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CLIMATE & PEACE

2023

IMPACT REPORT

Year-In-Review



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The Institute for Climate and Peace

Our mission is to advance peaceful, climate-resilient futures by elevating the inherent wisdom, power, ingenuity, and voices of the communities that we serve.

The Institute for Climate and Peace (ICP) is a 501(c)(3) climate justice organization that understands the data and advances positive peace to build equity and climate resiliency for communities most affected by climate change.

Our Theory of Change

If peacebuilding problem-solving methods are applied in parallel with rigorous research on the changing climate, then decision makers at all scales are better equipped to respond to climate crises, reduce friction, and build social cohesion through locally-based and culturally-appropriate responses.

We implement programming across and between the methodologies of **Information and Education, Collaboration,** and **Policy Transformation** to advance tailored, community-grounded solutions towards climate-resilient and peaceful futures.



Through leadership training and workshops, policy guidance and planning, and community partnership development, we foster dialogue, test methods, and develop integrated solution sets that effectively address the significant concerns at the intersection of peace and environmental crisis.

ICP remains rooted in Indigenous and regenerative practices. We are re-envisioning how we relate to ourselves, each other, and our environment by investing deeply in transformative strategies that effectively center the human experience and support the vision of communities at the frontlines of climate change.



Our 2023 Impact Summary

As we dive into 2024 at ICP, we look back at the past year as one of pivotal growth, meaningful collaboration, and exciting initiatives. There is much to celebrate from 2023. We look forward to sharing our highlights with you in this special edition of our monthly newsletter.

In all, ICP is proud to share that we completed 103 projects and events in the past year, including 4 major global projects in Aotearoa New Zealand; Montgomery, Alabama; Washington, DC; and Dubai, UAE, which are shared in detail below. Of these projects, ICP led the production of 36, co-produced 18, contributed to 47, and attended 96 with our network and collaborators. Our team totaled 53,188 direct and indirect touchpoints in twelve months — the result of strengthened partnerships and relationships, both new and recurring.

We thank you for your continued support through the past year. We cannot wait to carry our momentum forward. In the meantime, let us take you on a journey through our top moments for climate justice and peacebuilding of 2023!



Our Core Team

Founded and operated by Indigenous and Pacific-Asia based women, our team is made up of international peace practitioners, climate change and sustainability experts, law and policy advisors, women and gender inclusion experts, young people, students, professors, and Indigenous knowledge experts from the Pacific and beyond.



Dr. Maya Soetoro
Co-Founder



Dr. Kealoha Fox
President



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Rosie Martinez
Apprentice



Katie Heo
Apprentice

Board Members



Dr. Maya Soetoro
Board Member



Dr. Patricia Halagao
Board Member



Amanda Ellis
Board Member

Investing in Our Beloved Community

In 2023, the ICP team grew, bonded, and shared profound experiences that have shaped us both personally and professionally. Throughout the year, we welcomed new Associates and Apprentices to the family and supported our Analyst team members as they looked forward to journeys ahead. ICP invests in our team by creating settings for peer mentoring, leadership, and teamwork; supporting students in university-based credits and courses of study; providing internal advancement opportunities; and connecting our team members to training and certifications pertinent within the wide umbrella of climate and peace work. Recognizing the intersectional and interdisciplinary nature of climate change, we engage in a spectrum of events and network leadership opportunities enabling members of our team to engage in individual areas of interest that advance our mission toward peace and climate resilience — including climate and gender, food security, and Native Hawaiian health and wellbeing. We look forward to continuing to support the growth of our team members as individuals and our family as a collective in the coming year.



