

# Concept note

## Indigenous VOICES at the HLPF



### HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2017

New York, 17 July 2017

#### **Overall Concept:**

“*Indigenous Voices at HLPF*” aims at providing a space for indigenous media, journalists and platforms to cover the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2017 (HLPF 2017) and provide an indigenous perspective on the discussions taking place at the heart of the 2030 Agenda follow-up and review.

“*Indigenous Voices*” builds on the experience of the first Indigenous Media Zone during the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, organised by Indigenous Community Journalists in cooperation with UN Department of Information and UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

#### **Programme and Events:**

The “*Indigenous Voices*” will cover the High Level Political Forum 2017 through indigenous worldviews, perspectives and languages. Indigenous journalists and speakers will broadcast information about the six specific Sustainable Development Goals under review in 2017, about the outcomes of the Voluntary National Reviews and about the 2017 HLPF Theme: “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”.

Indigenous elders, youth, human rights defenders, activists, parliamentarians and academics are convened at the High Level Political Forum by the Indigenous Peoples Major Groups and will share their stories through *Indigenous Voices*.

The “*Indigenous Voices*” will also provide a working/interaction space equipped with WiFi, work stations and live stream of events happening inside the United Nations during the first day of the high level segment of the High Level Political Forum on 17 July 2017.

The activities will include:

- Main stage: Live webcast interviews, panel debates and discussions with indigenous elders, human rights defenders, government delegates at HLPF, UN representatives, CEOs and celebrities
- Media workspace: Real-time coverage, interaction with speakers and blogging about events
- HLPF Live streaming: Follow live content from the HLPF meetings and voluntary national reviews

At the main stage, a full day programme with exciting panels, one-to-one interviews and indigenous storytelling is being organised. Follow [www.un.org/indigenous](http://www.un.org/indigenous) for the latest version of the programme. The

programme covers the main highlights from the HLPF 2017 through:

- **6 SDG Reflection sessions** with fascinating speakers from indigenous communities, who will analyse the 6 specific Sustainable Development Goals under review in 2017, while highlighting the integrated and indivisible nature of the goals for indigenous peoples in particular.
- **4 main panels** on the 2017 theme related to eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity, 2) the experience of Governments in including indigenous peoples in the voluntary national reviews as well as 3) the hopes, dreams and future priorities of indigenous peoples in the 2030 Agenda.
- **Individual Interview Sessions**, indigenous participants at the HLPF will interview representatives from their governments on the experience of the Voluntary National Reviews and good practices in including indigenous peoples in these.
- **Indigenous story tellers** will tell inspiring stories from their ancestors on how to protect mother earth and ensure sustainable living.

**Main target group and audience:**

The main users of the Indigenous Voices Zone will be indigenous media representatives, journalists, bloggers, advocates and spokespersons, representing both national media and community media. Non-indigenous media, including social media, will be invited to join the media zone, in order to encourage meaningful networking between the two and to channel the voices of indigenous peoples into mainstream media.

**Organisers:**

The Indigenous Voices will be managed by Indigenous media groups in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Division of Social Policy and Development, UNDESA), Indigenous Peoples Major Group, International Working Group on Indigenous Affairs and with support from other UN entities (tbc).

**Location:**

The Indigenous Voices will be located in the Correspondence Association Lounge on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor close to the escalators.

**Live Streaming:**

The Indigenous Voices will be streamed through:

- Facebook Page of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues ([www.facebook/unpfii](http://www.facebook/unpfii)),
- Facebook Page of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group Facebook
- Facebook Page of NOTIMIA (XX).

**Time:**

The Indigenous media zone will be open on 17 July 2017 from 9 to 6 PM.