

SAIGE 14th Annual National Training Program  
**Standing Together**  
 We Ko Pa Resort & Conference Center,  
 Scottsdale, AZ  
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**PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

Sunday, June 4

Time	Remaining Board, Planning Committee, Youth Arrive	Location
8:30-9:30 pm	<i>Student Youth Program Private Reception</i> – Introduction of SAIGE Board, and Sponsors of the Youth Track	TBD

Monday, June 5

Time	Topic	Location
8:30 AM- 12:00 PM	Exhibits Setup	Wassaja 109, 110
8:30 AM-5:00 PM	<b>Youth Program Gathering</b> JoAnn Brant, Youth Program Director, & Youth Program participants	Wassaja 108
8:30– 10:00 AM	Planning Committee Meeting	101
10:00- 10:30 AM	Registration Volunteers Meeting	Office Area
10:30- 11:00 AM	Moderators’ Review Meeting	101
12:30- 5:00 PM	Pre-Registered Attendee Bag Pick-up Open	Registration Area
1:00– 5:00 PM	<b>USDA Pre-Training Forum</b> Frederick Cheng, USDA Diversity and Inclusion Program Manager	102
1:00– 5:00 PM	Pre-Training Agency Forums/ Affiliate Group meetings Break: 2:30 - 3:30	103
2:30- 3:30 PM	Coffee Available	Wassaja 109, 110
3:30- 4:15 PM	Introduction to SAIGE –A Short Informal Session by SAIGE Board Members	104
4:30- 6:00 PM	On-site Registration - for those who have not registered online	Registration Area
7:00– 8:30 PM	<b>Cultural Reception</b> - <i>Demonstration Dancing local tribal groups</i>	TBD

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**Tuesday, June 6**

National Training Program – Plenary Session		
Time	Topic	Location
7:30AM	<b>Smudging Ceremony</b> – all are invited	TBD
7:00- 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Wassaja 109, 110
7:30AM-5:00PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Wassaja 109, 110
7:30- 10:00AM	Registration	Registration Area
8:00- 8:30AM	<b>GENERAL PLENARY SESSION:</b> <b>Opening of the National Training Program</b> <b>Presentation of Colors</b> –Color Guard <b>Veterans Honoring Song</b> –Drum	Wassaja Ballroom 111
8:30- 8:45 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> – Fredericka Joseph, Chair, SAIGE	
8:45- 9:00 AM	<b>Welcome and Tribal Overview</b> Representative for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation ( <b>INVITED</b> )	
9:00- 9:30 AM	<b>Update from the Department of the Interior</b> Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior ( <b>INVITED</b> )	
9:30– 10:15 AM	<b>Future Leader Introductions/ Panel</b> JoAnn Brant, SAIGE Youth Program Director, Environmental Protection Agency, & Youth Program Participants	
10:15– 10:30 AM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
10:30- 11:00 AM	<b>Indigenous Rights</b> Keith Harper, Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, and former U.S. representative to the U.N. Human Rights Council ( <b>INVITED</b> )	Wassaja Ballroom 111
11:00 – 11:30 AM	<b>Update on the White House Council on Native American Affairs</b> Morgan Rodman, Executive Director	
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	<b>Working Together to Address Healthcare Challenges</b> Honorable William Bear Shield, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Councilman	
12:00 – 1:30 PM	<b>Luncheon Speaker: “My Mission with Integrity and Culture”</b> Patricia Michaels, Fashion Designer	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115

