



POST-EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

CFS Side Event: Indigenous Peoples' roadmap towards the UN Food Systems Summit

1. A 200-word brief overview of the event capturing its focus, main discussion points and high-level outcomes

“Indigenous peoples’ food systems should be recognized as game-changing solutions towards achieving the transformation of more sustainable food systems”, agreed the panel of experts on indigenous peoples’ food systems that spoke today during this CFS side-event. “We must work to ensure that the world benefits from indigenous peoples’ wisdom and values, especially the balance between nature and man, emphasized Agnes Kalibata, UN Food Systems Summit Special Envoy.

The FAO Indigenous Peoples Unit organized the side-event, in collaboration with the Government of Finland, the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, IFAD, the Sámi Parliament, the Global-Hub on Indigenous Peoples’ Food Systems, the Rome Group of Friends of Indigenous Peoples and the Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact.

While recognizing the value of indigenous peoples’ knowledge, the panellists highlighted the outstanding contribution that indigenous peoples can make to the global debate on sustainable food systems, as they hold a wealth of knowledge on adapting, mitigating, and reducing risks related to climate change.

The side-event provided an opportunity to present the roadmap lead by indigenous peoples to contribute to the UN Food Systems Summit. One of these activities is the White Paper/Whipala paper of Indigenous Peoples’ food systems drafted by indigenous leaders and the Global-Hub on Indigenous Peoples’ Food Systems. This document will be submitted to the Scientific Committee of the UN Food Systems Summit.

A few captioned images/visuals



H.E. Alexandra Bugauliski, *Canada's Ambassador to Italy & Chair of the Rome Group of Friends of Indigenous Peoples & Co-convener of the Rome Group of Friends for the UN Food Systems Summit.*



Maximo Torero, FAO Chief Economist during the opening remarks



Gam Shimray, Naga people, Secretary-General of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact offers and opening ceremony.



Agnes Kalibata, UN Food Systems Summit Special Envoy during her opening remarks.

2. Select 2-3 quotes by your speakers

“We can over emphasize the importance of listening and learning about indigenous peoples and their importance of their contributions to Food system dialogue”– **H.E Alexandra Bugauliski**, *Canada's Ambassador to Italy & Chair of the Rome Group of Friends of Indigenous Peoples & Co-convener of the Rome Group of Friends for the UN Food Systems Summit.*

“Meetings like today are important to prepare. For the UN food systems summit and to ensure that indigenous peoples are at the table so that they could show their holistic approach to food systems and convey their perspectives at the global regional and national levels.” -**H.E Alexandra Bugauliski**, *Canada's Ambassador to Italy & Chair of the Rome Group of Friends of Indigenous Peoples & Co-convenor of the Rome Group of Friends for the UN Food Systems Summit.*

“There is a critical need for indigenous peoples’ leadership and perspectives to be included at the UN Food System Summit.” - **Maximo Torero Cullen**, *Chief Economist, FAO.*

“In the spirit of leaving no one behind, indigenous people’s expertise must be included in discussions around all the action tracks and outputs.” – **Maximo Torero Cullen**, *Chief Economist, FAO.*

“The Secretary General’s message made in the during the Forty Seventh Session CFS, he highlighted the need for fundamental change to reverse hunger and malnutrition sustainably, while upholding human rights, while ending poverty and supporting inclusivity and sustainable development.” - **Agnes Kalibata**, *UN Food Systems Summit Special Envoy*

“I hope we use this opportunity to share insights from Indigenous peoples, and I hope to see ideas from Indigenous communities' being put forward as potential game changing solutions during the UN Food Systems Summit.” -**Agnes Kalibata**, *UN Food Systems Summit Special Envoy*

“We must work to ensure that the world benefits from your wisdom and values, especially the balance between nature and man. Combining your traditional knowledge with modern science and scientific data is a powerful opportunity and I hope you take advantage.” - **Agnes Kalibata**, *UN Food Systems Summit Special Envoy*

“In order to make this summit a success Indigenous peoples are needed to actively participate in it and their conscience well reflected in the agenda. We are concerned that local food cultures and traditional food systems are disappearing, in many areas indigenous peoples are fighting for their livelihoods, due to climate change hampering their traditional way of life. Despite their own uncertainties, indigenous peoples can share solutions as they hold a wealth of knowledge on how to adapt mitigate and reduce risks related to climate change.” - **H.E. Elina Kalkku**, *Under-Secretary of State for Development Policy of the Government of Finland.*

“We cannot overstate the interest of member countries of the past year with respects to indigenous peoples issues, not only the level of openness we have enjoyed with the Rome Group of Friends of Indigenous Peoples but also the high level of discussions we are able to have. This interest by countries is really opening doors that have been locked for too long.” - **Yon Fernandez-de-Larrinoa**, *Chief of the FAO Indigenous Peoples Unit.*

“The Global-Hub on Indigenous Peoples’ Food System is currently doing profiling and research in over 17 indigenous peoples food systems from across the world. The goal is to provide evidence that retro feeds policy discussions at a global level whether in the 2030 agenda or the COP dialogues or several of UN decades of action such as nutrition, indigenous languages, and ecosystem restoration.” - **Yon Fernandez-de-Larrinoa**, *Chief of the FAO Indigenous Peoples Unit.*

3. Relevant links as appropriate.

Agenda for today including bios of the speakers

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The FAO Indigenous Peoples' Unit: <http://www.fao.org/indigenous-peoples/en/>

The Global-Hub on Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems: <http://www.fao.org/indigenous-peoples/global-hub/en/>

Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems Publications:

1) Indigenous peoples' food systems - the many dimensions of culture, diversity and environment

<http://www.fao.org/3/i0370e/i0370e00.htm>

2) Indigenous peoples' food systems and well-being

<http://www.fao.org/3/i3144e/i3144e00.htm>