2023 Impact Metrics

TOTAL PROJECTS & EVENTS

103

MAJOR PROJECTS & EVENTS

4

DIRECT TOUCHPOINTS

10,123

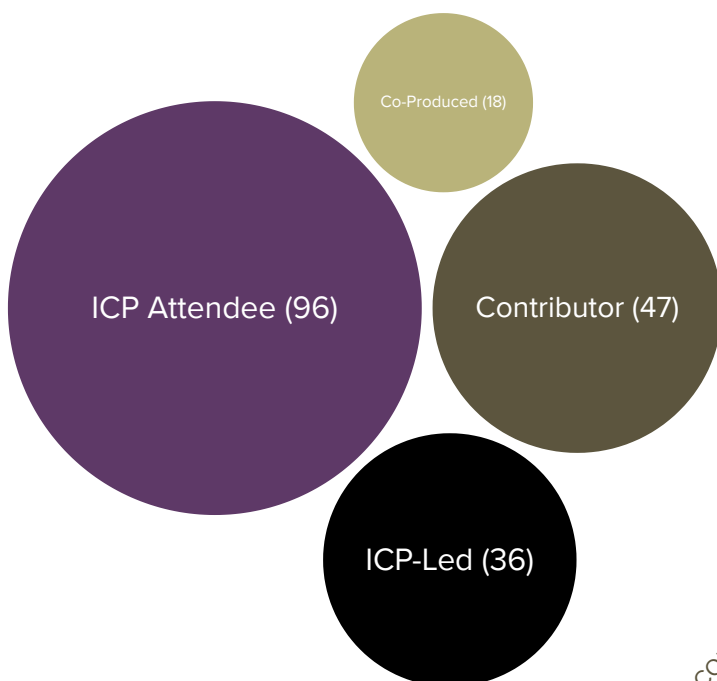
INDIRECT TOUCHPOINTS

44,006

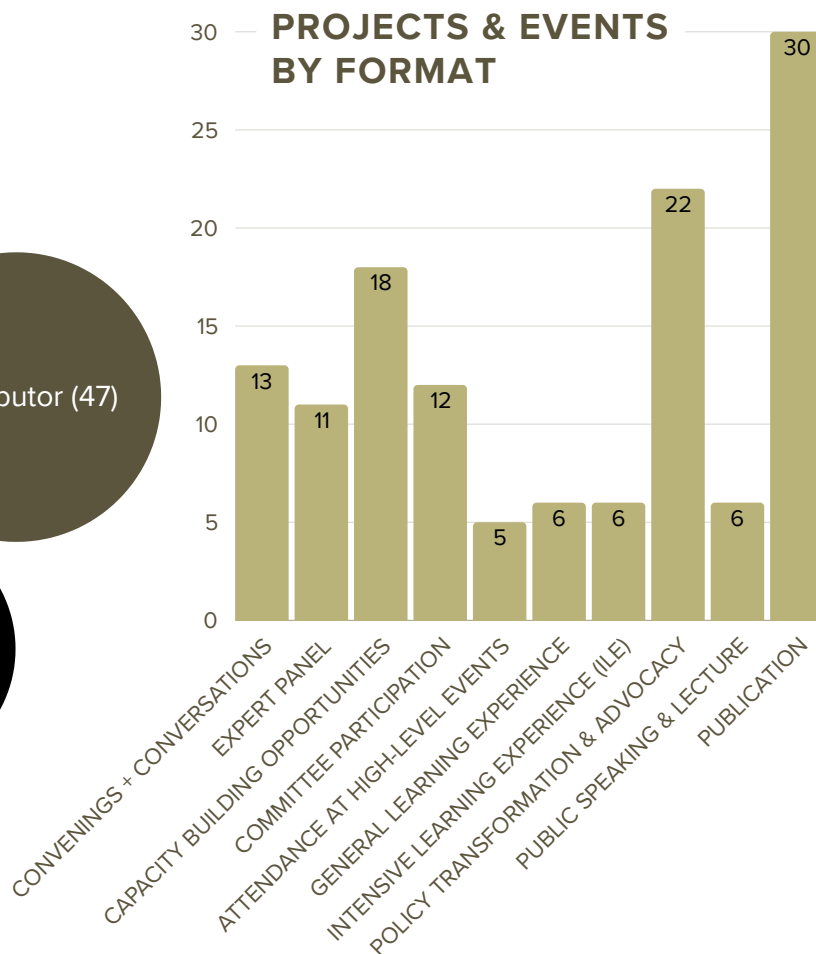
TOTAL TOUCHPOINTS

53,188

ICP INVOLVEMENT

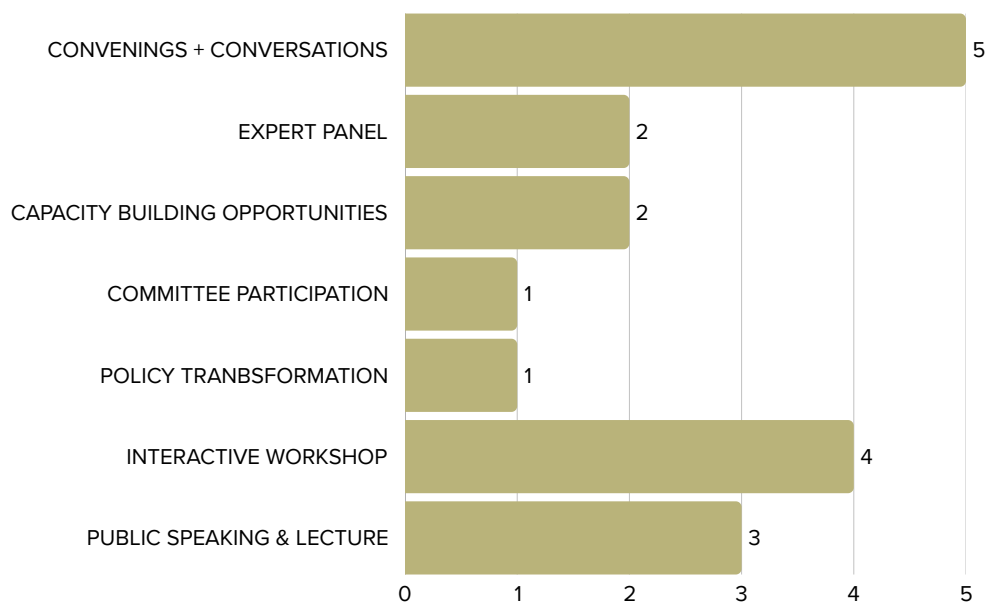


PROJECTS & EVENTS BY FORMAT

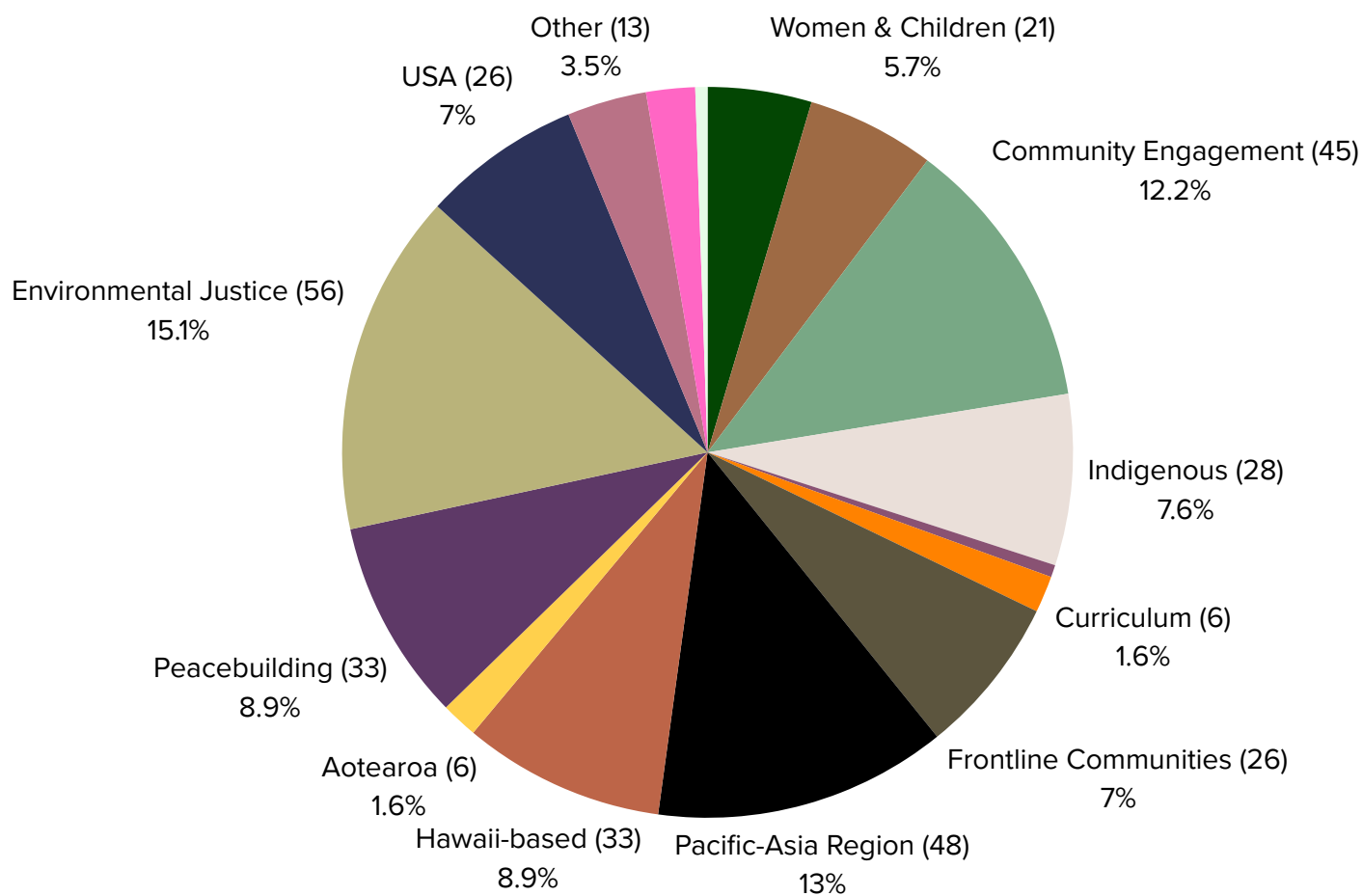




INTENSIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

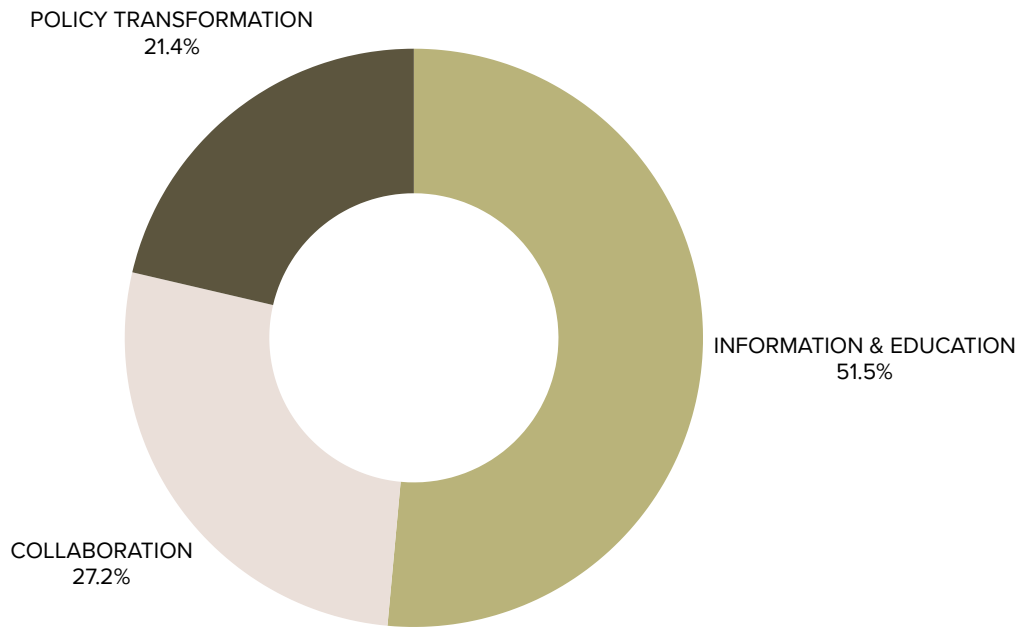


PROJECT & EVENT TAGS

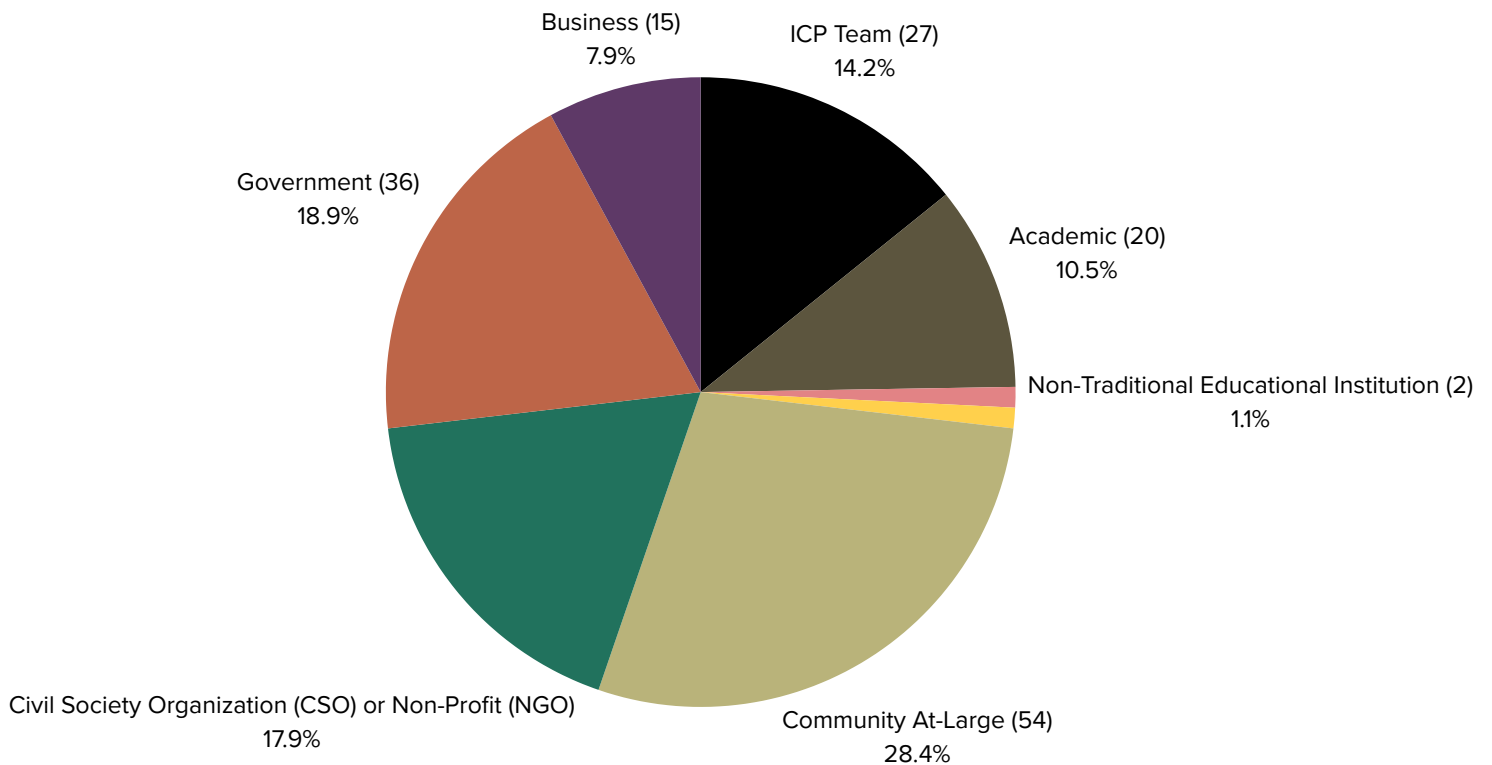




PROJECTS & EVENTS BY ICP PILLAR



PROJECT & EVENT AUDIENCES





2023 Social Media Metrics



- ICP saw growth across all social media platforms.
- Our top-performing platform was Instagram.
- Consistent posting contributed to our increase in metrics.
- Growth of fans & followers can be attributed to reposts, collaborations, and tags.
- COP28 was a large driver of growth for Instagram and LinkedIn.
- The Digital Learning Series was a top performer, and incorporating more content series could be a unique way to engage users and share information on specific topics.
- Top posts of the year:
 - Tolaga Bay Field Visit (Facebook),
 - COP28 Reel (Instagram),
 - Climate Reality- 24 Hours of Reality (Twitter), &
 - ICP COP28 Delegation (LinkedIn).
- ICP published 15 newsletters and 5 Medium Blogs in 2023.

	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		2023	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Posts	141	292%	287	395%	212	59.4%	512	84.80%	1,100	142%
Post Impressions	18,000	123%	34,000	253%	32,000	62.5%	41,000	61%	125,000	62.1%
Post Reach	7,500	369%	17,000	529%	13,000	165%	15,000	97.60%	51,000	156%
Average Post Engagement	8.80%	8.40%	12.25%	95.5%	10.72%	46.8%	11.84%	18.70%	13.07%	72.6%
Fans & Followers	2,800	106%	2,000	40%	3,200	38.8%	3,500	1.70%	3,500	31.2%
New Fans & Followers	119	54.50%	123	36.7%	170	21.4%	219	121%	631	12.5%
Page & Profile Impressions	14,000	173%	26,000	309%	21,000	36.6%	26,000	111%	87,000	54%
Page & Profile Reach	8,500	154%	13,000	239%	12,000	61.8%	12,000	124%	45,000	64%



Our Rebrand

WOVEN FROM THE PIKO

In August 2023, ICP launched our visual rebrand! Our team spent the first part of 2023 redefining our visual language and brand identity to encapsulate ICP’s values, pillars, and intersectionality.

CONCEPT: Woven from the Piko

ICP weaves the experiences and knowledge of many — peacebuilders, scientists, educators, policymakers, and most importantly, practitioners on the frontlines — to uplift informed solutions for climate justice centering each unique community affected by the climate crisis. The woven image in our revitalized logo is inspired by and centers on the feminine forces behind ICP. Weaving, plaiting, thatching, and binding is a traditional practice in many cultures around the Pacific-Asia region. Generations of women have spent time together creating in collectives, providing support to their community, and finding opportunities that serve as time-tested solutions. The notion of women sitting together, at the same level, without a proverbial “table,” evokes ICP values of equity and groundedness.

The concept of **‘Woven from the Piko’** arose from our greatest tools being those that tie our work where life and wellness begin: our piko. Our piko is the place and concept where deep connection is centered and bound — a nexus point that guides the mind, body, spirit, attitudes, and behaviors beyond the binary. Climate and peace are integrated collaborative fields, the nexus of which is helping to advance just and sustainable peace for thriving, cohesive communities.

Our team is so grateful for the opportunity to work with [Kelsey Ige](#), a visual storyteller in Wahiawā, Hawai’i and the current Creative Director of Hawaii Business Magazine, on this rebrand. Her work, inclusive of our new logo, celebrates the unique environment and cultures of Hawai’i. ICP remains rooted in Indigenous and regenerative practices, while re-envisioning how we relate to ourselves, each other, and our environment by investing in transformative strategies that effectively center the human experience and support the visions of communities at the frontlines of climate change.



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2023 Major Projects & Events



Aoraki, Mount Cook

Pacific Partnership Hub

