

**ICIN** Indigenous  
Carbon  
Industry  
Network

# National Indigenous Carbon Forum

**Program**

16-17 May 2023

**Online Event**  
[www.icin.org.au](http://www.icin.org.au)

**Date:** 16-17 May 2023, 10:00am - 3:30pm ACST

**Venue:** ONLINE via Zoom

## **Aim**

To provide a focus for discussions and knowledge sharing about the Indigenous carbon industry, carbon market updates, putting a spotlight on Indigenous rights and interests in carbon as well as explore emerging opportunities for Indigenous land and sea managers through new carbon accounting methods.

## **Summary**

The **National Indigenous Carbon Forum** will now be held online. Attendance will be limited to First Nations people, representatives of Indigenous organisations and invited guests. It will support a safe space to talk about issues impacting the Indigenous carbon industry and how to enable greater participation of Indigenous groups in the carbon industry.

## **Theme:**

*Exploring  
Opportunities,*

*Defining  
Our Rights*

# Welcome

Thank you for joining us for what promises to be very important discussions of urgent issues facing the Indigenous carbon industry informed by policy-makers and scientists working in the carbon space. Although we were unable to make an in-person event happen due to a range of unforeseen events, we hope that the online format makes it easy for you to participate.

This year, we decided to make the online event exclusive to Indigenous groups and First Nations people. This is because we are aware that there are many sensitive issues to discuss, that deserve their own dedicated Indigenous space. We encourage you to participate as fully as possible in discussions and to connect with other Indigenous groups to share your experiences.

The carbon economy is a fast-moving, new space and with that comes both opportunities and risks for Traditional Owners. This forum will enable you to directly inform decision-makers directly of your experiences in the carbon industry, and to inform the upcoming Carbon Farming Forum hosted by the Carbon Market Institute on 22 May.

The forum will be asked to draft a Statement outlining your key messages which we can publish and present to the broader industry at the Carbon Market Institute.

We are grateful to our Sponsors and to the members of the Event Working Group for their critical support for the event, and to our 26 member organisations for their contributions.

## Anna, Amy and Sherie

on behalf of the ICIN Board of Directors: Cissy Gore-Birch, Dean Yibarbuk, Neville Gulay Gulay, Tyronne Garstone, Teddy Bernard and Joanne Nelson.

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# Acknowledgement of Country

ICIN acknowledges that we live and work on land that always was and always will be Aboriginal land. We pay our respect to the past and present Elders of the many countries of Australia

## About the Facilitator



**Carol Vale** MC and Facilitator

Carol Vale is a Dunghutti woman, Social Planner and Aboriginal Strategist. She has significant experience as a facilitator, social researcher and policy analyst with expertise in Aboriginal issues, public policy and stakeholder engagement across a range of sectors.

She has been a senior officer in the NSW Government spanning a career of over three decades in several areas across the realm of Aboriginal Affairs including housing, education and training, child safety, justice and community development. It is this experience that she brings to the integration of Country into the design and development in the infrastructure space.

## Key Presenters



Minister for Climate Change,  
**Hon Chris Bowen**



**Cissy Gore Birch** (Jaru/Kija),  
Co-Chair ICIN



**Dean Yibarbuk** (Gurrgoni),  
Co-Chair ICIN



**Cassandra Stevens** (Kullili),  
Kullili-Bulloo



**Heidi Mippy** (Noongar/Yamatji),  
Noongar Enterprises



**Suzanne Thompson** (Iningai),  
YACHATDAC



**Tyrone Garstone** (Bardi),  
Kimberley Land Council



**Leisa Wahlin** (Kalkadoon),  
NeoMar



**Rowan Foley**, (Butchella)  
Aboriginal Carbon Foundation



**Barry Hunter** (Djabugay),  
NAILSMA



**Emily Gerrard**,  
Comhar Legal



**John Connor**,  
Carbon Market Institute

# Reporting

The forum will be recorded for reporting purposes. Select presentations will be made public as videos following the forum with the consent of the presenter.

A Statement will be released to the public from the forum on Thursday, May 18.

# Technical Assistance

For the best internet connection, please keep any unnecessary programs closed whilst you are attending the online forum.

If you are having trouble connecting to the Zoom Event link, please text Amy on 0459 927 544 or Anna on 0417 989 577.

**IMPORTANT - Preparation: Before the event, ensure you have downloaded the latest version of Zoom to your computer. Access the email link sent to attendees via Zoom to confirm your registration.**

# About ICIN

The Indigenous Carbon Industry Network (ICIN) is the national peak body representing the Indigenous carbon industry. The company is owned by its Full Members including 26 Indigenous organisations that produce carbon credits through their land management activities, caring for country.

