



# Cultivation, Innovation, and Inheritance :

## Global Vision on Indigenous Studies and National Development

The 6th International Conference on Indigenous Development and Social Work: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the College of Indigenous Studies, National Dong Hwa University

## 【Call for Papers】

### Conference Themes

- 1 Education and Culture
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#### Dates

November 12 (Thursday) –  
November 14 (Saturday), 2026

#### Venue

College of Indigenous Studies,  
National Dong Hwa University  
(No. 1, Sec. 2, University Road,  
Shoufeng Township,  
Hualien County, Taiwan)

#### Abstract Submission Deadline

August 31, 2026.

Advising Authority Council of Indigenous Peoples, Taiwan

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#### **I. Introduction**

Since the beginning of the twenty-first century, Indigenous peoples worldwide have experienced profound social, political, economic, and environmental transformations. Under the influences of globalization, climate change, digital technological advancement, and evolving systems of governance, Indigenous peoples have continued to pursue cultural continuity, language revitalization, and self-determination while actively engaging in public affairs, knowledge production, and sustainable development initiatives. These efforts demonstrate the diversity and dynamism of contemporary Indigeneity and its growing global interconnectedness.

From land and natural resource governance, education and cultural preservation, health and social welfare, to technological innovation and digital sovereignty, Indigenous issues have become central to contemporary national development and global governance.

#### **II. Conference Information**

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### **III. Conference Themes**

The conference is organized around five major themes: Education and Culture, Social Welfare, Economic Development, Public Infrastructure, and Land Governance. We welcome submissions addressing, but not limited to, the following cross-cutting topics

#### **1. Education and Culture**

Education and culture constitute the foundation of Indigenous knowledge transmission, cultural continuity, and identity formation. In an era characterized by globalization and digital transformation, Indigenous communities face challenges such as language loss, the marginalization of Indigenous knowledge systems, and the preservation of cultural heritage. At the same time, new opportunities for cultural revitalization and knowledge innovation continue to emerge. This theme explores Indigenous educational policies, cultural preservation and transmission, language revitalization, multicultural education, and digital learning, with particular attention to how education contributes to cultural sustainability and community development.

- Suggested Topics Include:
- Indigenous Languages and Language Policies
- Indigenous Education and Cultural Heritage
- Global Indigenous Communications
- Traditional Knowledge and Local Knowledge Systems
- Digital Technology and Cultural Preservation
- Indigenous Youth Empowerment and Cultural Transmission
- Indigenous Higher Education and International Exchange

## **2. Social Welfare**

Indigenous well-being encompasses health, caregiving, social security, community development, and social justice. As Indigenous communities confront challenges such as population aging, health inequities, social exclusion, and historical trauma, the development of culturally appropriate welfare systems and service models has become a shared global concern. This theme examines the relationships among governance, social policy, and Indigenous well-being, highlighting practices of cultural safety, health equity, and community resilience.

- Suggested Topics Include:
- Public Governance and Indigenous Well-being
- Indigenous Recovery and Resilience
- Cultural Safety and Health Care
- Indigenous Health Inequalities and the Right to Health
- Long-Term Care and Aging Well-being
- Social Work and Indigenous Services
- Indigenous Child, Youth, Women, and Family Welfare
- Community Development and Social Capital
- Historical Trauma, Transitional Justice, and Healing Practices

## **3. Economic Development**

Within the context of global markets and sustainable development, Indigenous economic development extends beyond issues of employment and industry to encompass cultural values, resource governance, and self-determined development. Promoting community revitalization, social enterprises, and innovative industries while maintaining cultural identity and ecological sustainability has become a critical challenge. This theme focuses on Indigenous economic self-determination, cultural industries, entrepreneurship, and Indigenous participation in global economic networks.

- Suggested Topics Include:
- Global Indigeneity and Economic Development

- Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Resources
- Indigenous Traditional Economies and Modern Industries
- Community Revitalization and Local Economies
- Indigenous Tourism and Cultural Industries
- Social Enterprises and Cooperative Economies
- Digital Economies and Smart Indigenous Communities
- Livelihood Transformation and Resilience under Climate Change

#### **4. Public Infrastructure**

Public infrastructure plays a vital role in promoting sustainable development and enhancing quality of life in Indigenous regions. Infrastructure planning often involves issues of resource allocation, public participation, cultural sensitivity, and environmental sustainability. This theme investigates the relationship between governance and Indigenous participation, emphasizing infrastructure development that respects cultural rights, ecological conservation, and local needs while examining the impacts of smart technologies and digital transformation on Indigenous societies.

- Suggested Topics Include:
- Technology and Indigenous Sovereignty
- Smart Indigenous Communities and Digital Infrastructure
- Accessibility of Transportation, Health Care, and Education
- Disaster Governance and Climate Adaptation
- Indigenous Participatory Planning
- Energy Transition and Sustainable Development
- Infrastructure Development and Cultural Landscape Preservation

#### **5. Land Governance**

Land is not only fundamental to Indigenous livelihoods and development but also embodies cultural memory, historical experience, and collective identity. Amid climate change, resource

extraction, and changing governance regimes, land governance has become a critical issue for Indigenous rights and sustainable futures. This theme focuses on land rights, resource governance, environmental justice, and self-determination, exploring approaches to land management that integrate cultural values, ecological sustainability, and effective governance.

- Suggested Topics Include:
- Traditional Territories and Indigenous Land Rights
- Natural Resource Governance and Co-management Mechanisms
- Climate Change and Environmental Justice
- Indigenous Knowledge and Ecological Governance
- Land, Memory, and Indigenous Storytelling
- Indigenous Self-Governance and Nation Development

#### IV. Submission Guidelines

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** August 31, 2026.
- **Abstract Length:** Maximum 250 words.
- **Submission Format:** Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or PDF (.pdf) format.
- **Submission Portal:** <https://forms.gle/xKveQwQEESQEchJm9>
- **Notification of Acceptance:** September 14, 2026 (Authors will be notified by email.)

#### V. Contact Information

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