Facilitating deep learning and exchange of climate science, models of positive peacebuilding, and Indigenous wisdom across the Pacific and beyond.

In 2023, ICP engaged in a two-part launch of our [Pacific Partnership Hub](#) in Aotearoa, New Zealand. In March, ICP Co-Founder Maya Soetoro and ICP Managing Director Zelda Keller were formally inducted into the [Edmund Hillary Fellowship](#) (EHF) during their Welcome Experience in Lower Hutt alongside 95 fellows from across the globe. Their group was gifted the name of “Manu Tukutuku,” meaning “birds of contribution and generosity (world growers),” referring to the bringing together of people on our collective journey. The 3-day experience was filled with opportunities for learning, collaboration, and cultural exchange.

In May, ICP’s team and Board returned to Aotearoa to build on March’s Welcome Experience and to formally launch the Institute’s Pacific Partnership Hub. This exchange experience prioritized our commitment to cultural humility, collaboration, learning and exchange, and building relationships with communities and the environment. Our team collaborated with community leaders across Aotearoa and took part in numerous engagements — from hosting a Climate and Peace Talk Story event at Mangaroa Farms to spending time in the Ūawa Tolaga Bay community, collaborating with women and gender-inclusion specialists, speaking in panel discussions, and witnessing the glaciers at Aoraki Mount Cook. Our week-long journey enabled us to begin implementing our mission with the Pacific Partnership Hub to facilitate deep learning and exchange and amplify climate information, models of positive peacebuilding, and Indigenous wisdom to catalyze climate resilience across the Pacific Region and beyond.



Global Women

In Tāmaki (Auckland), ICP formed a close partnership with [Global Women New Zealand](#), where our Co-Founder Maya Soetoro participated in Global Women’s annual hui. She also served as a keynote speaker for Global Women’s event: “[Leading at the Crossroads: Equitable Futures for Indigenous Women and Women of Color](#)”

From Ideas to Action: Driving Positive Sustainable Change

in Tāmaki (Auckland), ICP Co-Founder, Maya Soetoro and ICP Board Member, Amanda Ellis were featured at a panel event: “[From Ideas to Action: Driving Positive Sustainable Change](#)” alongside James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change of New Zealand.

Aoraki Mount Cook

On Aotearoa’s Te Wai Pounamu (South Island), our team focused on relationship building with the physical environment, practiced cultural humility, and strengthened connections to places impacted by changing climates. Here, we spent time at the Haupapa-Tasman Glacier, Lake Takapō, and at the base of Aoraki.

Climate and Peace Talk Story

ICP organized a climate and peace “talk story” salon, bringing together local and global climate and peace practitioners at [Mangaroa Farms](#) in Upper Hutt, Wellington. The diverse group of Edmund Hillary Fellows, community members, and students in attendance made for an intimate atmosphere where stories were shared and the foundations for trust and kinship were established.

Ūawa Tolaga Bay Field Visit

On the East coast of Aotearoa’s Te Ika-a-Māui (North Island), ICP embarked on a place-based experience at Ūawa (Tolaga Bay), in collaboration with [Tolaga Bay Innovation](#). Our team was ceremonially welcomed through a pōwhiri to the Hauti Marae and gained profound knowledge about the culture and landscape in the region.





The Institute for Climate and Peace Embarks on a Collaborative Journey to Aotearoa, New Zealand

[Read About Our Experience!](#)

Looking Ahead...

In 2024, we will work with the U.S. Mission New Zealand Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) of the U.S. Department of State on their program area called Tuakana Teina (Respectful Relationships) that builds understanding between Aotearoa New Zealand, Hawai'i, and the U.S. to deepen connections between the U.S. and Indigenous and Pacific communities. ICP's new project — Pacific Partnership Hub: Engagement for Peace and Climate Solutions between Indigenous Communities in Hawai'i and Aotearoa New Zealand — will promote regional environmental topics such as but not limited to: climate change mitigation, food security, biodiversity, sustainability, blue/green technology, youth engagement, and cooperation based on our shared values and heritage.



