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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
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**International Expert Group Meeting on the theme
“Indigenous youth: identity, challenges and hope:
articles 14, 17, 21 and 25 of the United Nations Declaration
on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”**

29 to 31 January 2013, New York

Programme of Work

Prepared by the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Division for Social Policy and Development
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
United Nations

Tuesday 29 January 2013

10.00am – 10.30am

Opening Remarks:

Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant-Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, UN-DESA

Item 1 Election of Chairperson and Rapporteur

Item 2 Adoption of programme of work

Chief Edward John, Chair Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Chandra Roy-Henriksen, Chief SPFII

10.30am – 1pm

Item 3 Identity

- Indigenous languages and identity
- The legacy and effect of colonialism, assimilation and discrimination.
- Factors and context that contribute to the development of positive identity by indigenous youth.
- The role of education in the development of indigenous youth identity.

Presentations:

Andrea Landry (North America)

General Discussion

3 – 6pm

Item 3 Identity (continued)

Presentations:

Steven Brown (Pacific)

General Discussion

Wednesday 30 January 2013

10.00am – 1pm

Item 4 Challenges

- Involvement of indigenous youth in addressing social and economic challenges in the community such as education, employment, economic exploitation, health, land rights, sanitation, housing, discrimination, gang activities, substance abuse, suicide, urban and migration issues, etc.
- Life within the community or in the dominant society. Indigenous youth are often faced with the choice of staying within their communities or getting a good education, a good job and a prosperous life, but is it that simple?

Presentations:

Meenakshi Munda (Asia)

Matuna Rodgers Niwamanya (Africa)

General Discussion

3 – 6pm

Item 5 Hopes

- Participation in decision making.
- Indigenous youth making a difference to lives of indigenous living in communities.
- Indigenous peoples' organizations, indigenous governments and indigenous youth working together.
- Examples of good practices that can help safeguard the rights of indigenous youth.

Presentations:

Tuomas Aslak Juuso (Arctic)

Igor Yando (Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia)

General Discussion

Thursday 31 January 2013

10.00am – 1pm

Item 6 Action Strategies

- The United Nations and indigenous youth. The Secretary-General has made youth one of his priorities for his second term. How can this affect the work of the UN with indigenous youth?
- Brainstorming of actions to be taken and strategies to address the situation of indigenous youth at the national and international level.
- Indigenous youth and the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

Presentations:

Tania Edith Pariona Traqui (Latin America & Caribbean)
UN Focal Point on Youth

General Discussion

3 – 6pm

Item 7 Adoption of conclusions and recommendations