

High Level Political Forum 2017 – Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity

## Overcoming Poverty - Indigenous Concepts of Well-being and Development



Date 12 July 2016

6:15-7:30 PM

Conference Room B, UN Headquarters, New York

### PROGRAMME

Spanish and English interpretation available

- ❖ **Spiritual Ceremony and welcome**

#### Moderator

- ❖ **Ms. Joan Carling**, Indigenous Peoples' Major Group

#### Panellists:

- ❖ **Ms. Tarcila Rivera Zea**, expert member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and President of FIMI
- ❖ **Mr. Selim Jahan**, Director of the Human Development Report Office
- ❖ **Mr. Jamie Tanguay**, National Statistical Office, Vanuatu
- ❖ **Mr. Inge Herman Rydland**, Special Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- ❖ **Mr. Ole Kaunga Johnson**, Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation (Impact), Kenya

#### Special Remarks:

- ❖ **Ms Deirdre McGrenra**, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Americas Liaison Office

#### Questions and Answers

#### Organisers:

The side event is organised by the Indigenous Peoples' Major Group, the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Division for Social Policy and Development/UN DESA) and the International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI) and co-sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and UN Women.



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## BACKGROUND

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a new opportunity to advance the rights and well-being of indigenous peoples, who were largely invisible in the Millennium Development Goals.

Indigenous peoples have engaged actively in the first years of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. They have called for participation, disaggregated data according to indigenous identity and inclusion of their rights in national action plans, follow-up and review. They contributed actively to implementation and shared their traditional knowledge and development approaches as inspiration for the 2030 Agenda.



Indigenous peoples' concepts of holistic and multidimensional well-being can bring valuable inspiration to the High Level Political Forum 2017, in particular the theme of promoting prosperity and eradicating poverty: What does it in fact mean to be poor or not? Which structural factors contribute to keeping indigenous peoples excluded, marginalised and poor? What are the particular challenges for indigenous women to move out of poverty? How can indigenous peoples' traditional livelihoods provide a sustainable alternative to present models of resource extraction and profit-driven businesses? What is the key to not leaving indigenous peoples behind?

### Objective of the side-event:

- ❖ Bring concrete ideas to the HLPF on how indigenous peoples' concepts of well-being can guide the 2030 Agenda to overcome poverty and promote prosperity. It will further emphasise how to enhance the contributions of indigenous peoples to sustainable development to ensure that they are not left behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.