May 2024

Pacific Partnership Hub Impact Metrics

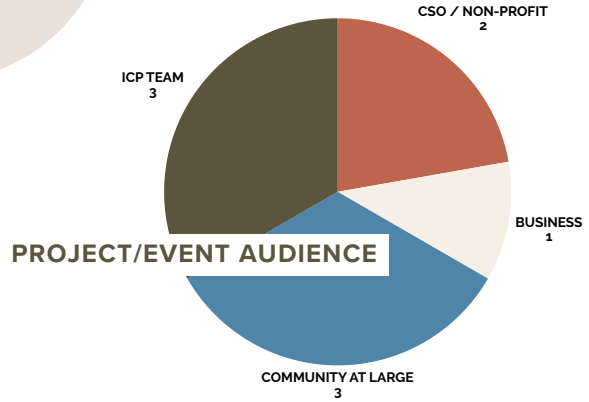
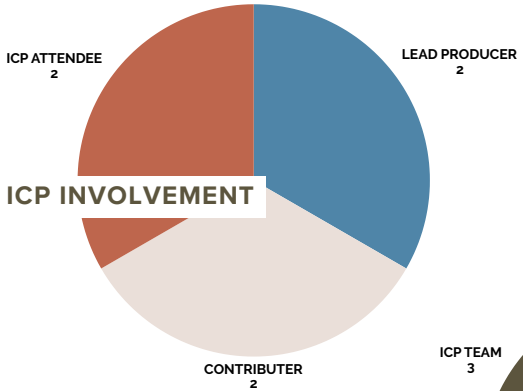
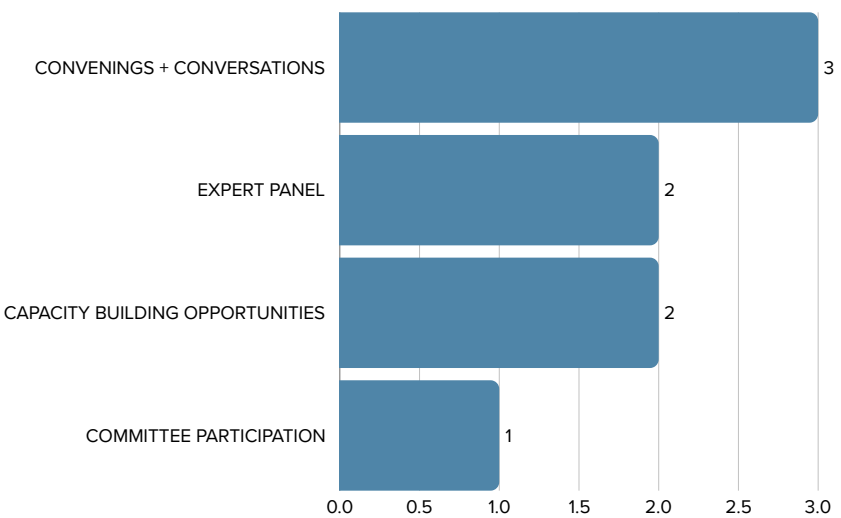
TOTAL PROJECTS/EVENTS
8

TOTAL TOUCHPOINTS
490

DIRECT TOUCHPOINTS
458

INDIRECT TOUCHPOINTS
32

PROJECTS & EVENTS BY FORMAT



KEY SOCIAL IMPACT TAGS

WOMEN & CHILDREN

PEACE BUILDING

INDIGENOUS

CULTURAL HUMILITY

PACIFIC-ASIA REGION



Montgomery, Alabama

Facilitating deep learning and exchange of climate science, models of positive peacebuilding, and Indigenous wisdom across the Pacific and beyond.

In September, the ICP core team traveled to Montgomery, Alabama, a community steeped in histories of racial justice and reconciliation. Together, our team prioritized learning and exchange, our relationship to the environment, cultural humility, connections to place and community, collaboration and partnerships, and opportunities for visibility. We immersed ourselves in Montgomery with humility as knowledge seekers, relationship builders, truth tellers, and collaborative architects for peace and justice.

ICP had the honor to journey to Mobile, Alabama to visit Africatown, a community formed by some of the last survivors of the transatlantic slave trade. With the guidance of the [Africatown Heritage Preservation Foundation](#), ICP had the opportunity to visit the Africatown Heritage House to experience [Clotilda: The Exhibition](#) and to meet with descendents and members of the Africatown community with immense gratitude for [Jocelyn Davis](#), who hosted and escorted our team throughout Africatown; Dr. Joe Womack; and Jessica Fairley.

ICP had the privilege to be guided by the work of the [Equal Justice Initiative \(EJI\)](#), a nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in America's jails and prisons. We were humbled to learn and understand the legacy of colonialism and injustice in the American South at the [The Legacy Museum](#) and to present a cultural offering of lei lā'i (tī leaf lei) at [The National Memorial for Peace and Justice](#). Our understanding of history and place in Montgomery was further deepened by the [Radical Optimist Collective](#) and [I Am More Than](#), two organizations led by women who are profoundly embedded in community, truth-telling, and a deep connection to place.

Our team took the time for daily reflection to absorb and process these experiences, take part in capacity-building opportunities, and nurture our individual and collective growth. Emerging from this experience, we reaffirm our commitment to carry these stories forward with truth and humility and to advance justice for communities on the frontlines of climate change in order to uplift the collective healing and changemaking needed for our shared futures.



The Institute for Climate and Peace Returns to Montgomery, Alabama for Place-Based Exchange

[Read About Our Experience!](#)



September 2024

Montgomery, Alabama Impact Metrics

TOTAL
PROJECTS/EVENTS

16

TOTAL TOUCHPOINTS

251

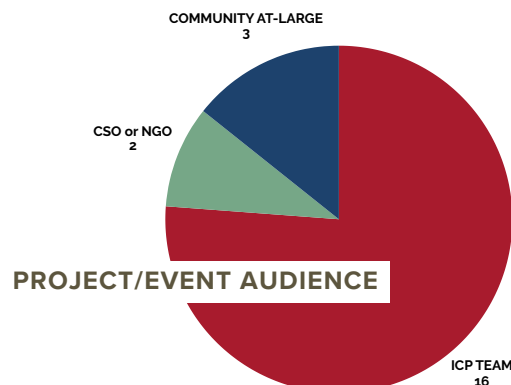
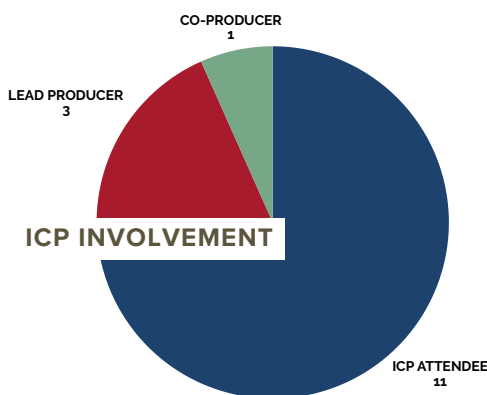
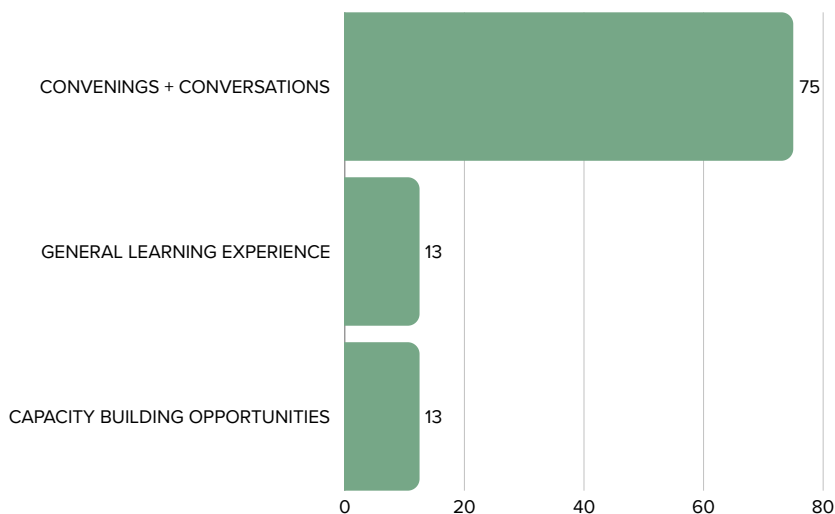
DIRECT TOUCHPOINTS

241

INDIRECT TOUCHPOINTS

10

PROJECTS & EVENTS BY FORMAT



KEY SOCIAL IMPACT TAGS

CULTURAL
HUMILITY

KINSHIP &
CONNECTION

SITE VISITS

RELATIONSHIP
BUILDING

COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT



COP28 Dubai, UAE

Unite, Act, Deliver

As one of only two non-profit organizations in Hawai'i with badge privileges granted by the [UNFCCC](#), ICP took advantage of every opportunity to drive learning and conversation on topics of climate, justice, and peace at [COP28](#). With a delegation of three in-person attendees, six virtual attendees, and over 15,000 more encountering the dialogue on social media, the ICP team was able to engage with the Conference of Parties from many angles and perspectives. As a community, we learned from the breadth of civil society events and party negotiations and contributed our voices to advocate for climate justice and peacebuilding with a focus on communities in the Pacific.

