



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, INDIGENOUS VOICES

MEDIA ADVISORY

Hollywood actress, activists and artists to celebrate International Day of the World's Indigenous People on 9 August at the United Nations

WHAT: International Day of the World's Indigenous People observance at the UN Headquarters.

HIGHLIGHT: A panel discussion "Indigenous Peoples: human rights, dignity and development with identity" will be held. Speakers include **Q'orianka Kilcher, lead actress in the 2005 Hollywood film, The New World.** The young actress is a descendant of the Huachipaeri and Quechua people of Peru and will speak about her recent trip to the country.

BACKGROUND:

- A significant achievement has been the recent adoption of the United Nations **Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples** by the Human Rights Council in June. Indigenous peoples are looking forward to the final adoption of the Declaration by the General Assembly before the end of the year.
- The Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People runs from 2005 to 2015. The Day's events will draw upon the Decade's theme of "Partnership for Action and Dignity".

WHEN: Wednesday, 9 August, 2:30pm

WHERE: Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium,
United Nations Headquarters, 1st Avenue & 46th Street

MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS: Journalists without UN accreditation who wish to attend the event should send a request on company letterhead signed by a supervisor to Mr. Gary Fowlie, Chief, UN Media Accreditation Unit, United Nations at fax (212) 963-4642. Media accreditation forms and general information for the media can be found at www.un.org/media/accreditation
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PROGRAMME:

(2:30pm, Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, United Nations Headquarters)

2:30 p.m. Film Screening: Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations

3:05 p.m. Messages for the International Day of the World's Indigenous People

Welcome and Spiritual Ceremony

Secretary-General, Kofi Annan;

Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Coordinator of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, José Antonio Ocampo;

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: "Indigenous Peoples: human rights, dignity and development with identity"

Speakers include Phrang Roy, Assistant President, International Fund for Agricultural Development; Wilton Littlechild (Cree Nation-Canada), Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Romy Tincopa, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Peru to the UN; and Q'orianka Kilcher, lead actress in the 2005 Hollywood film, *The New World*.

4:30 p.m. Indigenous Cultural Performances

Art Exhibition by indigenous artist Inty Muenala (Kichwa)

The event is organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues DSPD/DESA and the NGO Committee on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

For more information of the Day's events, please visit:

http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/news_internationalday2006.html

