



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30 May, 2014

Dear Representatives of Indigenous Peoples:

I am pleased to inform you that on Tuesday, 3 June, 2014, I will be conducting informal consultations in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly Resolution, 66/296 on the, "Organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples", which, among other things, stipulated the arrangements for the aforementioned conference, and provided the mandate for me to conclude the preparatory context.

The purpose of the proposed consultation is to enable representatives to share with me their views on the contents of the Conference's Outcome Document. In this regard, I am pleased to inform that I will be assisted by the four (4) Advisers, who have kindly agreed to assist me, namely, the Permanent Representative of Costa Rica and the Permanent Representative of Slovenia, respectively, and the two representatives designated by you, namely, Dr. Mirna Cunningham, and Mr. Les Malezer.

Additional information on the venue and time of which will subsequently be communicated in the Journal of the United Nations. Should you plan to attend this consultation please inform the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

I also wish to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in an informal interactive hearing on Tuesday, 17 June and Wednesday, 18 June, 2014, so as to enable you to provide valuable your inputs into the preparatory process for the World Conference, including your views on the Conference's outcome document. Member States, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations and the UN System will also be invited to actively to participate in this hearing so as to facilitate the best possible interaction and dialogue between all stakeholders.

The specific venue and time of the hearing will be published in the Journal of the United Nations shortly.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Ashe".

John W. Ashe

To Representatives of Indigenous People