



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.