



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN - 59TH SESSION

"BEIJING+20: VOICES OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN"

Panel discussion

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2015,

6:20 PM-7:40 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM 12,

UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

PROGRAMME

Opening Remarks by *Ms. Lakshmi Puri*, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director - UN Women

Panelists

- *H. E. Ms. María Cristina Perceval*, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations
- *Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz*, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- *Ms. Aminatu Samiratu Gambo*, Lelewal Foundation Women's Coordinator, Cameroon

Questions and Answers

Comments by *Ms. Maria Hartl*, Senior Technical Specialist Gender and Social Equity, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Closing remarks by International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI)

Moderator: *Ms. Chandra Roy Henriksen*, Chief, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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Organizers:

International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI)

International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)

Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous (SPFII/DSPD/DESA)

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (SPFII), the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and the International Forum on Indigenous Women (FIMI) take the occasion of the Beijing +20 review to celebrate the achievements of indigenous women and girls, and to highlight persisting obstacles to the full realization of their rights.

Since its first session, the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has paid special attention to indigenous women, including by focusing its third session on the issue. SPFII will present an overview of achievements made by indigenous women since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action in 1995, both at the national and international levels. In particular, the analysis is focused on relevant activities included in the national review reports submitted by States to the 59th CSW session within the areas of education and capacity building; indigenous women and health; violence against indigenous women and access to justice; indigenous women in power and decision making; the indigenous girl-child; indigenous women and poverty; and indigenous women and statistics.

FIMI and other indigenous women organizations successfully advocated for the inclusion of Indigenous Women's priorities at international level, and calls for concerted efforts at addressing the persisting violence, poverty, discrimination, racism, limited access to services and productive resources, and for opportunities to participate in decision making at all levels as priority concerns of indigenous women.

The *World Conference on Indigenous Peoples* that took place at the UN headquarters on 22 and 23 September 2014 had a strong participation of indigenous women. The Conference resulted in a concise, action-oriented Outcome Document, which refers to indigenous women in paragraphs 10, 17, 18, and 19.

SPFII, IFAD and FIMI believe that a side event during CSW 59 will serve as a catalyst for the implementation of indigenous women's priorities within the framework of the outcomes the Beijing +20 review.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Identify and discuss achievements and pending challenges on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. Present the results of the Report: "20-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and beyond: framework to advance indigenous women's issues" prepared by the SPFII
2. Reflect through an indigenous women's perspective on achievements and challenges still pending in various regions on the implementation of Beijing Platform for Action.
3. Raise awareness on indigenous women's priorities and identify ways for implementation.