The network provides a point of contact for policies impacting the Indigenous carbon industry, supports knowledge sharing through events, working groups and updates, and is committed to ensuring Indigenous groups right across Australia are well-positioned to understand and maximise the benefits from carbon projects for their country and community.

ICIN has published several key guides to the carbon industry targeted to Indigenous organisations, including the best practice guidelines, *Seeking Free, Prior and Informed Consent from Indigenous Communities for Carbon Projects* and *Indigenous Carbon Projects Guide*, both available to access for free on our website, [www.icin.org.au](http://www.icin.org.au)

We also host the annual North Australia Savanna Fire Forum in partnership with Charles Darwin University. Further information can be found at [www.savannafireforum.net](http://www.savannafireforum.net)

The ICIN is incorporated as a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people in rural/regional/remote communities.

We are Indigenous-owned and Indigenous-led, with a Board including seven Aboriginal leaders with experience in the carbon industry who are elected by our members, led by our Co-Chairs, Cissy Gore-Birch and Dean Yibarbuk.

Our Associate members are Indigenous organisations who do not own projects, but have an interest in carbon farming, including the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation and Indigenous Desert Alliance.

We encourage any Indigenous organisations interested in joining the ICIN, to contact us via [ceo@icin.org.au](mailto:ceo@icin.org.au)

# Day One - Closed (Indigenous-only) Forum

Tuesday 16 May

**Theme:** Defining our aspirations for the Indigenous carbon industry

*The Forum will be limited to First Nations people, ICIN member organisations and invited guests; and provide a safe space for discussion of issues facing Indigenous landholders in the carbon industry; as well as the Indigenous carbon industry as a whole.*

Time	Presentation
10:00 AM	<b>Open Forum and Acknowledgement of Country</b> Facilitator Carol Vale
10:10 AM	<b>Report back from the Savanna Fire Forum, Feb 21-23</b> Cissy Gore-Birch, ICIN Co-Chair
10:20 AM	<b>Theme One: Values and Principles</b> <b>What is important?</b> Discussion What values and principles underpin your interest in the Indigenous carbon industry?
10:30 AM	<b>Theme Two: Informing the Market</b> <b>Defining Indigenous-owned carbon projects and protecting our story and brand</b> Presentation Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Dean Yibarbuk, <i>Indigenous Carbon Industry Network</i></li><li>· Suzanne Thompson, <i>YACHATDAC</i></li><li>· Cassandra Stevens, <i>Kullili Bulloo AC</i></li><li>· Debbie Symonds, <i>Olkola Aboriginal Corporation</i></li><li>· Emily Gerrard, <i>Comhar Group</i></li><li>· Rowan Foley, <i>Aboriginal Carbon Foundation</i></li><li>· Leisa Wahlin, <i>NeonMar Marketing</i></li></ul>
11:30 AM	<b>Discussion: Breakout Rooms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· What makes Indigenous-owned carbon projects unique?</li><li>· How do we retain control over our Indigenous-owned brand?</li><li>· How do we support Indigenous groups to partner on carbon projects with a view to progress to owning the project, without undermining the value of Indigenous-owned carbon?</li></ul>
12:00 PM	<b>Report Back</b>
12:10 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK (30 mins)</b> Indigenous carbon project showcase
12:40 PM	<b>Theme Three: Defining our Rights to Carbon</b> Presentation Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Tyrone Garstone, <i>Kimberley Land Council</i></li><li>· Sheree Sharma, <i>Queensland South Native Title Service</i></li></ul> Discussion and questions from the floor.
1:30 PM	<b>Introduction to concurrent sessions</b> Facilitator, Carol Vale
1:35 PM	<b>Theme Four: Exploring the Opportunities: Concurrent Sessions</b> Facilitator: Cassandra Stevens (Kullili-Bulloo)
	<b>Workshop 1: Native Title Consent for Carbon Projects (Internal) negotiations and agreements</b>
	<b>Workshop 2: Nature Repair and Carbon Markets</b> How do we continue to lead in new and growing spaces? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Oliver Costello, <i>Jugun Alliance AC</i></li><li>· Alannah Pentony, <i>DCCEW - Nature Repair Market</i></li><li>· Barry Hunter, <i>NAILSMA - Biodiversity and Carbon Fund</i></li><li>· Sherie Bruce, <i>ICIN Science Advisor</i></li></ul> Question and Answer
2:30 PM	<b>Draft Key Points of Statement - Facilitator</b>
3:00 PM	<b>Finalise Key Points</b>
3:30 PM	<b>Forum closed</b>

