



Former State Department Advisor Charlie Kellett Visits NNWO to Discuss International Advocacy



Charlie Kellett, left, and Director Vincent P. Redhouse, right, pose after discussing international advocacy at the Navajo Nation Washington Office

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Thursday, September 18, 2025, Charlie Kellett visited the Navajo Nation Washington Office to share his insights and offer guidance on strengthening international advocacy. Mr. Kellett previously served as a Policy Advisor for Youth and Marginalized Populations in the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and held the role of the Department's tribal point of contact. He and Director Redhouse were first introduced while Vincent was pursuing his Master of Philosophy at the University of Australia.

Mr. Charlie Kellett shared key perspectives on the current state of international advocacy for Indigenous peoples during his visit to the Navajo Nation Washington Office. He noted that recent restructuring within the Department of State may create challenges under the new

administration, but noted opportunities remain to strengthen tribal sovereignty through global partnerships.

Kellett encouraged outreach to Native nations abroad and stressed the importance of engaging Indigenous youth. He explained that creating opportunities for young people from the Navajo Nation to connect with their peers worldwide can build lasting relationships and prepare the next generation of leaders. When asked about working with other Indigenous communities and organizations, Kellett remarked, “Ideas may belong to individuals, but solutions belong to everyone.”

During the discussion, NNWO staff also explored the possibility of inviting youth from other Indigenous communities to intern alongside Navajo interns at the Washington Office. Staff member Montaro Ramos joined the meeting, along with Oriana Figueroa-Chacín, who oversees the international affairs portfolio for NNWO, making her participation especially important in shaping future global partnerships.