Bridging ICP's experience at COP28 with our future work and broader vision, ICP hosted the workshop "Climate Justice and Peace Dialogue: Bridging from COP28 to COP29 and 30" in Dubai. With a diverse group representing over seven nationalities, multiple participants emphasized that it is time for local communities to take the lead in driving action, with COP being an opportunity "for frontline and Indigenous voices to take center stage and have their voices heard." Looking ahead to COP29, COP30, and beyond, the work of advocating for climate justice and peace continues, and ICP's key messages from COP28 have no expiration date:

The call to mitigate global emissions has never been more pressing. Our focus is on a swift and equitable transition that safeguards communities from becoming sacrifice zones. At the heart of our mission is the belief that adaptation investments should not only fortify infrastructure but also foster social cohesion and promote information exchange. We advocate for an immediate increase in climate finance commitments from affluent nations, ensuring that these resources reach local and Indigenous communities, particularly those bearing the brunt of climate impacts. ICP underscores the significance of cross-sectoral collaboration as a catalyst for creating systemic change, breaking free from the legacy of failed colonial patterns of the past. In the fight against the climate crisis, we emphasize the vital role of peacebuilders — those who champion justice and hold firm to visions of a brighter tomorrow, a future worth fighting for.

Our delegation completed 68 projects and events as part of our efforts for COP28, including leading a workshop, co-producing a publication, facilitating a convening, leading courageous conversations across pavilions, conducting interviews, joining new networks and coalitions, and being educated by leading global experts covering a wide range of critical climate issues. Through this experience, our organization had 880 direct touchpoints and 3,336 indirect touchpoints, totaling to 4,216 touchpoints as part of our UNFCCC observer status. Our participation at this [Conference of Parties](#) was transformative for ICP to foster connections and collaboration and advocate for a just transition toward a more equitable future.



ICP at the 28th Global Climate Summit COP28 to Unite, Act, Deliver

[Read About Our Experience!](#)



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COP28 Dubai, UAE Impact Metrics

TOTAL
PROJECTS/EVENTS

68

TOTAL TOUCHPOINTS

4,216

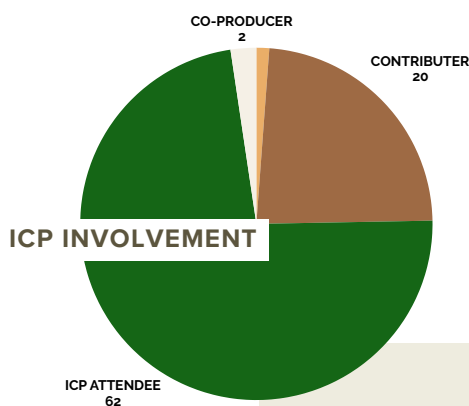
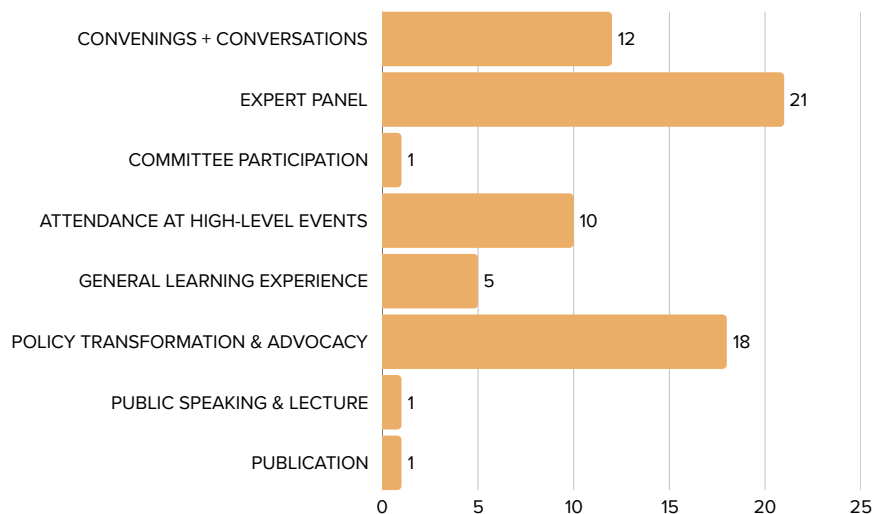
DIRECT TOUCHPOINTS

880

INDIRECT TOUCHPOINTS

336

PROJECTS & EVENTS BY FORMAT



KEY SOCIAL IMPACT TAGS

CLIMATE
JUSTICE

PEACE
BUILDING

INDIGENOUS

FRONTLINE
COMMUNITIES

PACIFIC-
ASIA REGION

COP28 was a significant opportunity for policy transformation with global changemakers. ICP was actively engaged in the creation of the Peace@COP Community Policy Recommendations as well as the COP28 Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery, and Peace.

In total, ICP is a signatory as a CSO supporter of 20 efforts related to COP28 for a range of initiatives that include peacebuilding, oceans, food, health, justice, and energy, among other topics related to community well-being.



Climate, Peace, and Security in the Pacific-Asia Region

May 16, 2023



ICP released “[Climate, Peace, and Security in the Pacific-Asia Region](#)” on May 16, 2023, which marked the 7th annual [International Day of Living Together in Peace](#).

This publication, led by Analyst Katherine Waters, explores the inherent links between climate and security in the Pacific-Asia region, which are highly relevant to our work to advance positive peace in the face of climate change. In particular, six key environmental security threats are explored in the report: global systems of disposability, land based food systems and self-(in)sufficiency, global fishing trends, military spending and occupation of Pacific-Asia nations, climate-induced geopolitical consequences, and climate-related displacement. In response to these threats, the publication delves into regional case studies demonstrating how these environmental security threats have been deconstructed by centering positive peace, emphasizing just, peaceful, and sustainable long-term solutions.

Within our global system fraught in history and today with colonization, conflict, and exploitation, nations in the Pacific-Asia region bear a disproportionate burden of the consequences of climate change, while themselves contributing little to the problem. We encourage you to read more about our research and findings, which are available as a full [report](#) and condensed [infographic](#).

At ICP, we organize human-centered solutions through our programs, research, leadership, collaboration, and policy transformation. We understand the gaps in conventional securitization and disarmament frameworks whose goals focus mainly on negative peace, if at all. The climate crisis highlights the urgency to work across fields to recognize and respond to intersectional implications where security alone stops short. Our Institute is founded and operates in the Pacific-Asia region, making every day one in which we seek to live together in peace.





Digital Learning Series



ICP launched our first ever digital learning series in the summer of 2023. An initiative led by youth leaders — Apprentices and Analysts — of our core team, led by ICP Apprentice Rosie Martinez. In this series we highlight the wisdom of ancient protectors, caretakers, and stewards of shared natural resources in the Pacific-Asia region. There are many bright spots of inspiration that exemplify long standing systems in place that underscore the need for weaving climate and peace solutions. Through this work we emphasize solutions for the future by looking to the past.

The six-segment series published across our social media platforms contributed to one of our primary pillars of work in information and education and highlighted the wisdom and innovations of ancient protectors, caretakers, and stewards of our shared resources and land, focusing on the Pacific-Asia region. From the stewardship of living root bridges, known as jingkieng jri, by the Khasi tribe in Meghalaya, India to withstand harsh environmental conditions over time to traditional irrigation systems in Bali, known as Subak, that allow for the successful cultivation of rice without pesticides and fertilizers, our series explored how past generations have engineered climate-resilient futures using peaceful and thoughtful solutions. Looking to the past, we can derive inspiration for how to shape our own futures in ways that are sustainable and balance people, nature, and culture.

Our first ever digital learning series was highly impactful across our platforms, reaching over 1,000 individuals with over 1,500 views and more than 60 reshares. At present, the series can be found across our social media platforms and fully summarized and detailed in our [publication on Medium](#).

Ancient Engineering Systems that Exemplify Climate and Peace

[Read About Our Series!](#)



2023 Virtual & In-Person Events



Events

In 2023, ICP facilitated and attended a series of events spanning the country. Here is a look at a few highlights of the events we created, hosted, and attended during the past year.



March 2023

11th Annual Stephen H. Schneider Memorial Lecture at Stanford University

On March 2, 2023, ICP President Dr. Kealoha Fox delivered the 11th Annual Stephen H. Schneider Memorial Lecture at Stanford University. The Schneider Memorial Lecture is a collaborative event between Students for a Sustainable Stanford (SSS) and the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment in which a distinguished speaker is invited to discuss the topics of climate change, environmental justice, and other contemporary social issues, challenges, and solutions. In her lecture, Kealoha shared a narrative centering collective effort in the context of climate change and recounted her journey weaving together history, research, place, and practice to amplify the voices, stories, and legacies of Hawaiian ancestors. While at Stanford, Kealoha had the opportunity to learn about and honor the work of student groups and scholars, including the Pacific Island Student Association's work around Pacific-centered knowledge systems and Students for a Sustainable Stanford's work around environmental justice.



Katie Waters, Dr. Ginny Whitelaw, Maya Soetoro, & Sabrina Wong

April 2023

One Earth Summit

In April 2023, ICP’s Dr. Maya Soetoro (Co-Founder), Katherine Waters (Analyst), and Sabrina Wong (Apprentice) were featured in an intergenerational panel at the One Earth Summit presented by the Institute for Zen Leadership and the Perma Leadership Project. The discussion, hosted by Dr. Ginny Whitelaw (Founder of the Institute for Zen Leadership), addressed topics such as youth-led social change, gendered dimensions of the climate crisis, the importance of mindfulness and connection with nature, and ICP’s work to build climate-resilient futures for communities in Hawai’i and the Pacific-Asia region — all centered on the importance of intergenerational resilience and approaches to climate solutioning that is practical, peaceful, and principled. In all, the One Earth Summit hosted events featuring over 50 experts from diverse professions, and a full transcript of the ICP panel can be found on our Medium page.

