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Traditional knowledge as intellectual property: the challenges ahead

A lecture in the series on Indigenous Peoples' Issues: International Perspectives & Global Challenges, presented in co-sponsorship with the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The lecture will be followed by a conversation with the audience.

Speakers:

Sonia Smallacombe

A member of the Maramanindji people from the north of Australia, Ms. Smallacombe currently works as a Social Affairs Officer with the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and is based in New York. Her main area of work is around indigenous issues and the Environment.

Dr. Rama Rao

Dr. Rama Rao is the Officer-in-Charge of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Coordination Office in New York. He has been WIPO's representative to the United Nations since 1998 and undertakes outreach functions. Previously, Dr. Rao worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of India for nearly twenty five years and became its Chief Legal Adviser.

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