify key themes for the Global Gathering on Knowledge, Wisdom, and Ways of Knowing to elevate the wilderness conservation work of all cultures and from all the world regions. Please provide us with topics you would like to discuss – current topics already under consideration aim to address key themes from the Congress and include the benefits of wilderness in a climate-driven world, protecting and restoring wilderness, expanding local and global support for the wild, financing wilderness conservation, and the scientific, cultural, and social dimensions of wilderness from Indigenous lenses. We also want to hear what types of formats you would like to participate in at the gathering (e.g., presentations, panel discussions, deep dialogue sessions, posters, and other opportunities for sharing), and whether you would be interested in contributing a paper to a proceedings publication. **We request your input and expression of interest by November 24, 2023. Please submit your ideas here: [12th World Wilderness Congress](http://www.wild12.org).**

A full call for abstracts will be issued in December 2023, along with details about early-bird registration and opportunities for travel scholarships. Plan to join us in the Black Hills of South Dakota in 2024! Please feel free to share this announcement with colleagues and others committed to wilderness stewardship and science.

Thank you!

