



THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES Indigenous Peoples and AI: Defending Rights, Shaping Futures

Virtual commemoration on Friday 8 August 2025*
(9-10:30 am EST/New York Time)

Zoom Webinar – Registration [here](#)

Interpretation will be available between Spanish and English, kindly provided by FILAC.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

High Level Segment

Traditional opening by *Lorena Verónica López Mejía* (Maya K'iche)

Video message from *António Guterres*, UN Secretary-General

Welcome by *Aluki Kotierk* (Inuit), Chair, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Panel Discussion

Fernando Marani, Program Director, Justice, Inclusion and Equality, NYU Center on
International Cooperation

Pyrou Chung, Director, EWMI-ODI

Moi Guiquita (Waorani), Content creator, Indigenous activist, and Director of Fundación Waponi
Amazon

Danielle M Boyer (Anishinaabe), Robotics Inventor & Founder

Iñg-Ándde Waldemar Anne Torill (Sámi) Department Leader for Innovation and Advising at
the Norwegian Centre for E-health Research

Moderated by *Elaine Reyes*, News anchor, CGTN America.



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Closing message

H.E. *Leonor Zalabata Torres* (*Arhuaco*), Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations (video message)

Live transmission on [Zoom](#) and [UNPFII Facebook](#)

Online participation by using: #WeAreIndigenous #IndigenousPeoplesDay #SomosIndígenas #DíaPueblosIndígenas #NousSommesAutochtones #JournéePeuplesAutochtones

*The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is officially commemorated on 9 August annually in recognition of the first meeting of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations in Geneva in 1982