

Inari Symposium on Research Ethics in Nature, Environment and Indigenous Research

In June 2026, the Finnish National Board on Research Integrity TENK organises an international symposium in Lapland on research ethics with the theme of ethical principles and ethical review in research on nature, the environment and indigenous peoples. InRENEI2026 is co-organised with the Sámi Parliament, the University of Lapland and the Natural Resources Institute Finland LUKE. The event is aimed at researchers, experts and ethics committees working in the field of human sciences and research on nature and the environment.

The international landscape of research ethics has started to recognise a need for developing the ethical framework for research impacting nature and the environment. Particularly in the Arctic, research on nature and the environment has direct connections to the lives and cultural heritage of the indigenous peoples.

The symposium highlights the inseparable connection between the indigenous cultures and the environment by taking the discussion on research ethics to the heart of the Sámi homeland. The two-day international symposium will take place at the Sámi Cultural Centre Sajos, Inari.

The two-day programme will feature keynote lectures on ethical questions related to research on nature and the environment, ethics in indigenous research and international views on the importance of ethical guidelines for research, as well as multiple presentations related to these topics.

During 2023-2025, the Finnish National Board on Research Integrity TENK has drafted a recommendation for national ethical guidelines for research on nature and the environment in collaboration with the Finnish research community. The purpose of this recommendation is to increase awareness of the ethical questions in research on nature and the environment, and to develop ethical discussion and reflection in these fields. The recommendation will be published at InRENEI2026 in June 2026.

Join the discussion at Inari in June 2026!

DAY 1 Wednesday June 10, 2026

The day starts with optional satellite events (Unofficial programme)

| Time | Track Dolla | Track Siida | Track Solju |
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| 10.00-12.00 | Satellite event Dolla | Satellite event Siida | Satellite event Solju |
| 12-13 | LUNCH | | |

Official programme begins after lunch

| Time | Scheme (Dolla) |
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| 13.00-15.00 | Opening words and keynote lectures |
| 15.00-15.30 | BREAK |
| 15.30-17.00 | Panel discussion |
| 17.00-17.30 | Poster walk |

19.00: Symposium dinner at Restaurant Aanaar

DAY 2 Thursday June 11, 2026

The day starts with parallel programme

| Time | Track Dolla | Track Siida |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 9.00-10.30 | Session Sajos 2 | Session Siida 2 |
| 10.30-10.45 COFFEE | | |
| 10.45-12.15 | Session Sajos 3 | Session Siida 3 |
| 12.15-13.15 LUNCH + Poster walk | | |

After lunch, joint programme

| Time | Scheme (Dolla) |
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| 13.15-14.00 | Keynote 3 |
| 14.00-14.30 | Ethical principles for research on nature and the environment - TENK's national recommendation |
| 14.30 | TENK's national recommendation for ethical use of AI in research |
| 15.00-16.00 | Commentary and discussion |
| 15.30-16.00 | Closing words |