# Day Two - Closed (Indigenous-only) Forum with Invited Guests

Wednesday 17 May

Time	Presentation
10:00 AM	<b>Open Forum and Acknowledgement of Country</b> Facilitator Carol Vale
10:10 AM	<b>Theme 1: Values and Principles Underpinning Indigenous Carbon Projects</b> Facilitator, Carol Vale <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Present Key Points of Draft Statement</li></ul>
10:30 AM	<b>Theme 2: Informing the Market</b> Discussion Panel: Policy and Market Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· John Connor, <i>Carbon Market Institute</i></li><li>· Anna Boustead, <i>Indigenous Carbon Industry Network</i></li><li>· Jennifer Bradley, <i>Clean Energy Regulator</i></li><li>· Alannah Pentony, <i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water</i></li><li>· Amelia Selles, <i>QLD Government Land Restoration Fund</i></li></ul> Question and Answer
11:45 AM	<b>Implementing recommendations of the ACCU (Carbon Credit) Review</b> Presenter: Megan Surawski, <i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water</i> Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· What does proponent-led method development look like?</li><li>· How can Free, Prior and Informed Consent for carbon projects by Native Title holders be assured?</li></ul>
12:15 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK (30 mins)</b>
12:45 PM	<b>Theme Three: Exploring the Opportunities</b> Introduction to Concurrent Sessions: Carol Vale
12:50 PM	<b>Concurrent Sessions (1 hr)</b> <b>Workshop 1: Designing a Feral Ungulate Management Carbon Method</b> Facilitator: Sherie Bruce <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Catherine Lovelock, <i>University of Queensland</i></li><li>· Justin Perry, <i>NAILSMA</i></li><li>· Dominic Nicholls, <i>Mimal Land Management</i></li><li>· Rachel Groom, <i>Charles Darwin University</i></li></ul> <b>Workshop 2: Designing an Integrated Farm and Land Management Carbon Method</b> Facilitator: Carol Vale <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Konrad Muller, <i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water</i></li></ul> Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Implications of sunseting of Human Induced Restoration (HIR) Method</li><li>· Free, Prior and Informed Consent Consideration?</li><li>· Land management activities to be included in the method.</li></ul>
1:50 PM	<b>Introduction to Question and Answer with Minister Bowen</b>
2:00 PM	<b>Presentation by Minister for Climate Change, Chris Bowen</b>
2:10 PM	<b>Presentation to the Minister: Key Points of Draft Statement</b> Tyronne Garstone, <i>ICIN/Kimberley Land Council</i>
2:20 PM	<b>Question and Answer with Minister Bowen</b> Facilitator: Carol Vale
2:30 PM	<b>Introduction to Concurrent Sessions 2</b> Facilitator, Carol Vale
2:35 PM	<b>Concurrent Sessions (1hr)</b> <b>Workshop 1: New Savanna Fire Management Methods</b> Facilitator: Carol Vale <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Konrad Muller, <i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water</i></li><li>· Ella Rudland, <i>Kimberley Land Council</i></li><li>· Jarrad Holmes, <i>ICIN Technical Advisor</i></li></ul> <b>Workshop 2: Bush tucker and carbon: Incorporating native foods into carbon projects</b> Facilitator: Suzanne Thompson <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Jeffrey Castellas, <i>Clean Energy Regulator</i></li><li>· Heidi Mippy, <i>Noongar Land Enterprise</i></li><li>· Daniel Oades, <i>Kimberley Land Council</i></li><li>· Sherie Bruce, <i>ICIN Science Advisor</i></li></ul>
3:35 PM	<b>Closing Statement: Carol Vale, Facilitator</b>
3:40 PM	<b>Forum Closed</b>

## Day Three - Additional Workshop

Thursday 18 May

Time	Presentation
10:00 AM	<b>Preparation Workshop: Best Practice Industry Standards and Code of Conduct*</b> Facilitator: Ella Rudland, <i>Kimberley Land Council</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Pip Stenekes, <i>Carbon Market Institute</i></li><li>· Emily Gerrard, <i>Comhar</i></li><li>· Jennifer Ansell, <i>Arnhem Land Fire Abatement NT</i></li><li>· Megan Surawski, <i>Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water</i></li></ul>

\*Workshop to be confirmed





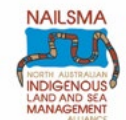
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