

## HLPF Side Event on “Moving Forward: Securing the Rights and Contributions of Indigenous Peoples in the 2030 Agenda” – 15 July 1.15-2.45

The aim of the side event was to discuss and provide strategic policy guidance on how to ensure that indigenous are not left behind in the 2030 Agenda – and how to enhance their roles and contributions to sustainable development.



The side event, which was organised by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (SPFII/DSPD/DESA) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, was attended by around 80 participants from Member States, indigenous peoples, UN agencies and others.

### Panellists:

- **Mr. Sean Batten**, Director of Global Development Policy, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- **Ms. Alicia Bárcena**, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC).

### Special Remarks:

- **Ms. Deirdre Mc Grenra**, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- **Mr. Roberto Borrero**, Indigenous Peoples' Major Group/International Indian Treaty Council
- **Ms. Birgitte Feiring**, Danish Institute for Human Rights
- **Ms. Otilia Lux de Coti**, former Expert Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues



The side event was moderated by **Ms. Joan Carling**, Expert Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

### Press Conference: “Securing the rights and contributions of indigenous peoples in the 2030 Agenda”



In connection with the above side event, UN Department of Information conducted a press conference, featuring:

- **Ms. Joan Carling**, Expert Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- **Ms. Otilia Lux de Coti**, former Expert Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- **Mr. Roberto Borrero**, Indigenous Peoples' Major Group/International Indian Treaty Council

For more information about the side event, presentations and links to webcast [see here](#).

## BACKGROUND

The world's indigenous peoples need to be at the centre of the 2030 Agenda with its promise to “leave no one behind.” Indigenous peoples make up 5 per cent of the world's population, but 15 per cent of the poorest. They lag behind on virtually every social and economic indicator and continue to face persistent marginalisation.

Indigenous peoples have participated in the consultation process towards the 2030 Agenda, and their advocacy resulted in a framework that makes references to indigenous peoples' development concerns and is founded on principles of universality, human rights, equality and sustainability – core priorities for indigenous peoples.



When moving forward towards implementation, indigenous peoples have called for participation and implementation that is culturally sensitive and fully respects the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the right to self-determination, collective rights to land and free, prior and informed consent amongst others. They have called for data disaggregation and statistics that measure progress for indigenous peoples across the 17 SDGs. To ensure this, consistent participation of indigenous peoples in implementation and review from national action plans to the global level at High Level Political Forum is essential.

### **Objective of the side-event:**

- ❖ Through an interactive panel discussion, the side event aims to give concrete and action-oriented guidance on how to ensure that indigenous peoples are not left behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and how to enhance their roles and contributions to sustainable development.