



## High Level Political Forum 2017 – Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity

Summary of side-event on Indigenous Peoples – 12 July 2017

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

#### Background

The side event brought 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 further emphasised how to enhance the contributions of indigenous peoples to sustainable development to ensure that they are not left behind.

#### Programme

After a spiritual ceremony, 4 distinguished speakers gave their perspectives on how indigenous peoples have been engaged in and are contributing to the 2030 Agenda implementation: 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. Inge Herman Rydland, Special Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway and Mr. Ole Kaunga Johnson, Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation (Impact), Kenya. Following the interventions, there were comments and questions from the floor. The event was moderated by Ms. Joan Carling from the Indigenous Peoples' Major Group.

#### Outcomes

Around 60 people participated in the event. Out of the discussions, emerged the following recommendations:

- Ensure data disaggregation according to ethnicity or indigenous identifiers across all goals
- Include indicator on secure and equitable tenure rights to land and resources in indicator lists
- Ensure mechanisms for indigenous peoples' participation in implementation, follow-up and review, including in the HLPF and voluntary national reviews
- Ensure that implementation of 2030 Agenda does not contradict indigenous peoples' rights and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

#### Organizers

The side event was 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 IFAD and UN Women.

#### Indigenous Voices at the High Level Political Forum 2017

A delegation of 30 indigenous peoples attended the High Level Political Forum 2017. A one day "Indigenous Voices" space provided a platform for indigenous representatives and community media to cover the HLPF 2017 through their own perspectives, voices and languages. The programme, which was broadcasted through Facebook Live, included interviews, panels and discussions on indigenous perspectives on the 6 SDGs under review in 2017, the 44 voluntary national reviews and the 2017 theme: promoting prosperity and eradicating poverty. All interviews are available [here](#).

#### UN Press Conference

A press conference was organised by UN Department of Public Information under the theme "The 2030 Agenda: Progress for Indigenous Peoples" with three indigenous speakers. It can be watched [here](#).

#### Substantive Inputs to High Level Political Forum 2017

As a subsidiary body to the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues provided substantive inputs to the thematic reviews of the High Level Political Forum 2017 with recommendations regarding indigenous peoples and the 2030 Agenda. The report is available [here](#).