
Indigenous Peoples’ right to traditional economies, sustainable development, and food security in an age of climate change

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Day 1: Thursday, 8 February 2024

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<td>• Sheryl Lightfoot, Host, Chair and Member from North America, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</td>
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| 9.30-10.30 | **Panel 1: Leadership Voices: The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Traditional Economies and Sustainable Development in an Era of Climate Change**  
**Moderator:** Valmaine Toki, Vice Chair and Member from the Pacific, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
**Presenters:** TBA  
• Open Discussion | • Exploration of how Indigenous communities draw upon traditional knowledge to navigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change on their economies.  
• Case studies highlighting survival strategies employed by Indigenous groups in the face of changing environmental conditions.  
**Moderator:** Anexa Brendalee Alfred Cunningham, Member from Central and South America, and the Caribbean, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
**Speakers:**  
• Kiri Toki, Ngāti Wai, Ngāpuhi (Aotearoa New Zealand), DPhil candidate, University of Oxford  
• Bablu Chakma, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany  
• Elifuraha Laltaika, Tumaini University Makumira, Tanzania |  

| 10.30-10.45 | Health Break | |  

| 10.45-12.15 | **Panel 2: Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Economies in the Context of Climate Change**  
**Topics:**  
• Exploration of how Indigenous communities draw upon traditional knowledge to navigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change on their economies.  
• Case studies highlighting survival strategies employed by Indigenous groups in the face of changing environmental conditions. |  

| 12.15-14.30 | Tour & Lunch – Museum of Anthropology | |  

| 14.30-16.00 | **Panel 3: Human Rights, Indigenous Law, and Social Development for Sustainable Livelihoods**  
**Topics:**  
• Examination of the human rights framework and Indigenous law supporting the right to sustainable livelihoods.  
• Insights into social development initiatives that empower Indigenous communities in maintaining their traditional economies.  
• Analysis of the intersection between Indigenous rights, social development, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). |
Day 2: Friday, 9 February 2023

8.30-9.00  Breakfast

9.00-10.30  **Panel 4: Indigenous Food Systems, Fisheries, and Coastal Cultures**

Topics:
- Exploration of Indigenous food systems and their role in ensuring food security in coastal cultures.
- Insights into sustainable fishing practices and the challenges faced by Indigenous communities in maintaining their fishing livelihoods.
- Consideration of how traditional knowledge contributes to the preservation of fisheries and coastal cultures.

**Moderator:** Antonina Gorbunova, Vice-Chair and Member from Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Speakers:
- Brigitte Feiring, Charapa Consulting, Denmark
- Miguel Gonzales, York University, Canada
- Line Kalak, Sámi allaskuva, Norway

Open Discussion

10.30-11.00  Health Break

11.00-12.30  **Panel 5: Indigenous Food Systems, Fisheries, and Coastal Cultures (continued)**

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**Moderator:** Margaret Lokawa, Member from Africa, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

**Speakers:**
- Bob Chamberlin, Chamberlin & Associates Consulting, Canada
- Laureli Ivanoff, Independent Expert, USA
- Andrei Metelitsa, Public Expert Council on Fisheries, Aquatic Biological Resources, and Aquaculture under the government of the Kamchatka Territory, Russian Federation
- Binota Moy Dhamai, Member from Asia, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)

**Open Discussion**

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**Panel 6: Climate Change, Livelihoods, and Food Sovereignty**

**Topics:**
- Examination of the impact of climate change on Indigenous livelihoods and traditional economies.
- Discussion on the role of carbon trading in supporting sustainable Indigenous livelihoods.
- Insights into the concept of food sovereignty and its relevance to ensuring food security in the context of climate change.
- Case studies from regions like Siberia, reindeer husbandry, and their unique challenges and solutions

**Moderator:** Dalee Sambo Dorough, Member from the Arctic, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

**Speakers:**
- Priscilla Settee, University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- Minnie Dagawan, Kawari, Philippines

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**DRAFT (as of 1 of Feb, 2024)**
• Richard Asaba Bagonza, Makerere University, Uganda
• Tabitha Robin Martens, University of British Columbia, Canada

Open Discussion

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**Moderator:** Sheryl Lightfoot, Chair and Member from North America, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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