



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 15, 2014

Dear Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the High-Level Plenary Meeting of the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly, to be known as the “World Conference on Indigenous Peoples” to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 and the afternoon of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014, the modalities of which are set out in resolution A/Res/66/296.

I have the further honour to convey the attached draft document outlining organizational arrangements, as well as the draft programme for the World Conference.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Ashe".

John W. Ashe

To All Permanent Missions and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

**Organizational Arrangements for the High Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly:  
World Conference on Indigenous Peoples**

The High Level Plenary Meeting of the Sixty-ninth Session of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, will take place at United Nations Headquarters from 22-23 September, 2014.

The modalities of this event are set out in General Assembly Resolution 66/296. Further details on organizational arrangements are provided below.

**Schedule**

The World Conference on Indigenous Peoples will be organized as set out below. A draft programme has also been provided for information.

Updates to the programme will be issued on the World Conference website:

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/indigenous/programme.shtml>

**22 September**

**Session 1: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

***Opening Plenary Meeting***

**Venue**

General Assembly Hall

**Overflow Rooms**

Conference Room 4, Conference Building

Conference Room 4, (NLB) TBC

The meeting will be presided over by the President of the 69<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Sam Kutesa. The meeting will commence with an opening ceremony involving indigenous peoples. Statements will then follow from the President of the General Assembly, the UN Secretary General, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Heads of Government and High-Level Representatives representing Regional Groups, the Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and representatives of Indigenous Peoples. All speakers will deliver their remarks from the podium and are requested to confine their presentations to a maximum of seven minutes.

The meeting will conclude with the formal adoption of the conference outcome document. Due to the need to conclude the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and allow for a timely commencement of the International Conference on Population and Development at 1:30 p.m., there will be no time allocated for national statements during the adoption of the outcome document.

**Session 2: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

***Roundtable 1 - UN System Action for the Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples***

Venue

Conference Room 4, Conference Building

Overflow Room

Conference Room 4, North Lawn Building TBC

***Roundtable 2 - Implementing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the National and Local Level***

Venue:

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Overflow room

General Assembly Hall, North Lawn Building TBC

The Roundtables will be presided over by two co-Chairs, one representing Members States and the other representing indigenous peoples. Each co-chair will make opening remarks of 5 minutes duration from the podium.

A small number of presentations will be made by expert presenters from the podium for a duration of 7 minutes. This will be followed by statements from the floor of no more than three minutes by speakers inscribed on the list. Please note that inscriptions will close on Tuesday, 16 September 2014.

The co-chairs will conclude the Roundtables with remarks of five minutes duration, delivered from the podium.

**23 September**

**Session 3: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

***Roundtable 3 - Indigenous Peoples' Land, Territories and Resources***

Venue

General Assembly Hall, North Lawn Building TBC

Overflow Rooms

North Lawn Building TBC

The Roundtables will be presided over by two co-Chairs, one representing Members States and the other representing indigenous peoples. Each co-chair will make opening remarks of 5 minutes duration from the podium.

A small number of presentations will be made by expert presenters from the podium for a duration of 7 minutes. This will be followed by statements from the floor of no more than three minutes by speakers inscribed on the list. Please note that inscriptions will close on Tuesday, 16 September 2014.

The co-chairs will conclude the Roundtables with remarks of five minutes duration, delivered from the podium.

***Panel Discussion - Indigenous Priorities for the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda***

Venue

Conference Room 4, North Lawn Building TBC

Overflow Rooms

North Lawn Building TBC

The Panel Discussion will be presided over by two co-Chairs, one representing Members States and the other representing Indigenous Peoples. Each co-chair will make opening remarks of 5 minutes duration from the podium.

Presentations will be made by expert panellists from the podium for a duration of 5 minutes. This will be followed by statements from the floor of no more than three minutes by speakers inscribed on the list. Please note that inscriptions will close on Tuesday 16 September 2014.

The co-chairs will conclude the Panel Discussion with closing of five minutes duration, delivered from the podium.

**Session 4: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

***Closing Plenary Meeting***

Venue

General Assembly Hall, North Lawn Building TBC

Overflow Rooms

North Lawn Building TBC

The meeting will be presided over by the President of the 69<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Sam Kutesa. The meeting will commence with summary remarks by one co-chair from each Roundtable and the Panel Discussion of five minutes duration, delivered from the podium.

There will be no statements made from the floor during the closing plenary meeting due to limited time.

**Access to meeting rooms**

The Protocol and Liaison Service will be responsible for issuing the following passes:

(a) Every Permanent Mission will be issued six cards of one colour for access to the General Assembly Hall (General Assembly Building) for the opening plenary. Two cards of one colour will be issued for all other sessions of the Conference.

(b) Intergovernmental organizations will be issued two colour-coded cards for access to the General Assembly Hall for the opening plenary. Specialized agencies will be issued one colour-coded card for access to the General Assembly Hall for the opening plenary. *Access cards to the remaining sessions of the conference will generally not be issued to Intergovernmental organizations and Specialized agencies unless prior arrangement is made with the Office of the President of the General Assembly.*

Further information can be obtained from the Protocol and Liaison Service website ([www.un.int/protocol](http://www.un.int/protocol)).

The Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be responsible for issuing the following passes:

(a) Indigenous peoples as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, national human rights institutions and the private sector who have received prior accreditation, will be issued with a colour coded card to attend each session of the Conference. It should be noted that some participants will be granted access to an overflow room only.

