



Side Event

17th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Permanent Missions of Australia, Canada and
New Zealand cordially invite you to

Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and actions to close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage

This event will highlight actions taken to reduce the
disadvantage experienced by Indigenous peoples, as we
share different approaches, experiences and learnings.

**Wednesday 18 April 2018
1.15 – 2.30pm
United Nations Headquarters
Conference Room A**



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CONCEPT NOTE

All countries approach supporting the rights of indigenous peoples in different ways, either using the UNDRIP as the primary framework for this work or integrating the principles of the UNDRIP into other frameworks. Australia is currently in the process of refreshing its national Closing the Gap targets to be informed by the principles of the UNDRIP and the Sustainable Development Goals. The panellists will share their countries perspectives on the frameworks and actions being taken.

The intention of this side event is to:

- To promote and raise awareness of the specific actions being taken to give effect to the UNDRIP
- To share learnings about the approaches being applied

Join us to hear about what the different approaches giving effect to the declaration and supporting the rights of Indigenous peoples.

Structure of the event

Opening remarks

Ms Rachel O'Connor, Assistant Secretary, Strategic Policy, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Australia

Presenters

Professor Ian Anderson AO, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Australia

Mr Napau Pedro Stephen, Chair, Torres Strait Regional Authority, Australia

Mr Jeff Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Representative from New Zealand

Closing remarks

TBC

Moderator

Ms Rachel O'Connor, Assistant Secretary, Strategic Policy, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Australia