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Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
Time/Track	Topic	Location
1:45 – 3:00 PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	<b>American Indians/Alaska Natives 101: Understanding the Basics</b> Jay Spaan, Senior Analyst, Government Accountability Office Brenda Takes Horse, Bureau of Land Management	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/ Culture	<b>Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Science</b> Dr. Daniel Wildcat, Director of the Haskell Environmental Research Studies Center, Haskell Indian Nations University Student Panel	103
Professional Development	<b>Crucial Conversations</b> Christina Navarrete-Wasson, Director, Submission Processing, Fresno Internal Revenue Service	104
EEO & HR	<b>Moving from an Administrative Series to a Technical Series</b> Cynthia Dunn, IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	105
3:00 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	
Time/Track	Topic	Location
3:15 - 4:30		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	<b>Overview of Recent Legislative and Judicial Actions and the Effects for Indian Country</b> Michael McBride, Chair, Indian Law & Gaming Practice Group, Crowe & Dunlevy	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/ Culture	<b>Fort McDowell Environment Department Projects</b> Mark Frank, Environmental Manager, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	103
Professional Development	<b>Leadership and SES Panel</b> Jerry Gidner, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, DOI Nancy Berryhill, Acting Commissioner for Social Security, SSA Christina Navarrete-Wasson, Fresno Area Director, IRS	104
Indian Country	<b>Tribal Emergency Management</b> Milo Booth, National Tribal Affairs Advisor, FEMA	105
	<b>Evening Event</b>	
6:00- 7:30 PM	<b>Traditional Crafts Demonstrations</b> – Beading and Shawl Fringing; Learn how to bead and fringe, materials provided	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115
7:30- 9:00 PM	<b>Film Showing and QA</b> “100 Years: One Woman’s Fight for Justice” Melinda Janko, Film Director	TBD

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**Wednesday, June 7**

National Training Program – Plenary Session		
Time	Topic	Location
7:00- 8:15 AM	Breakfast	Wassaja 109, 110
7:30- 10:00AM	Registration	Registration Area
7:30 AM - 5:00PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Wassaja 109, 110
8:15 - 8:30AM	<b>GENERAL PLENARY SESSION</b> Welcome- Updates & announcements - Fredericka	Wassaja Ballroom 111
8:30 - 8:45 AM	<b>Welcome to Arizona</b> – We-Ko-Pa Representative	
8:45 – 9:15 AM	<b>Bears Ear National Monument: An Innovative Approach to Federal-Tribal Collaborative Management</b> Honorable Eric Descheenie, Arizona State Legislator <b>(INVITED)</b>	
9:15 – 10:00 AM	<b>Tribes, Inter Tribal Organizations and Our Collaborative Role in Fulfilling the Federal Government’s Trust Responsibility</b> Maria Dadgar, Executive Director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Dr. Michael Weahkee, Director, Phoenix Indian Medical Center	
10:00– 10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:15-10:45 AM	<b>Moving Forward Together – Indian Economic Development</b> Chris James, President and CEO, The National Center for American Indian Economic Development	Wassaja Ballroom 111
10:45 – 11:30 AM	<b>Treaty Rights, the Trust Responsibility, and Tribal Consultation</b> Steven Pevar, Senior Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union	
11:30 – 12:00 PM	<b>Updates from the Office of Personnel Management</b> Michael Murray, Deputy Director – Senior Advisor, Office of Diversity and Inclusions	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	<b>Luncheon Speaker: “Journey of an American Indian Veteran”</b> Dan King, President, Wisconsin Indian Veterans’ Assoc., NCAI Veterans Committee Co-Chair	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115
1:30 – 4:30 PM	<b>Career Fair and Community Outreach</b> – Free and open to the public	Wassaja 109, 110
1:30 – 3:00 PM	<b>Authors’ Book signing event:</b> Stephen Pevar	

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1:30 - 2:45 PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	<b>Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Opportunities for Tribal/Federal Collaboration</b> Stephanie Carroll, DrPH, MPH Associate Director and Manager, Tribal Health Program, Native Nations Institute Andrew Martinez, Research Specialist, Native Nations Institute	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	<b>Energy Sovereignty Through Solar Initiatives</b> Henry Red Cloud, President, Lakota Solar Enterprises	103
Professional Development	<b>The Government as a Model Employer: Understanding Changes to Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act</b> Anupa Lyer, Esq. Policy Advisor, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	104
EEO & HR	<b>Unconscious Bias</b> Michael Murray, Deputy Director – Senior Advisor, Office of Diversity and Inclusions, Office of Personnel Management	105
2:45 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
Time/Track	Topic	Location
3:15 - 4:30PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	<b>Helping Tribes Develop Their Economies</b> Stephen Manydeeds, Division Chief, Division of Energy and Mineral Development, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development Duane Matt, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	<b>Working Together on Tohono O’Odham Nation</b> Eva Narcho, Office Specialist, Tohono O’Odham Soil & Water Conservation District Gilbert Two-Two, USDA-NRCS District Conservationist	103
Professional Development	<b>How to Use USA Jobs</b> Karlos DelToro, Human Resources Manager, U.S. Office of Personnel Management	104
Professional Development	<b>How We Improved Our Employee Engagement</b> Kevin Bearquiver, Deputy Director for Trust Services, BIA	105
	Evening Events	Location
7:30- 9:00 PM	<b>SAIGE Achievement Awards and Partnership Recognition Reception</b> Entertainment provided by: Keith Secola, Native American musician, singer and songwriter	Wassaja Ballroom 111

