



**Informal Interactive Hearing with Indigenous Peoples  
25 April 2019**

<b>9:50 – 10:00</b>	<b>Traditional Ceremony</b> led by the International Indigenous Women’s Forum/Foro Internacionale de Mujeres Indigenas (FIMI)
<b>10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Opening of the informal interactive hearing</b></p> <p>Opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Ms Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces</p> <p>Opening remarks by Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Ms Anne Nuorgam</p>
<b>10:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Panel 1: “Selection criteria”</b></p> <p>This session will build on previous discussions around selection criteria and examine key issues of the right to self-determination and self- identification. While this is entrenched in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other international human rights law, the lack of adherence is an obstacle to Indigenous participation. Consideration of various examples such as the UNFCCC and the Permanent Forum may be helpful. Speakers are encouraged to provide ways to move the discussion forward.</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <p><i>What are the criteria for Indigenous Peoples’ representation at the United Nations?</i></p> <p><i>What tangible steps can be taken undertaken to ensure effective participation of indigenous peoples?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Claire Charters, Professor of Law, University of Auckland and former advisor to the PGA on Indigenous peoples’ participation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Adelfo Regino Montes, Director-General of the National Institute for Indigenous Peoples in Mexico</li> <li>2. Dr. Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine, Expert Member of UNFP, Africa Region</li> <li>3. Hereditary Chief Akile Ch’oh Grand Chief Edward John, Tl’azt’en Nation/First Nations Summit</li> </ol>



	<p>4. Ms Vicky Tauli Corpuz, Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>Interactive discussion with Member States and Indigenous Peoples Representatives</p>
<p><b>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p><b>3:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 2: “Venues and modalities of participation”</b></p> <p>This session will build on previous discussions around the cluster “venue of participation” as well as the modalities of participation. As in past discussions, it is difficult to discuss venue without examining the modalities. It will examine progress made and obstacles remaining to the participation of indigenous peoples at the United Nations. Speakers are encouraged to provide concrete ways to move the discussion forward.</p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <p><i>How should Indigenous peoples be represented in an evolving and inclusive United Nations?</i></p> <p><i>How do we reconcile the agreed principles of self-determination and self-identification with the intergovernmental nature of the United Nations?</i></p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations in New York</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Royal /Ui/o//oo, Deputy Minister for Marginalized Communities Namibia</li> <li>2. Ms Aili Keskitalo, President, Sami Parliament</li> <li>3. Ms Tania Pariona, Congresista de la República del Perú</li> <li>4. Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council</li> </ol> <p>Interactive discussion with Member States and Indigenous Peoples Representatives</p>
<p><b>5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Ms Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces</p>