



INVITATION

ESTONIA, THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION, THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MAJOR GROUP FOR SDGS AND PARTNERS HAVE THE PLEASURE TO INVITE YOU TO AN EVENT ON

PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 2030 AGENDA

KEYNOTE SPEECHES BY H.E. SVEN MIKSER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ESTONIA, H.E. NEVEN MIMICA, EU COMMISSIONER, & H.E. ELINA KALKKU, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FINLAND

Thursday 21st September 2017 · 11.00am · 12.30pm
Room C · UN Headquarters New York

Followed by a **reception and a cultural performance by indigenous artists** at the **ONE UN HOTEL 1.00 to 2.30pm**

REGISTER BY 13 SEPTEMBER 2017 to 2017Indigenous.side-event@bseurope.com

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BACKGROUND AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

In 2007, the General Assembly adopted the **United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples**, representing the culmination of a series of major achievements over recent decades in building an international framework for the advancement of the rights and aspirations of indigenous peoples, such as the establishment of dedicated UN bodies and mechanisms and ILO Convention No. 169.

Despite some progress made in implementing the Declaration over the last decade, **gaps between the rights it proclaims and their implementation on the ground continue to be seen**. It is now crucial to take up the challenge of making the enjoyment of indigenous peoples' rights a reality. There are more than 370 million women and men belonging to indigenous peoples across at least 90 countries. They make **up less than 5 per cent of the world's population but account for 15 per cent of the world's extreme poor** and continue to face exclusion, marginalization and serious human rights violations and abuses. Indigenous women are subject to discrimination on account both of gender and ethnicity. **There is now a unique and historic opportunity to tackle these challenges**. Major global policy agendas on development, rights and climate change concur that recognizing, promoting and protecting the rights of indigenous peoples must be an integral part of all efforts to tackle exclusion and poverty. Indigenous peoples were strongly engaged in the preparations of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As stated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations: "The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development must realize the rights of indigenous peoples across all the Goals. Indigenous peoples must not be left behind".

The opening of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly offers a timely opportunity to celebrate 10 years of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to reflect on ways and means to accelerate efforts in support of the realization of indigenous peoples' rights world-wide. The event will explore innovative approaches, alliances and partnerships for ensuring that indigenous peoples are not left behind on the path to 2030. This event is an opportunity for presenting the Indigenous Navigator as a practical tool contributing to realizing indigenous peoples' rights and development.

11:00 · 11:10

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL OPENING CEREMONY · OLGA LETYKAI

11:10 · 11:30

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENT · A CRITICAL JUNCTURE

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11:30 · 11:45

STATEMENTS AND INTERVENTION FROM THE FLOOR

11:45 · 12:00

FROM GLOBAL TO LOCAL - THE INDIGENOUS NAVIGATOR

MS BIRGITTE FEIRING

Chief Adviser, Human Rights and Development, Danish Institute for Human Rights

MR STANLEY KIMAREN RIAMIT

Executive Director, The Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners, Kenya

MR PHALLAB CHAKMA

Executive Director, Kapaeeng Foundation, Bangladesh

12:00 · 12:30

AUDIÉNCE INTERACTION AND LAUNCH OF THE INDIGENOUS NAVIGATOR

13:00 · 14:30

RECEPTION AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCE AT ONE UN HOTEL

The event is moderated by **Ms Shauna Olney**, Chief, Gender, Equality and Diversity Branch, International Labour Organization