High Level Political Forum 2016 – Leaving No One Behind

Moving Forward:
Securing the rights and contributions of indigenous peoples in the 2030 Agenda

Date 15 July 2016
1:15–2:30 PM
Conference Room 6
UN Headquarters, New York

PROGRAMME

• Spiritual Ceremony and welcome

Moderator
• Ms. Joan Carling, Expert Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Panelists
• Mr. Sean Batten, Director of Global Development Policy, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
• Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC)

Special Remarks
• Ms. Deirdre Mc Grenra, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
• Mr. Roberto Borroto, Indigenous Peoples’ Major Group/International Indian Treaty Council
• Ms. Birgitte Feiring, Danish Institute for Human Rights

Questions and Answers

Closing remarks by
Ms. Otilia Lux de Coti, former Expert Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Interpretation will be available in Spanish and English

All participants who would like to attend the event, but do not have UN grounds pass, should send a request with their name, organization and e-mail to indigenous_un@un.org by Wednesday 13 July, 2016 at 12 pm.

Organizers:
The side event is organised by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (SPFII/DSPD/DESA) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations.
BACKGROUND

The world’s indigenous peoples need to be at the centre of the 2030 Agenda with its promise to “leave no one behind.” Indigenous peoples make up 5 per cent of the world’s population, but 15 per cent of the poorest. They lag behind on virtually every social and economic indicator and continue to face persistent marginalisation.

Indigenous peoples have participated in the consultation process towards the 2030 Agenda, and their advocacy resulted in a framework that makes references to indigenous peoples’ development concerns and is founded on principles of universality, human rights, equality and sustainability – core priorities for indigenous peoples.

When moving forward towards implementation, indigenous peoples have called for participation and implementation that is culturally sensitive and fully respects the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the right to self-determination, collective rights to land and free, prior and informed consent amongst others. They have called for data disaggregation and statistics that measure progress for indigenous peoples across the 17 SDGs. To ensure this, consistent participation of indigenous peoples in implementation and review from national action plans to the global level at High Level Political Forum is essential.

Objective of the side-events:
- Through an interactive panel discussion, the side event aims to give concrete and action-oriented guidance on how to ensure that indigenous peoples are not left behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and how to enhance their roles and contributions to sustainable development.