



North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance

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North Australian Indigenous Land & Sea Management Alliance at Copenhagen 2009

The North Australian Indigenous Land & Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) will be sending a delegation to Copenhagen in December to present issues and opportunities for Indigenous people across northern Australia. The aim is to heighten awareness around dealing with Climate Change in the north, and to learn from other Indigenous people elsewhere about climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.

In particular, NAILSMA will be furthering that aim by promoting the commercial potential of Indigenous fire management through their Carbon Project, as a way to reduce green house gas emissions whilst creating employment and business opportunities for people in rural and remote settings. Abatement of savanna fires are already proven scientifically to be measurable and an accountable means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Unmanaged savanna fires at present account for 3% of Australia's emissions.

Indigenous land management can produce significant emissions abatement with very strong commercial potential in a carbon economy. To realise this potential and ultimately the livelihood goals of Indigenous land owners investment and political support for equitable participation in carbon markets is required.

Copenhagen is a significant forum for the pursuit of these goals.

Who is attending: Joe Morrison CEO NAILSMA, Samara Erlandson Operations Manager NAILSMA and Nolan Hunter A/g CEO of the Kimberley Land Council.

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