April 2023

Intersectional Earth Week at Harvard College Women’s Center

ICP President and Senior Advisor Kealoha Fox was invited to speak on a panel as part of Intersectional Earth Week, hosted jointly by the Harvard College Women’s Center and the Harvard Climate Coalition. The discussion centered around climate change and its intersections with gender and indigeneity, addressing topics such as the incorporation of traditional ecological knowledge and an Indigenous feminist framework into environmental justice efforts. Intersectional Earth Week at Harvard sought to advance a holistic understanding of the climate crisis for members of the community, highlighting how multiple dimensions of social injustice are exacerbated by environmental change. One of ICP’s main pillars of work is information and education; we were grateful for the opportunity to engage with young leaders at Harvard and to promote dialogue about the importance of intersectionality at the climate and peace nexus at which we work.



Akapaki Nahalea, Kealoha Fox, & Healani Goo
Photo by: Elyse Butler

June 2023

‘Aha Ho‘olokahi: Native Hawaiian Health and Wellness Summit

ICP facilitated sessions on both days of the ‘Aha Ho‘olokahi Native Hawaiian Health and Wellness Summit from June 1–2, 2023, which was hosted by Papa Ola Lōkahi and the University of Hawai‘i West O‘ahu. The summit brought together health practitioners and professionals, kūpuna, community members, students, and researchers to connect and share traditional and innovative knowledge about health, healing, and wellbeing as we navigate the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. ICP led a series of mini learning sprints entitled “Forging Climate Resilient Futures by Centering ‘Āina and Ola” and an interactive action-planning workshop entitled “Ku‘u ‘Āina Aloha Imaginarium: Accelerating Climate and Health Solutions.” As well, ICP President Dr. Kealoha Fox partook in a fireside chat with Alapaki Nahale-a, discussing the relationship between climate and health in the Pacific-Asia region and the channeling of mana and maui ola in response to the systemic needs of Kānaka, the ‘Āina, and our wellbeing.

July 2023

Women Deliver 2023

The Women Deliver 2023 Conference (WD2023) took place this year in-person in Kigali, Rwanda and virtually from July 17 - 20 as one of the largest multi-sectoral convenings to advance gender equality. ICP Analyst Healani Goo will be taking part in this event virtually, as it will center intersectional feminist principles to address compounding issues impacting girls and women — from climate change to gender-based violence to unpaid care work — and collectively identify and action evidence-based solutions. WD2023 will host inclusive and co-created spaces that foster solidarity for sustainable solutions on gender equality. Engagement and participation at WD2023 aligns with ICP’s representation as a women-founded, governed, and operated non-profit organization. Additionally, the focus of this conference parallels Healani’s work on The Significance of Women and Mother-Led Social Change in the Pacific-Asia Region.



September 2023

Weaving Peace: Bravethrough Series

On September 21, 2023, the International Day of Peace, ICP Co-Founder Dr. Maya Soetoro released a podcast episode on her program “The Bravethrough Series,” in which she brought together friends and colleagues from her three non-profits: ICP President Dr. Kealoha Fox, Scott Nishimoto from Ceeds of Peace, and Thomas West and Mariano Avila of The Peace Studio. Positive peace and peacebuilding are threads at the heart of all three organizations, and as such, the podcast episode explored the intersections of peace and climate, community leadership, and the arts and journalism, which are the three distinct yet intertwined areas of focus of ICP, Ceeds of Peace, and The Peace Studio. The conversation emphasized the role of storytelling in peace movements at individual, community, and higher levels, which is a key component of our work at ICP.



Jacqueline Akana & Bridget Kelly

October 2023

Just Futures Summit

ICP team members Bridget Kelly and Jacqueline Akana attended the Just Futures Summit in Oakland, California in October 2023, an event organized by the Greenlining Institute. The annual summit brings together over 1,000 changemakers in the movement for racial justice, with a series of speakers, panels, interactive sessions, and networking events covering a vast range of topics at the nexus of racial, climate, and economic equity. Bridget and Jacqueline partook in events on topics such as cross-generational movement building for racial equality, learning lessons from previous generations to build solidarity for just futures, and how to center joy to sustain movements toward greater equitability and good.



Kealoha Fox, Sabrina Wong, Danyelle Kawamura, & Katie Waters

October 2023

World Food Forum

Youth team members Katherine Waters (Analyst), Danyelle Kawamura (Analyst), and Sabrina Wong (Apprentice) led an official virtual side event at the [World Food Forum](#) (WFF) in October 2023 alongside President Dr. Kealoha Fox. The event, entitled “Indigenous Food Sovereignty in the Pacific-Asia Region: Nourishing Our Climate-Resilient Futures,” consisted of a short educational lecture and imaginarium workshop inviting participants to learn about Indigenous food systems in the Hawai’i-Pacific-Asia region, reflect deeply on their individual food journeys and histories, build creative solutions to improve both personal and community food security, and connect with fellow participants and the ICP team. The World Food Forum was the flagship event of the broader [WFF youth-led global movement and network](#) and was facilitated by the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#) (FAO).

December 2023

Frontline Communities and Clean Energy, an Interview with the U.S. Department of Energy

ICP Analyst Danyelle Kawamura sat down with Deputy Secretary of the [U.S. Department of Energy](#) David Turk at COP28. The conversation centered on essential aspects of clean energy, exploring the Department’s commitment to inclusivity, the creation of green job opportunities, and principles of environmental justice. Danyelle posed critical questions regarding the transition to clean energy and its impact on frontline communities, particularly in terms of employment opportunities for low-income families and communities of color. Throughout the conversation, the importance of deliberate strategies to ensure equity and social inclusion in job creation was emphasized. The conversation extended to community-based planning, where the discussion revolved around the involvement of frontline communities in decision-making processes related to clean energy infrastructure projects in their respective regions. The need for transparency and community-led initiatives in allocating funds for clean energy projects was highlighted, focusing on the importance of fair distribution. This dialogue exemplified the dedication both of ICP and the U.S. Department of Energy to have courageous conversations to advance a sustainable, equitable, and just transition to clean energy at all levels of decision-making.



Network Leadership

Throughout 2023, ICP team members engaged in many network leadership opportunities, collaborating with a range of individuals and organizations with shared values and visions for a just, peaceful, and climate resilient future. Our network leadership engagements included the following collaborations:



YOUNGO Climate, Peace, and Security Working Group

Analysts Katherine Waters and Danyelle Kawamura and Associate Elsa Barron became active members of the YOUNGO Climate, Peace, and Security Working Group. As the official youth constituency of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), YOUNGO is a vibrant global network of youth activists and NGOs whose voices are formally brought into UNFCCC processes to shape intergovernmental climate change policies.

Fifth National Climate Assessment

ICP President Dr. Kealoha Fox was a nominated and invited Technical Contributor to the Fifth National Climate Assessment (NCA5), a report mandated by Congress every four years and led by the U.S. Global Change Research Program. NCA5 was published on November 14, 2023, serving as a comprehensive review and assessment of our scientific understanding of climate change — including impacts, trends, risks, and vulnerabilities — that provides a foundation for informed decision-making across the United States on the individual, community, regional, and national scales. Kealoha contributed critical perspectives and place- and community-based expertise to Chapter 30 on Hawai'i and US-Affiliated Pacific Islands, as well as to Chapter 15 on Human Health and Chapter 16 on Indigenous Peoples. In all, NCA5 was authored and rigorously reviewed by experts both within and outside of the federal government and included public review and consultation, covering the subjects of physical science, national topics, region-specific topics, responses, and high priority issues at this time.



Pacific RISA

ICP joined the [Pacific RISA](#) (Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments) [Phase IV Advisory Committee](#), with the goal of “building equitable and just climate solutions for Pacific Island resilience to compound disasters and extreme events.” Pacific RISA is co-led by ICP partner organizations the [East-West Center](#), the [University of Hawai‘i’s Water Resources Research Center](#), and [Arizona State University](#). ICP’s membership to the Advisory Committee is led by President Dr. Kealoha Fox and Board Member Amanda Ellis and serves as a pivotal opportunity for ICP to contribute expertise; amplify the representation of Pacific Islander women; guide project methods, goals, and partnerships; accelerate climate adaptation; and expand networks to help build lasting and equitable climate resilience in communities within the Pacific-Asia Region.

Hawai‘i Department of Health Climate and Health Working Group

ICP joined the [Hawai‘i Department of Health](#) Climate and Health Working Group, a committee comprised of public- and private-sector organizations focused on assisting health professionals in preparing for and responding effectively and efficiently to the health effects of climate change. The working group’s activities include identifying and prioritizing communities and populations vulnerable to the health effects of climate change; determining actions and communication strategies that should be adopted to inform and protect frontline communities and populations; and developing recommendations for health communication, public education, and outreach programs for healthcare professionals and the general public to promote preparedness and response strategies related to climate change and public health. These activities fit within ICP’s work to advance climate resilience and peace in communities at the frontlines of climate change, particularly in our home of Hawai‘i and the Pacific-Asia region.

Gender + Environment Data Alliance (GEDA)

ICP gained membership to the [Gender + Environment Data Alliance](#) (GEDA), a membership-based alliance working to address the gender-environment data gap and advance gender-transformative climate and environment policy. GEDA’s work to explore and expand the current scope of information and data includes elevating traditional and Indigenous knowledge and data collected through feminist participatory action research and advocating for such data to be included in official statistics systems. ICP is excited to collaborate with GEDA to contribute further to the collection, accessibility, and dissemination of inclusive and intersectional data, advancing our work to promote climate and gender justice as we strive to build peaceful societies. As part of this work, ICP Analyst Healani Goo attended the [Global Conference on Gender and Environment Data](#) that took place ahead of [COP28](#) from November 28–29, 2023, which was organized by the presidential offices of the [28th Conference of the Parties \(COP28\)](#) and [UN Climate Change High Level Champions](#), alongside the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#), [UN Women](#), the [International Union for Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\)](#), and the [Women’s Environment & Development Organization \(WEDO\)](#) as part of existing global efforts to accelerate, implement, and strengthen gender-environment data.

Institute for Economics and Peace Ambassador Program

Analyst Danyelle Kawamura became an Ambassador for the [Institute for Economics and Peace \(IEP\)](#) as part of the April 2023 cohort. IEP has been a close partner of ICP’s for several years, with a shared mission to advance positive peace. [IEP Ambassadors](#) are an international network of emerging and established peacebuilders from a wide range of fields and affiliations and gain access, knowledge, and resources to use IEP’s latest research and data to foster peace in their communities.



Accelerating Climate Action with the AAAS Commission and U.S. Leaders

On October 24, 2023, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAAS) Commission on Accelerating Climate Action published its final report, Forging Climate Solutions: How to Accelerate Action Across America. This release marked the end of a two-year journey for ICP President Kealoha Fox, who served on the Commission from its launch in 2021 to the publication of its final report. During this time, Kealoha contributed her knowledge and expertise to identifying solutions that accelerate climate change, in addition to co-leading the Private Sector Working Group focused particularly on barriers to climate action in the private sector. Ahead of the final report, the Private Sector Working Group published a policy brief entitled “Barriers to Private Sector Action,” which explored profitability, political fragmentation and polarization, limited expertise, underrecognition of investment opportunities, and ineffective corporate structure as barriers to climate action in the private sector and advocated for climate expertise to be embedded within the workforces of companies.

The Commission’s final report, Forging Climate Solutions, advances the following strategies to accelerate climate action:

- Prioritize Equity, Fairness, and Justice in Climate Action
- Engage and Educate Across Diverse Communities
- Mobilize Investment
- Deploy Diverse Options for Controlling Emissions
- Ensure Adaptation at All Levels of Society

Accompanying each of these strategies are concrete recommendations toward putting them in action. Of special importance to our values and mission at ICP are the inclusion of frontline communities and Indigenous Knowledge into research on controlling pollution and managing the impacts of climate change, supporting effective nature-based climate solutions, building capacity for climate action by engaging diverse voices and removing barriers, and empowering diverse and trusted messengers to communicate climate change issues that resonate with specific communities.

ICP was honored to work with the wide range of experts and leaders that made up the 31-member Commission, representing the rich diversity of climate work across the United States. Our dedication to advancing climate resilience and peace across the Hawai’i-Pacific-Asia region is deeply evident in the report’s strategies and recommendations. Forging Climate Solutions was composed for businesses, governments, and individuals alike across America, with the intention of building a broader and more durable climate action coalition. We encourage you to explore the many pathways to climate action that are detailed in the full [report](#).



ICP Collaborates with The Climate Reality Project

In 2023, ICP was honored to collaborate with [The Climate Reality Project](#) by completing the Climate Reality Leadership Training Corps, supporting calls for the end of fossil fuels at COP28, and being a gracious recipient of their 4th Annual Climate Justice for All Grant. ICP President Kealoha Fox, Associate Bridget Kelly, and Analysts Healani Goo and Danyelle Kawamura applied and were accepted to The Climate Reality Project’s [Climate Reality Leadership Corps](#) in April. As Climate Reality Leaders, the [Power Up Training](#) focused specifically on the climate provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including orientation videos, live broadcast sessions, issue panels, skill-building sessions, and lightning talk videos with access to a vast network of Climate Reality Leaders. This training helped our team develop new skills to apply throughout the year into our programs, communications, and advocacy. As trained Climate Reality Leaders, members of ICP support the growing call to build a just and sustainable true net zero future.

In September, ICP became The Climate Reality Project’s first grantee in Hawai’i by being [selected](#) as one of 10 recipients across the US and Puerto Rico to receive a [Climate Justice for All Grant](#) to implement local projects in communities that are disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis and environmental injustice. Our project, “Ka’a I Ka Wiwo’ole: Brave Enough From the Frontlines of Our Climate Resilient Futures,” is a training and networking program that will empower girls and their mentors to contribute to their community’s resilience and to build skills, networks, and passion to champion climate justice together. In 2024, we will work with 40 girls of color from across the Hawaiian Islands and connect each of them with mentors from girl-serving community-based organizations to create the first girl-led climate emergency response toolkit for Hawai’i.

On December 7, we joined Al Gore for [24 Hours of Reality: On the Ground at COP28](#) where The Climate Reality Project led discussions in the Blue and Green Zones with world leaders, Indigenous representatives, youth activists, and civil society observers like ICP who want to engage in conversations and stories for change.

At COP28, we called on world leaders to:

- Phase out all fossil fuels and fossil fuel subsidies.
- Increase funding for climate solutions in countries that are most impacted.
- Reform future COP processes so fossil fuel interests can't block progress.



Dr. Kealoha Fox
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Our 2023 Financials



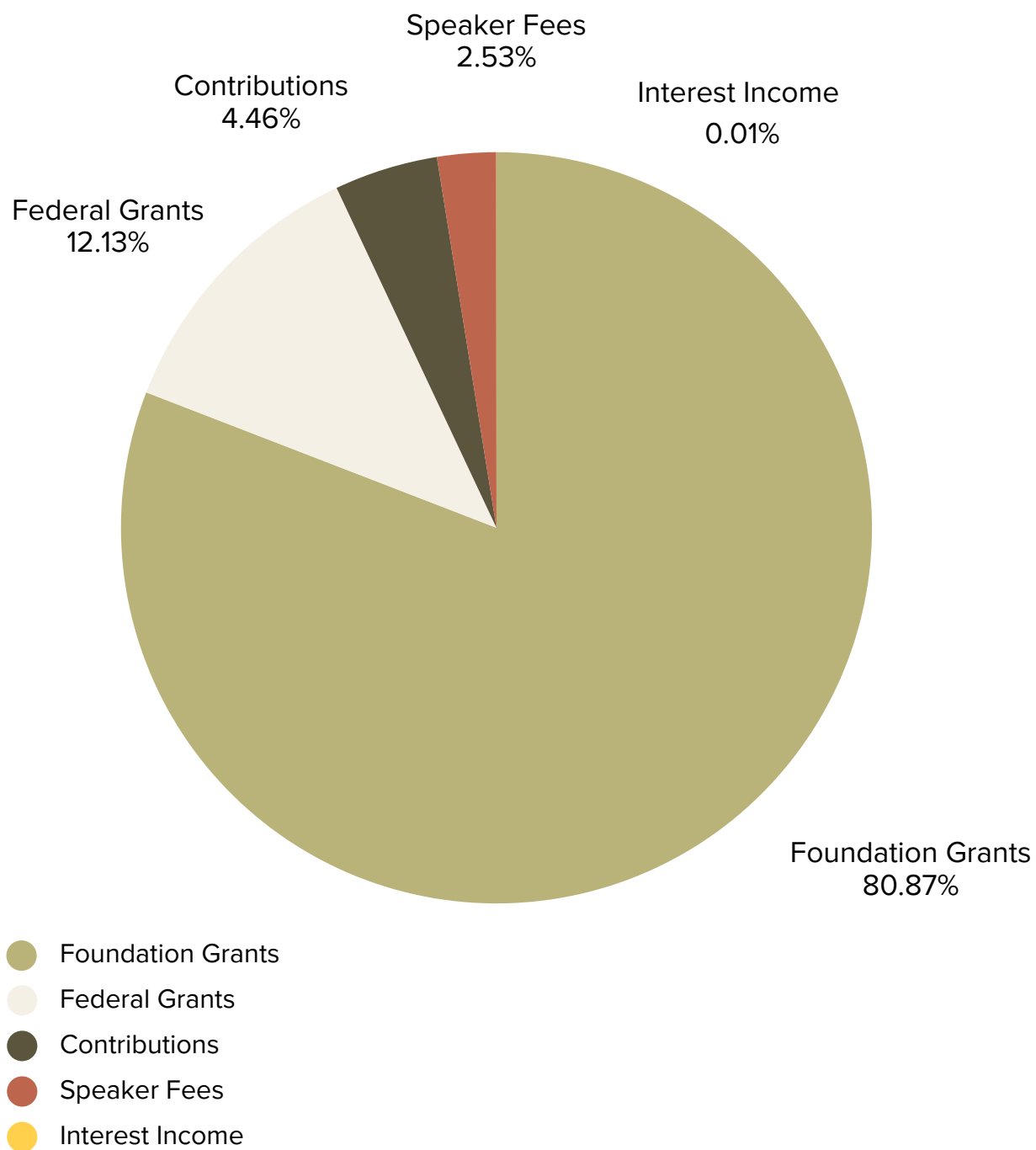
2023 Financial Summary

ICP Financial Summary January 2023 - December 2023	
Category	Total
Income	
Foundation Grants	\$240,000.00
Federal Grants	\$35,993.00
Contract Income	\$0.00
Speaker Fees	\$7,510.00
Total Earned Income	\$283,503
Contributions	\$13,246.07
Interest Income	\$25.57
Total Other Income	\$13,271.64
In-Kind Donations + Other Income	\$0.00
Total Income / Gross Profit	\$296,774.64

ICP Financial Summary January 2023 - December 2023	
Category	Total
Expenses	
Contracted Staff	\$245,454.33
Professional Services	\$33,120.75
Payroll Taxes	\$8,766.90
Total Supplies	\$1,511.48
Total Travel	\$66,945.56
Total Other Expenses	\$11,647.45
Total Facilities and Equipment	\$2,423.57
Uncategorized Expenses	\$17,394.48
Total Expenses	\$387,264.52
Net Operating Income	-\$90,489.88
Total Other Expenses	\$0.00
Net Other Income	\$0.00
Net Income	-\$90,489.88

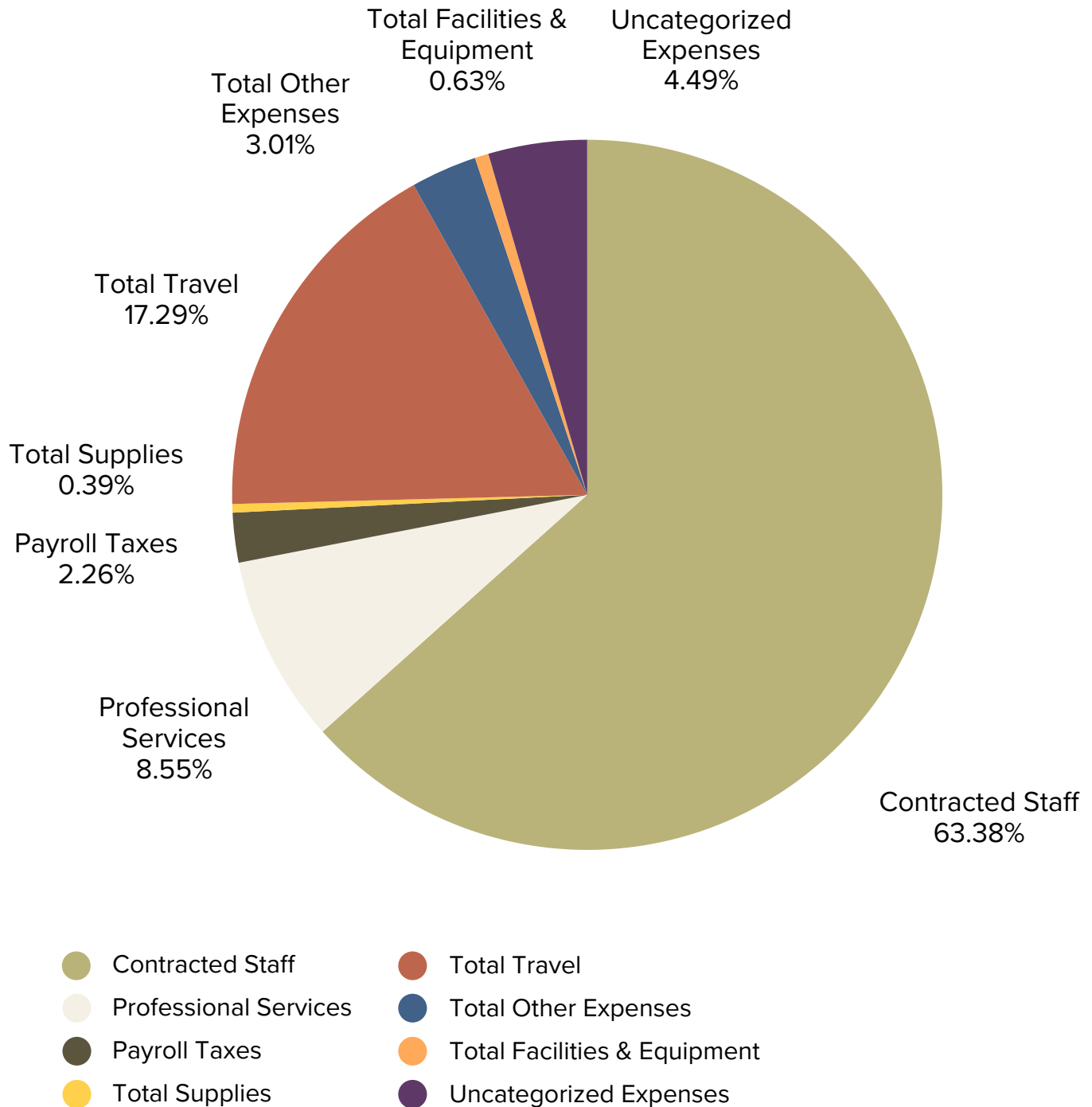


Income Summary





Expense Summary





Our Donors



Foundation + Federal Grants

Name / Organization	Purpose	Total
Humanity United	General Operating Funds	\$100,000
Anonymous Donor	General Operating Funds	\$50,000
US Department of State	Pacific Partnership Hub Program	\$35,993
The Solutions Project	General Operating Funds	\$30,000
Anonymous Donor	Climate + Peace Experience Montgomery, AL	\$25,000
The Climate Reality Project	Ka'a I Ka Wiwo'ole Girls Program	\$20,000
HEI Foundation	General Operating Funds	\$10,000
Atherton Family Foundation	Ka'a I Ka Wiwo'ole Girls Program	\$5,000
Total		\$275,993

Individual Donors

Name	Name
Gretchen Alther	Susan Kim
Janelle Peato	Andi Vaida
Jesse Grossman	Jacqueline Akana
Jocelyn Grandinetti	Maxine Burkett
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Our Donors

We are deeply humbled by the generosity and aloha of our incredible community of donors. Your support has been the foundation of our efforts to advance climate justice and positive peacebuilding in Hawai'i, the Pacific-Asia region, and beyond. Your support makes this work possible, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to our shared vision and are reminded that we are not alone in this journey. Your contributions have not only helped us drive meaningful change locally, but also amplified our collective impact globally. Together, we are co-creating a future rooted in resilience, equity, and hope. Mahalo nui loa for standing with us in this vital work.

ICP is as much an organization as a family and beloved community with shared values and a collective mission. As environmental change accelerates, our work becomes more urgent by the day. We invite you to join us and support us in our mission, and we deeply appreciate the generous donations made toward our critical work!

Humanity United

Humanity United is a philanthropic organization that takes a trust-based approach, honoring the lived experience and agency of those closest to the issues we focus on to cultivate conditions that transform human exploitation and violent conflict into enduring peace and freedom. Humanity United has been a long-time supporter of ICP's mission and continues to uplift our institute's capacity, agency, and ability to thrive. Our shared goals of collaborative peacebuilding to being about systemic and meaningful change is what drives our commitment to building beloved communities of practice that enable us work on the world's toughest challenges together. We are infinitely grateful for the support of Humanity United in helping us create, sustain, and elevate peaceful, climate-resilient societies.

The Solutions Project

The Solutions Project (TSP) is a national non-profit organization that funds and amplifies climate justice solutions created by frontline communities building power for an equitable and regenerative economy. The Solutions Project accelerates a just transition to a regenerative economy by funding and amplifying climate justice solutions created by Black, Indigenous, immigrant, women and communities of color. Through the vital and continued support of The Solutions Project, ICP is able to create and implement programs by our Indigenous-led all-women team to elevate our communities resilience. ICP proud to work alongside The Solutions Project and are honored to be one of TSP's Grantee Partners. As part of our beloved community, The Solutions Project's support of ICP and our mission has been paramount to our impact and success and we are grateful for their support.

The Climate Reality Project

The Climate Reality Project is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by former Vice President Al Gore, seeking to build a just and sustainable true net zero future through its global 3.5 million network. Climate Reality recruits, trains, and mobilizes people of all ages and walks of life to become world-changing advocates, equipped with the skills, resources, and network to lead the fight for just climate solutions and open the door to a better true net-zero future for all.

Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI) Charitable Foundation

Hawaiian Electric Industries Charitable Foundation focuses specifically on community programs that promote environmental sustainability, community resilience, economic strength, and educational excellence through collaboration, partnerships and neighbors helping neighbors. The HEI Charitable Foundation's continued support of ICP has been instrumental in shaping our organization's operational and programmatic mission. We are honored to be supported by another local organization committed to the peaceful, sustainable, and climate-resilient future of Hawai'i.

Atherton Family Foundation

The Atherton Family Foundation is a Hawai'i-based foundation dedicated to supporting the people of Hawai'i across a broad spectrum of programs and projects such as: Arts, Culture, and Humanities, Community Development, Education, Environment, Health, Human Services, and Youth Development. As one of the largest endowed grantmaking private resources in the State of Hawai'i, The Atherton Family Foundation's history of philanthropic commitment to Hawai'i and its people have been instrumental in ensuring organizations like ours are supported in our mission to advance peaceful, climate-resilient futures by elevating the inherent wisdom, power, ingenuity, and voices of the communities that we serve.