The method for the distribution of all of these access cards will be advised closer to the event on the Conference website: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/indigenous/#&panel1-1>

**Note:** Due to the increased space that the North Lawn Building now allows for overflow rooms, the President of the General Assembly has decided to accredit those non-governmental associations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that had not been accredited at first due to previous perceived space limitations.

# World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

*United Nations Headquarters, New York*

22-23 September 2014

## *Draft Programme*

22 September 2014

<p>0900 - 1230</p> <p><i>General Assembly Hall</i></p>	<p><b>Opening prayer</b></p> <p>Welcome prayer from <b>Chief Sidd Hill</b> of the Haudenosaunee</p> <p><b>Opening plenary meeting</b></p> <p><b><u>Remarks from:</u></b></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Sam Kutesa, <i>President of the General Assembly</i> H.E. Mr Ban Ki Moon, <i>Secretary General of the United Nations</i> H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, <i>President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia</i> H.E. Mr. Enrique Peña Nieto, <i>President of Mexico (Latin American and Caribbean Group)</i> H.E. Mr. Sauli Niinistö, <i>President of the Republic of Finland (Western European and Other Group)</i> H.E. Denis Sassou Nguesso, <i>President of the Republic of Congo (Group of African States)</i> High-level representative from Asia-Pacific Region, TBC High-level representative from Eastern European States, TBC Chief Oren Lyons, <i>Chief of the Onondaga Nation Council of Chiefs</i> Ms. Aili Keskitalo, <i>President of the Sami Parliament of Norway (Representative of the Arctic Indigenous Region)</i> Mr. Luis Evelis, <i>Senator of the Republic of Columbia (Representative of the Central and South America and the Caribbean Indigenous Region)</i> H.E. Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al-Husseini, <i>UN High Commissioner for Human Rights</i> Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorrough, <i>Chair, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</i></p> <p><b><u>Adoption of the conference outcome document</u></b></p>
<p>1500 - 1800</p> <p><i>Conference Room 4</i></p> <p><i>(Conference Building)</i></p>	<p><b>Roundtable 1</b></p> <p><b><i>UN system action for the Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Co-Chairs</u></b></p> <p><b>Mr. Ghazali Ohorella, <i>Representative of the Pacific Indigenous Region</i></b></p>

	<p><b>H.E. Edita Hrdá, Permanent Representative of Czech Republic (Eastern European Group)</b></p> <p><u>Presenters</u></p> <p><b>Dr. Kanayo Nwanze, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Albert Deterville, Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Atencio Lopez, Representative of the Central and South America and the Caribbean Indigenous Region</b></p>
<p>1500 - 1800</p> <p>Trusteeship Council Chamber</p>	<p><b>Roundtable 2</b></p> <p><b><i>Implementing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the national and local level</i></b></p> <p><u>Co-Chairs</u></p> <p><b>H.E. Mr David Choquehuanca, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Plurinational State of Bolivia (Latin American and Caribbean Group)</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Joseph Ole Simmel Representative of the African Indigenous Region</b></p> <p><u>Presenters</u></p> <p><b>Ms. Anna Naikanchina Representative of the Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia Indigenous Region</b></p> <p><b>Professor James Anaya, Former Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples TBC</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Soyata Maiga, Commissioner, African Commission on Human &amp; Peoples Rights</b></p>

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<p>1500 - 1700</p> <p>General Assembly Hall</p> <p>(North Lawn Building)</p>	<p><b>Roundtable 3</b></p> <p><b><i>Indigenous Peoples' lands, territories and resources</i></b></p> <p><u>Co-Chairs</u></p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Pita Sharples, Minister of Maori Affairs, New Zealand (Western European and Other Group)</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Rodion Sulyandziga, Representative of the Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia Indigenous Region</b></p> <p><u>Presenters</u></p>
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	<p><b>Ms. Mililani Trask</b> <i>Representative of the Pacific Indigenous Region</i>  <b>Mr. Abdon Nababan</b> <i>Representative of the Asia Indigenous Region</i></p>
<p>1500 – 1700</p> <p><i>Conference Room 4</i></p> <p><i>(North Lawn Building)</i></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion</b></p> <p><i>Topic: Indigenous priorities for the post-2015 sustainable development agenda</i></p> <p><u><i>Co-Chairs</i></u></p> <p><b>Ms. Patricia Balbuena</b>, <i>Vice Minister for Interculturality of the Minister of Culture of Peru, (Latin American and Caribbean Group)</i>  <b>Ms. Jannie Lasimbang</b> <i>Representative of the Asia Indigenous Region</i></p> <p><u><i>Panelists</i></u></p> <p><b>Mr. Wu Hongbo</b>, <i>UN Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs</i>  <b>Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz</b>, <i>Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i>  <b>Ms. Saoudata Aboubacrine</b> <i>Representative of the Africa Indigenous Region</i></p>
<p>1700 - 1800</p> <p><i>General Assembly Hall</i></p> <p><i>(North Lawn Building)</i></p>	<p><b>Closing plenary meeting</b></p> <p>Summaries presented by one co-chair of each roundtable and panel discussion</p> <p><b>Closing Statement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>President of General Assembly</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Closing prayer</b></p> <p><i>Closing prayer from H.E. Dr. Pita Sharples, Minister of Maori Affairs, New Zealand</i></p>