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INDIGENOUS VOICES: PARIS 2015

Ariadne Goring (Strategic Business Development), Bobetta Albert (Director) and Polly Grace (Legal and Policy Officer), Land and Sea Unit, Kimberley Land Council

Each year, countries from around the world meet to discuss the issue of climate change, and what governments should do to minimise the impacts. In November and December 2015, the 21st United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Conference of Parties, or COP21) took place in Paris; the biggest meeting since the Kyoto Protocol was agreed in 1997. Governments negotiated an international legal document committing countries to reduce their greenhouse gas pollution in an effort to reduce the impacts of climate change. With support from the Australian Government, Oxfam and the Australian Conservation Foundation, delegates from the Kimberley Land Council attended this important event, highlighting the particular vulnerabilities facing Indigenous people from climate change, but also showcasing the powerful role played by Indigenous land management in offering innovative and effective tools to tackle the problem.

The University of Notre Dame Australia is delighted to host Ari Goring, Bobetta Albert and Polly Grace as they discuss the outcomes of their attendance at COP21 in the first presentation of the 2016 Nulungu Talking Heads Seminar Series.

**THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 2016, 12:30 – 1:30PM
THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA
VENUE: MULTIPURPOSE HALL (NDB10), BROOME**

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ARIADNE GORRINGTON

Ariadne has extensive on-ground experience working throughout the Kimberley in all aspects of Native Title, cultural and natural resource management and community engagement. This includes working with 14 Native Title groups on Australia's only National Heritage Listing, declared with the free, prior and informed consent of Traditional Owners. Ariadne facilitated the successful registration and implementation of the North Kimberley Fire Abatement Projects – the first of their kind in Australia to be registered on Native Title lands. She has experience managing a diverse team, based in remote areas, and operating in a high-risk environment.

In recent years, Ariadne has been afforded opportunities to share her learnings on an international stage, presenting at WILD10! in Spain, at the International Funders for Indigenous Peoples conference in San Francisco in 2013, at the World Parks Conference in 2014 and at a side event at the 13th United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2013. Most recently, Ariadne was a member of a delegation who attended and presented at various events at and around the 21st United Nations Conference of Parties (COP21), including the Global Landscapes Forum and the UNESCO conference: 'Indigenous Peoples; Resilience in a Time of Uncertainty' Ariadne has a Bachelor of Arts in Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development from Murdoch University



BOBETTA ALBERT

My name is Bobetta Albert and I live in Derby, Western Australia. My whole life has been about helping my people get back what is rightful. There are obstacles, because of Australia being a colonised country. I help my people by working and being involved with organisations like the Kimberley Land Council, Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (Yiriman Project, Derby) and Kimberley Language Resource Centre.

It is like an everyday life, living for what you can do within the Community. I work from my mothers and fathers side (Ancestors). I believe we as Indigenous people have to bend with outside influences to make our people economically sound to use what we know from thousands of years (fire management, looking after country). What is important to me is to have our country, so that you can practice your Law, Language and Culture. To then have the power to make decisions as to what happens on your Land. The power to start businesses, to create jobs, to become economically viable.



POLLY GRACE

Polly Grace is a Legal Officer with the Land & Sea Management Unit of the Kimberley Land Council and advises on a range of matters affecting the delivery of cultural and environmental services in the Kimberley. She holds a Masters of Environmental and Natural Resource Law from the University of Oregon and LLB specialising in International Law from the University of Queensland. She has particular expertise in climate change law, advising native title holders on the establishment and registration of carbon projects as an opportunity for sustainable enterprise development.

Prior to the KLC, Polly worked with the Australian Government, most recently as a negotiator on climate change policy focused on the land sector and the measurement and reporting of emissions. She has also worked on the former Government's Clean Energy Package, with a particular knowledge of the Carbon Farming Initiative.