



THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

United Nations General Assembly Hall

Monday, 21 April 2025

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

1. Ceremonial violin performance by Kichwa Indigenous youth to honor Indigenous women elders at the opening of the session.¹
2. Declaration of the opening of the session by Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, *Mr. Li Junhua*
3. Ceremonial welcome by the traditional Chief of the Onondaga Nation, *Tadodaho Sid Hill*
4. Election of the Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (**Item 1**)
5. Statement by the Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
6. Election of the members of the Bureau of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (**Item 1**)
7. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work (**Item 2**)
8. Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, *H.E. António Guterres*
9. Statement by the President of Economic and Social Council, *H.E. Bob Rae (Canada)*
10. Statement by the President of the 79th session of the General Assembly, *H.E. Philemon Yang*
11. Statement by the Minister for Environment, Colombia, *H.E. Lena Yanina Estrada*
12. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, *Mr. Li Junhua*

¹ **Theme:** Rosa Payamamita. | **Author:** Cesar Maigua Y. | **Performed by:** Amy Chalan (Saraguro) and Aliyah Yacelga (Otavalo).