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**Thursday, June 8**

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7:00- 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Wassaja 109, 110
8:30- 9:30 AM	Registration	Registration Area
7:30 AM-5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Wassaja 109, 110
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	<b>Veterans' Track – Concurrent Session- See separate Agenda</b>	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115
Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
Time/Track	Topic	Location
8:30 – 9:45 AM		
Indian Country	<b>Improving Tracking and Management of Tribal Data</b> Mary Iannone and Jhon Goes-In-Center, Face To Face Integrated Technologies	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	<b>Wild horses, Bald Eagles and Other Resources of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community</b> Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Representative	103
Professional Development	<b>Mentoring and Coaching/ Speed Mentoring Sessions</b> Cynthia Dunn, IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Christina Navarrete-Wasson, Fresno Area Director, IRS Jerry Gidner, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, DOI Nancy Berryhill, Acting Commissioner for Social Security, SSA	104
Federal Indian Law	<b>Tribal Corporations and Federal Agencies: Opportunities to Work Together Through Indian Preference Authority for Federal Contracting &amp; Procurement</b> Michael Anderson, Executive Director, Native American Contractors' Association	105
9:45 - 10:15 AM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
Time/Track	Topic	Location
10:15–11:30 AM		
Indian Country	<b>Building Effective Federal-Tribal Relationships: Critical for Success</b> -Travis Jansen, Legislative Director, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Sarah Olson, Grants Management Specialist, Southwest Office of Native American Programs, HUD	102
Indigenous Natural Resources	<b>Soil Health: Importance to All Life</b> Cameron Clark, Soil Scientist, USDA	103
Federal Indian Law	<b>IRS' Role and Ties with Native Americans</b> Christie Jacobs, Director, Indian Tribal Governments Office, Internal Revenue Service	104
EEO & HR	<b>Special Emphasis Program Manager's (SEPM) Training</b> Cynthia Dunn, IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	105

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11:30 – 12:00	BREAK	
12:00 - 1:00PM	Lunch on your Own	
<b>Time/Track</b> 1:00- 2:15PM	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
Indigenous Natural Resources	<b>Natural Resources Coordination &amp; Planning for Successful Conservation with the San Carlos Apache</b> Millie Titla, District Conservationist, USDA NRCS	103
Professional Development	<b>Creating a SAIGE Chapter at the IRS</b> IRS SAIGE Chapter President Christina Navarrete-Wasson, Fresno Area Director, IRS	104
EEO & HR	<b>Rebooting Harassment Prevention: Report of the Co-Chairs of the Select Task Force on the Study of Harassment in the Workplace</b> Krista Watson, Outreach and Education Coordinator, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	105
2:15– 2:30 PM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
2:30– 4:30 PM	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
2:30– 2:45 PM	<b>Plenary Session</b> <b>Closing Remarks:</b> Fredericka Joseph, SAIGE Chair	Wassaja Ballroom 111
2:45– 4:00 PM	<b>Youth Presentation:</b> SAIGE Student Youth Program Participants	
4:00– 4:15 PM	<b>SAIGE 2018 Presentation</b>	
4:15– 4:30 PM	<b>Closing Prayer- Retreat of Colors:</b> SAIGE Warrior Society	
5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Breakdown	Wassaja 109, 110

**Friday, June 9**

7:00 - 8:30AM	Breakfast on Your Own- Attendees	
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Planning Committee Breakfast – Invitation only	
10:00 AM - 4:30PM PM	<b>SAIGE Annual Board Meeting &amp; Working Lunch</b>	

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF SAIGE**  
**Safe Travels - We'll See you in 2018!**

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