

# IKNotes

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## Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Notes Survey

**D**ear Reader,  
Since 1998 IK Notes has been reporting on ongoing development issues that are effectively dealt with through the application of indigenous knowledge and practices. The IK Notes publication documents and disseminates Indigenous Knowledge-based practices in order to facilitate their integration into the development work of local communities, NGOs, governments, donors, civil society and the private sector. But what does our readership think of the publication and its subject in concrete terms? What are the applications of lessons readers have taken from the IK Notes series to their work, and has it made a difference to their work? To get answers to questions such as these and to better tailor the IK Notes series to our readerships' needs, we have designed a questionnaire for our readers to provide their input.

The present edition of IK Notes asks that you, our readership, provide feedback and assess the contribution the publication has made to your work. We would like to learn from you about your perception of IK Notes and the role of Indigenous Knowledge in development. The survey is divided into two parts; both consist of short segments with multiple-choice responses. The first part covers the issue of how you evaluate IK Notes and asks you about the role it plays in your work. The second part of the survey asks you to provide your assessment of the importance of Indigenous Knowledge<sup>1</sup> in development processes. We want to learn from you about the role that IK plays in your work. Do you integrate indigenous practices in your work? And if so, did it change the outcome of your work?

Please take a few minutes to provide feedback and reply to the questions on the following pages. This hardcopy

questionnaire is for readers who don't have access to the internet. If you do have Internet access, you may also find the questionnaire at the following address: <http://www4.worldbank.org/afr/ik/ik.htm>. We kindly request you to log on to the internet and fill out the questionnaire on-line.

For readers of the IK Notes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, who do not have access to the internet, we have included a return envelope. If those readers are able to complete the questionnaire on-line, kindly discard the envelope.

<sup>1</sup> We understand *Indigenous Knowledge* as referring to the knowledge held by people in a specific local context. It provides problem-solving strategies for communities, is unique to every culture, society or community and is commonly held by communities rather than by individuals. IK is mostly tacit knowledge, embedded in community practices, institutions, relationships and rituals, and is therefore difficult to codify. Indigenous Knowledge is dynamic, continuously evolving and innovating, and acts as a significant basis for local-level decision making in all areas relevant to development; including: agriculture, health care, food preparation, education, natural resource management, local governance, crisis prevention / conflict resolution, social development and a host of other development and community activities.

**IK Notes** reports periodically on Indigenous Knowledge (IK) initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa and occasionally on such initiatives outside the region. It is published by the Africa region's Knowledge and Learning Center as part of an evolving K partnership between the World Bank, communities, NGOs, development institutions, and multilateral organizations. The views expressed in this article are those of the authors and should not be attributed to the World Bank Group or its partners in this initiative. A webpage on IK is available at [//www.worldbank.org/afr/ik](http://www.worldbank.org/afr/ik)

# QUESTIONNAIRE

**Note: If you have access to the Internet, please complete the electronic copy at <http://www4.worldbank.org/afr/ik/ik.htm>**

**Personal Data**

Country: .....  
 Region or State: .....  
 Gender:  female  male  
 Age:  -25  26-35  36-45  46-55  
 55+

*Please check the most applicable response and provide only one answer unless otherwise noted.*

**1. Which of the following best describes your current position?**

- Policy Maker / Director
- Program / Project manager
- Expert / Consultant
- Teacher
- Farmer / Practitioner
- other (please specify):  
.....
- not applicable

**2. Which of the following best describes the organization or institution you work with?**

- Community-based organization
- National Non-Governmental Organization
- National Governmental Organization
- Sub-Regional Organization
- International Non-Governmental Organization
- International Organization
- University / Research Institute
- Private Sector
- other (please specify):  
.....
- not applicable

**3. Identify the primary specialization of your work**

*Please provide up to four responses.*

- Agriculture
- Crisis Prevention / Conflict Resolution
- Education
- Health
- Infrastructure
- Local Governance
- Natural Resource Management
- Social Development

- Water and Sanitation
- other (please specify):.....  
.....
- not applicable

**Part I: Indigenous Knowledge Notes (IK Notes)**

**4. I have been receiving the IK Notes publication for**

- 5-7 years
- 3-5 years
- 1-2 years
- new subscriber

**5. I read the IK Notes issues I receive**

- rarely (approximately 1 out of 10 issues)
- sometimes (approximately 1 out of 5 issues)
- usually (more than half of the time)
- always

**6. In addition to myself the monthly IK Notes issue I receive is read by or read to**

- no other people
- up to 5 other people
- up to 15 other people
- more than 15 other people; please give an estimate of how many: \_\_\_\_

**7. IK Notes cover topics relevant to my work**

- rarely
- sometimes
- usually
- always
- not applicable

**8. I have applied information from IK Notes in my work**

- never (*proceed directly to question #10*)
- 1 to 3 times
- 4 to 10 times
- more than 10 times, give an estimate of how many: \_\_\_\_
- not applicable

**9. The use of information from IK Notes has improved the outcome of my work**

- not at all
- sometimes
- often
- always

not applicable

**10. I would be willing and able to pay for IK Notes or other IK related publications**

- no
- yes

What would you consider a reasonable price per issue?

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**11. IK Notes should focus more on**

Please provide up to 2 responses to the following.

- Agriculture
- Crisis Prevention / Conflict Resolution
- Education
- Health
- Local Governance
- Natural Resource Management
- Social Development
- Water and Sanitation
- other (please specify):

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the present mix is fine

**12. Do you have access to the Internet and are you able to read the electronic version of IK Notes?**

- yes
- no

If you responded 'yes' in #12

**13. Would you prefer to receive IK Notes electronically?**

- yes, electronic copy is my preference (please provide your email address, it will be stored separately from your data:  
.....@.....)
- no, I prefer the hard copy

**Part II: Indigenous Knowledge (IK) and its role in development**

Please rate each statement on a progressive scale of 1 to 4, where **1 means you strongly disagree** and **4 means you strongly agree**. Please provide only one response.

**14. IK is an important development resource**

- 1 (strongly disagree)  2  3  4 (strongly agree)

agree)

- 0 (don't know)

**15. Without understanding IK, new practices cannot be adapted to local conditions**

- 1 (strongly disagree)  2  3  4 (strongly agree)
- 0 (don't know)

**16. IK must be applied as a source for local innovation**

- 1 (strongly disagree)  2  3  4 (strongly agree)
- 0 (don't know)

**17. IK is critical to reducing poverty and improving livelihoods**

- 1 (strongly disagree)  2  3  4 (strongly agree)
- 0 (don't know)

**18. IK plays an important role in my work**

Please select the most applicable and provide only one response.

- not at all (go directly to question #24)
- sometimes
- often
- always
- not applicable

**19. My work involves strengthening IK systems and practices**

- not at all
- sometimes
- often
- always
- not applicable

**20. In my work I have promoted innovations based on indigenous practices**

- never
- 1 to 3 times
- 4 to 10 times
- more than 10 times, if so give an estimate of how many times: \_\_\_\_
- not applicable

**21. Building on IK has made a difference in my work**

- never
- 1 to 3 times
- 4 to 10 times

