



Mr. Lars-Anders Baer

Saami / Sweden

Occupation: Reindeer herder and President of the Saami Parliament in Sweden

UNPFII portfolio: Indigenous Children and Youth, Data and Statistics, Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Intellectual Property

As a member of the Saami Council, Mr Baer was involved in the pan-Saami movement in the early the 1970th and was the chairman of the council when the Saami population in Russia was integrated into the pan-Saami movement during the glasnost period at the end of the 1980s. As a key figure in the Saami Council, he was also involved in setting up the development aid programme which is an indigenous to indigenous programme in Latin America, Asia and Africa. Has been involved in the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations from 1983 onwards.

Between 1987 and 1989, when ILO revised Convention No. 107 and replaced it Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention (No. 169) adopted in June 1989 Mr Baer was involved in this work both as NGO-representative and expert in governmental delegation. He is also involved in indigenous-related matters in the UN system such as WIPO and UNESCO. Mr Baer has also been a research fellow at the Nordic Sámi Institute, Kautokeino, Norway and a visiting researcher at the University of Finnish Lapland in Rovaniemi, Finland.

Education and Academic Qualifications

1976-1982 BA in Law, School of Law, Uppsala University, Sweden

Work Experience

2001 - present President of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden, Vice President of the Saami Parliamentarian Council

1993 – 2001 Chairperson, Union of the Swedish Sámi (Svenska Samernas Riksförbund, SSR)

1985 – 1993 Member of the Board, Union of the Swedish Sámi (Svenska Samernas Riksförbund, SSR)

Other relevant experience

2002 – present Member of the Board of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples

2002 Expert on Swedish delegation to World Summit on Sustainable Development on Johannesburg

1983 Expert on Swedish delegation to UN Conference against Racism and Apartheid, Geneva

1980s Vice-President of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples

1974 – 1980 Chairperson of the Saami Youth Organization, Sweden