



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
Division for Inclusive Social Development
Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch - Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on
Indigenous Issues

International Expert Group Meeting

Agenda

**Peace, justice and strong institutions:
the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16**

19 – 21 November 2019, Chiang Mai, Thailand

University of Chiang Mai, Thailand

Regional Center of Social Science and sustainable Development (RCSD)
International Building, Faculty of Social Sciences, 4th Floor Operational Building

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Tuesday 19 November 2019

8:00am Registration

9.00 am – 12.00 noon

Opening Remarks (5 mins)

Anne Nuorgam, Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Dr Chayan Vaddhanaphuti, Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable
Development, Chiang Mai University
UN Resident Coordinator's Office, Thailand/Thai Government representative (TBC)
Chandra Roy-Henriksen, Chief, IPDB-SPFII/DISD/UNDESA

1. Effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Moderator: Xiaoan Zhang, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Presentations: (10 mins each)

- a) Joenia Wapichana, Congresswomen, Brazil
 - Resolving legal conflicts impacting the rights of indigenous peoples
- b) Vonda Malone, Mayor of Torres Shire Council, Queensland, Australia
 - 'Closing the Gap' initiative
- c) Eric Descheenie, Former State Representative, Navajo Peoples

General Discussion

12.00 noon – 2.00pm

Lunch Break

2.00pm – 5.00pm

2. The role of Human Rights Institutions in implementing SDG 16

Moderator: Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Presentations: (10 mins each)

- a) Tuenjai Deetes, Thailand, former National Human Rights Commissioner
- b) Dr Madeline Berma, Commissioner, SUKHAM, Malaysia
- c) Edtami Mansayagan, Vice-Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- e) Naw Ei Ei Min, Director, Promotion of Indigenous Nature Together (POINT), Myanmar

General Discussion

Wednesday 20 November 2019

9.00 am – 12.00 noon

3. Access to justice for all

Moderator: UNDP or UN Resident Coordinator's Office (TBC)

Presentations: (10 mins each)

- a) Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 - Access to Justice in the ordinary and indigenous justice systems
- b) Ramiro Avila Santamaria, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Ecuador and Professor of Law at the Andean University Simon Bolivar
 - Juridical pluralism and Indigenous justice in the Andean countries
- c) Silvia Museiya, Chairperson. Indigenous People National Steering Committee on Climate Change, Kenya

General Discussion

12.00 noon – 2.00pm

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4. Peace accords: protecting indigenous peoples' social, cultural and political rights

Moderator: Anne Nuorgam, Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Presentations: (10 mins each)

- a) Raja Devasish Roy, Traditional Chief, Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh
- b) Medarda Castro, PAWANKA Fund and NALEB, Guatemala
- c) Dr Famark Hlawning, Chin Human Rights Organization, Myanmar

General Discussion

Thursday 21 November 2019

9.00 am – 12.00pm

5. Identifying best practices and ways forward

Moderator: Brian Keane, Expert Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Discussants:

- a) Joan Carling, Co-Chair, Indigenous Peoples Major Group
- b) Joseph Ole Simel, Executive Director, Mainyoto Pastoralists Integrated Development Organization
- c) Sakda Saenmi, Director of Inter Mountain Peoples Education and Culture, General Secretary of the Council of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand, Coordinator of Network of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand

12.00 noon – 12.30pm

6. Closing Remarks

Kiitisak Rattanakajangsri, Chairperson, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact
Chandra Roy-Henriksen, Chief, IPDB-SPFII, DISD, UNDESA
