

The LCIPP community mourns the passing of brother Christopher Honahnie, former FWG alternate representative and an indigenous youth champion



Brother Christopher "Chris" Honahnie, Hopi and Diné, was an FWG alternate representative from the North America UN indigenous sociocultural region and an indigenous youth champion. His passing in a car accident in Payson, Arizona, United States is being felt across our communities.

Chris embodied the values, wisdom, and practices of Hopi indigenous peoples. He was a strong advocate of intergenerational knowledge sharing as a key for strengthening climate action and enhancing youth engagement in development of climate policy.

Chris was an integral member of the UNFCCC work in support of indigenous peoples. He worked diligently in planning the LCIPP Annual Youth Round table at COP 27 in Sharm-el-Sheikh and effectively moderated the session, following greetings in his native language. COP 27 also saw the participation of several indigenous knowledge holders and Chris took on the responsibility of providing support and guidance to other participating knowledge-holders including elders and youth representatives. In his role as a FWG alternate representative, he also represented the North America UN indigenous sociocultural region at the seventh meeting of the FWG of the LCIPP.

We will always remember him for his dedication, proactiveness and contribution to this community!

Rest in peace, brother Chris!