PROGRAMME

High-level event of the General Assembly on the conclusion of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages

17 December 2019

General Assembly Hall
United Nations Headquarters
New York

10:00 – 10:05 – Traditional welcome

- Chief Tadodaho Sidney Hill, Onondaga Nation.

10:05 – 11:30 – Opening segment

- Address by H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the General Assembly
- Address by Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Senior Official of the United Nations System to Coordinate the Follow Up to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples
- Address by Ms. Marie-Paule Roudil, Director, UNESCO Liaison Office, New York
- Address by UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Indigenous Peoples, Ms. Yalitza Aparicio
- Address by two Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages:
  - Co-Chair representing Member States: Minister of Culture and Heritage of Ecuador, H.E Mr. Juan Fernando Velasco Torres
  - Co-Chair representing indigenous peoples: Ms. Aili Keskitalo, President of the Sami Parliament of Norway
- Address by Chief Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations
- Address by the Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Ms Anne Nuorgam
Address by the Chairperson of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Ms Kristen Carpenter

11:30 – 13:00 – Plenary segment

List of speakers alternating between Member States and Observers of the General Assembly, and Indigenous Peoples representatives from the seven socio-cultural regions¹ and United Nations entities:

- Statements by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly
- Statements by Indigenous Peoples representatives from the seven socio-cultural regions
- United Nations entities

13:00 – 15:00 – Break

15:00 – 17:30 – Plenary segment

List of speakers (continued):

- Statements by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly
- Statements by Indigenous Peoples representatives from the seven socio-cultural regions
- United Nations entities

17:30 – 18:00 – Closing segment

- Closing remarks by the two Co-chairs of the Steering Committee of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages
  - Co-Chair representing indigenous peoples: Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild.
  - Co-Chair representing Member States: Mr. Craig Ritchie
- Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the General Assembly
- Concluding cultural performance by Mr. Luis Montalvo

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¹ The socio-cultural regions are Africa; the Arctic; Asia; Central and South America and the Caribbean; Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia; North America and the Pacific.