

International Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous peoples and pandemics

Agenda

Monday 7 December, 9-11 AM EST (New York time)

Session 1: Indigenous Peoples, Pandemics and the Right to health

- ✓ From an historical point of view, how have indigenous peoples dealt with epidemics, pandemics and their related impacts in the past?
- ✓ What are the preexisting health conditions for indigenous peoples and the limitations to access health services?
- ✓ What are the best practices of culturally appropriate health services for indigenous peoples during the pandemic?

Opening remarks:

- Anne Nuorgam, Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and
- Francisco Calí Tzay, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Speakers:

- Dr. Esteban Ticona, Professor, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, La Paz
- Dr. Lana Potts Medical Doctor, Indigenous Health and First Nation Expert
- Gabriela Pimentel, Legal Officer, International Labour Organization (ILO) & TBC
- Ana Riviere-Cinnamond, Regional Adviser, Pan-American Health Organization

General discussion

Moderator:

Chandra Roy Henriksen, Chief, Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch/Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, UN-DESA

Tuesday 8 December, 9 PM EST (New York time)

Session 2: Socio-economic impacts and consequences of pandemics on Indigenous Peoples

- ✓ What are some of the impacts of the pandemic on indigenous peoples related to livelihoods, poverty, inequality, migration, access to education, sanitation, housing etc.?
- ✓ How has the pandemic affected indigenous women, youth, children, elders, persons with disabilities and Indigenous Peoples living in voluntary isolation?
- ✓ How has the pandemic impacted pre-existing threats to indigenous peoples, such as climate change, extractive industries, natural disasters and human rights violations?

Speakers:

- Sônia Guajajara, Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon, Brazil
- Mayfereen Rynthiang, President of Grassroot Organization Meghalaya, India
- Kristen Carpenter, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Professor, University of Colorado
- Adan Pari, Education Officer, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Pratima Gurung, General Secretary, Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network
- Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community

*General discussion***Moderator:**

Geoffrey Roth, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues & Interim Executive Director, Native Americans in Philanthropy

Wednesday 9 December, 9 PM EST (New York time)**Session 3: Self-determination, participation rights and access to information**

- ✓ Are Indigenous Peoples included or consulted in national decision-making processes, policies or strategies regarding the pandemic?
- ✓ Do Indigenous Peoples have access culturally appropriate information about the pandemic in their own languages?
- ✓ Are national health authorities collecting and sharing information, including statistical data about the Indigenous Peoples related to the pandemic?
- ✓ What are some good practices related to Indigenous Peoples' rights to participation and inclusion?

Speakers:

- Pallab Chakma, Executive Director, Kappeeng Foundation
- Dr. James Makokis, Saddle Lake Cree Nation, Canada
- Boris Miranda, BBC Multimedia Reporter covering Latin American issues
- Dr. Aleeta Feejo, Indigenous General Practitioner Registrar Network, Australia
- Joyce Godio, Global Research Coordinator, Indigenous Peoples Rights International

*General discussion***Moderator:**

Brian Keane, Chair of the Board of Directors, Land is Life

Thursday 10 December, 9 AM EST (New York time)

Session 4: Indigenous peoples' innovations, responses and traditional knowledge

- ✓ What are some of the initiatives, responses, contributions and good practices initiated by Indigenous Peoples to combat pandemics, such as traditional health and emergency protocols, governance, livelihood and sustainability, information and data gathering?
- ✓ How has cooperation between indigenous organizations, governments, international organizations, academia, NGOs and civil society worked during the pandemic?
- ✓ Have culturally appropriate public health policies been designed by, for and with indigenous peoples in the context of the pandemic?

Speakers:

- Justino Piaguaje, Siekopai Nation Leader, Ecuador
- Dr. Ihab El Masry, Veterinary Epidemiologist, Food and Health Organization (FAO) & Dr. Juan Lubroth, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine / PhD Epidemiology and Public Health at Lubroth One Health Consultancies
- Daria Egereva, Center for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North
- Sandra del Pino, Cultural Diversity Advisor, Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) & TBC
- Dr. Evan Adams, Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Public Health, Indigenous Services Canada

General discussion

Moderator:

Darío José Mejía Montalvo, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Friday 11 December: 9 AM EST (New York time)

Session 5: Building back better: Opportunities and challenges for Indigenous Peoples, states, academia and civil society to lay together the foundations for a different future

- ✓ Does the pandemic present opportunities for indigenous peoples and governments to re-imagine important aspects of society, including the role of government and institutions, how we work, go to school, prepare our food and our relationships between peoples and with our environment, etc.?
- ✓ How should social protection responses and policies be tailored to meet the current and future needs of indigenous peoples?

Speakers:

- Francisco Calí Tzay, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Dr. Myrna Cunningham, President, Indigenous Fund for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Minnie Grey, Executive Director, Nunavut Regional Board of Health and Social Services
- James Ford, Professor, University of Leeds & Ingrid Artoma Rojas, Carol Zavaleta, Maria Osipova, Didas Namanya

General discussion

Moderator:

Tove Søvndal Gant Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues