



2018 ITC Strategic Plan

Vision	
Indigenous stewardship of natural resources supports thriving, fully empowered communities that share success in exercising sovereign decision-making, create sustainable economies and implement strategies that perpetuate forest health for generations to come.	
Mission	
To pursue and promote stewardship of forests for the benefit and advancement of Indian people.	
Goal 1: Communication	Objectives: Communication
Communicate with individual members, tribes, stakeholders and the public at large about issues affecting natural resource management. Communication among member tribes, partners, and the public are timely, relevant, accessible, and comprehensive.	1. Improve dissemination of information accessible through ITC media platforms.
	2. Continue sharing information about federal policy affecting natural resources.
	3. Gather information from members and tribes about issues relevant to natural resources.
	4. Convene annual ITC symposium
	5. Increase ITC's visibility among external natural resource organizations and agencies.
Goal 2: Education & Workforce	Objectives: Education & Workforce
Support training and development of Indian foresters and fire personnel.	1. Facilitate educational opportunities.
	2. Assure an adequate Indian forestry and fire workforce.
Goal 3: Organizational Stability	Objectives: Organizational Stability
To have an organization which is financially sound, structurally stable and compliant.	1. Maintain and expand funding sources.
	2. Maintain and grow a diverse investment portfolio.
	3. Preserve and strengthen participation and engagement of member tribes in the function, governance and activities of the organization.
	4. Develop a set of performance metrics to evaluate accomplishments.
Goal 4: Natural Resource Management Policy & Practices	Objectives: Policy
ITC and member tribes strive to have significant influence over management of Indian lands and traditional areas.	1. Increase awareness among policy makers about the advantages of tribal forest management.
	2. Advocate for meeting the trust responsibility for Indian forests.
	3. Address tribal concerns and interests in traditional territories.
	4. Advocate for tribal priorities for fire prevention, suppression, and rehabilitation.
	5. Advocate for policies that respect and support tribal sovereignty.
	6. Utilize IFMAT's findings and recommendations to support and improve the management of Indian resources.
	Objectives: Forest & Fire Management
	7. Provide a forum and resources to share technical tools to improve resource management.
	8. ITC will provide leadership in addressing emerging forest and fire issues.
	9. Collaborate with BIA and other land management agencies interested in improving the management of Indian natural resources.
	10. Provide a forum for tribal research needs, and an opportunity to collaborate with universities and agencies.
11. Support natural resource economies and infrastructure needed for forest management.	



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Goal 5: Advancement of Self-Governance and Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty	Objectives: Advancement of Self-Governance and Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty	
Provide support and assistance to ITC member tribes desiring to enhance self-determination and strengthen tribal sovereignty in management of Trust forest resources.	1.	Identify opportunities and provide tribal focus in carrying out forest management activities.
	2.	Gather information and provide input to DOI officials to improve implementation of self-governance agreements in carrying out tribally directed forestry programs.
	3.	Facilitate tribal participation in the Indian Trust Asset Reform Act (ITARA) for forest management activities.
	4.	Advocate for policies and procedures, which promote self-governance principles.
	5.	Utilize information in Harvard Studies, IFMAT Reports and other sources to advance self-governance and strengthen tribal sovereignty.