



# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 2022 SESSION

United Nations General Assembly Hall

Monday, 25 April 2022

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### PROGRAMME

1. Ceremonial sound of a conch, a traditional instrument.
2. Declaration of the opening of the session by Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, *Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano*
3. Ceremonial welcome by *Katsenhainton Lazare*, Bear Clan, Mohawk of the Haudenosaunee
4. Election of the Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (**Item 1**)
5. Statement by the President of the 76th session of the General Assembly, *H.E. Abdulla Shahid*
6. Statement by the by President of Economic and Social Council, *H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile* (Botswana)
7. Election of the Bureau of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (**Item 1**)
8. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work (**Item 2**)
9. Statement by the Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
10. Message of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu Zhenmin delivered by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, *Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano*

