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Monday  
**16**  
April

1:15 - 2:30pm Room  
CR8  
UN HQ, New York  
*Light lunch served*  
*English – Spanish interpretation*

## SIDE EVENT

# Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples and Conservation

The 16th Session of the Permanent Forum committed to revisit how earlier recommendations related to conservation of nature and indigenous peoples' human rights have been implemented. This side event will explore how human rights protection can and should be complementary to safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystems, and how this provides a foundation for enabling Indigenous peoples and conservation organisations to be strategic allies, rather than be set in opposition to each other.

Presentations will include the experiences from the Sengwer people in Kenya, who face violence for defending their territories and rights against external biodiversity conservation initiatives, and a report back on the outcomes and suggested ways forward from the Global Dialogue on Human Rights and Biodiversity Conservation (Eldoret, Kenya, November 2017). Brian Keane, co-author of the UNPFII 17 Study examining conservation and indigenous peoples' human rights will present its proposals. The UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, will conclude the session with her analysis of challenges, opportunities and ways forward based on her long experience and commitment to the subject.

### CHAIRS

**Pernilla Malmer** SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Centre

**Joji Carino** Forest Peoples Programme

### SPEAKERS

**Milka Chepkorir** Sengwer community member, Sengwer Indigenous Peoples Programme

**Brian Keane** UNPFII member and co-author of the study on conservation and indigenous peoples' human rights

**John Scott** Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**Vicky Tauli Corpuz** UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples

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## Programme

Welcome and Introduction by the co-chairs Joji Carino and Pernilla Malmer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Outcomes and Conclusions of the Global dialogue on Human rights and biodiversity conservation, Eldoret, Kenya</li></ul>	<b>Pernilla Malmer</b> Senior Advisor, SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Centre
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Sengwer experience - the need for biodiversity conservation to be conducted in accordance with human rights</li></ul>	<b>Milka Chepkorir</b> Sengwer community member, Sengwer Indigenous Peoples Programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UNPFII Study to examine conservation and indigenous peoples' human rights</li></ul>	<b>Brian Keane</b> UNPFII member and co-author of the Study to examine conservation and indigenous peoples' human rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Convention on Biological Diversity, human rights and governance for the post-2020 biodiversity targets</li></ul>	<b>John Scott</b> Senior Programme Officer and Focal Point for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, Secretariat of the CBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Indigenous and local knowledge for enhanced livelihoods and secured rights to territories and resources</li></ul>	<b>Joji Carino</b> Senior Policy Advisor, Forest Peoples Programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Way forward: Human rights, Indigenous peoples and conservation</li></ul>	<b>Vicky Tauli Corpuz</b> UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples
Open discussion	
Wrapping up and conclusion by the co-chairs	

## Key references

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\*On the header picture: The biocultural landscape of the Ogiek, Kenya. Many trees of the natural forest are maintained and provide diverse contributions to the livelihoods of the Ogiek. There is a pressure from the government and business sector to replace this landscape with monocultures of non-native species (for example, conifers) to provide monetary returns, and deplete the biodiversity that sustains the bees and much else on which the Ogiek depend.



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