



World Council of Indigenous Games (WIG) WIG World Youth Skills Day & World Rural Development Day Celebration – 2026

*Empowering Indigenous Youth Through Skills, Culture &
Sustainable Rural Development*

Organized by: World Council of Indigenous Games (WIG)

Programme Duration: Up to 25 July 2026



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International Support & Collaboration

The successful implementation of the programme was strengthened through the support of the following international partners:

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- MYKARATE INTERNATIONAL, India
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In Collaboration With: Panhellenic Association SOS KIDS
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- Mr. Obo John Nya, Founder & Executive Director Youth Initiative for the Promotion of Good Leadership in Nigeria (YIPGLIN)
In Collaboration with: Viva Life & Nature Conservative Initiative (VLCI)

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

The WIG World Youth Skills Day & World Rural Development Day Celebration – 2026 was successfully organized as a global initiative to promote Indigenous youth empowerment, traditional knowledge, cultural heritage, and sustainable rural development.

Through active participation from educational institutions, Indigenous communities, organizations, and international partners, the programme encouraged youth leadership, skills development, cultural preservation, community engagement, and global collaboration.



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KEY OBJECTIVES

- Promoted Indigenous youth skills and leadership.
- Preserved Indigenous culture and traditional knowledge.
- Encouraged entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Promoted traditional Indigenous games and martial arts.
- Strengthened sustainable rural development.
- Fostered international collaboration and partnerships.

Programme Highlights

- Indigenous Talent Showcase
- Indigenous Games Demonstrations
- Youth Skills Exhibition
- Rural Development Activities
- Cultural Exchange Programme
- Optional Global World Record Challenge



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Participation

The programme witnessed participation from:

- Schools and Colleges
- Indigenous Communities
- Cultural and Youth Organizations
- Community Groups
- International Participants and Supporters

Outcomes

The programme successfully:

- Increased awareness of Indigenous heritage.
- Enhanced youth participation and leadership.
- Promoted traditional games, culture, and skills.
- Encouraged sustainable rural development.
- Strengthened international cooperation and cultural exchange.



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Global Alignment

The programme supported global initiatives relating to:

- United Nations World Youth Skills Day
- World Rural Development Initiatives
- UNCCD
- Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- WIPO
- UNESCO Principles
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

SDGs Supported: *SDG 1, SDG 4, SDG 8, SDG 9, SDG 11, and SDG 17.*



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Conclusion

The WIG World Youth Skills Day & World Rural Development Day Celebration – 2026 successfully united Indigenous communities, educational institutions, youth organizations, and international partners in celebrating Indigenous knowledge, culture, skills, and sustainable rural development

The programme reinforced WIG's commitment to preserving Indigenous heritage, empowering youth, and strengthening global partnerships for a more inclusive and sustainable future.



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