High-Level Expert Seminar on Indigenous Food Systems

Building on traditional knowledge to achieve Zero Hunger

7-9 November 2018,
FAO Headquarters, Rome
Red Room A121
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Wednesday, 7th November 2018

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<td>- Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General Natural Resources, FAO</td>
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<td>- H.E. Royal /Ui/o/oo, Deputy Minister of Marginalized People, Namibia</td>
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<td>- Jesús Guadalupe Blanco Fuentes, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)</td>
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<td>- Ann Tutwiler, Director General, Bioversity International</td>
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<td>- H.E. Patrick John Rata, Ambassador New Zealand</td>
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<td>- H.E. Mario Arvelo Caamaño, Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Chairperson &amp; Ambassador Dominican Republic</td>
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<td>Opening lecture “Indigenous food systems contributions to the UN decade of Action on Nutrition and the Sustainable Development Goals”</td>
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<td>- Anna Lartey, Director Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN), FAO</td>
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<td>Introduction to the work undertaken in 2018 on indigenous food systems</td>
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<td>- Yon Fernandez de Larrinoa, Leader FAO Indigenous Peoples Team, FAO</td>
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<td>- Gennifer Meldrum, Research Officer, Bioversity International</td>
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<td>Session 1- Indigenous food systems contributions for Zero Hunger</td>
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**Key address:** “The importance of indigenous food systems”

- **Shahin Ghorashizadeh**  
  Attaché of the Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran

**Panel:**
- **Barbara Burlingame**  
  Massey University, New Zealand
- **Phrang Roy**, Khasi, India

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**12:30 – 14:00**

**LUNCH BREAK**

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**14:00 – 15:20**

**Session 2 – Traditions and Trends in Indigenous food systems. Elders & youth perspectives on traditional knowledge**

**Key presentation:**

Agriculture integrated production, livestock and wild food gathering system of the *Dao* ethnic group in uphill land and forests

- **Thi Van Anh Nguyen**  
  Researcher, Institute for Social Development Studies, Vietnam

Reindeer herding, hunting, gathering and fishing system of the *Saami* people in the Arctic

- **Inka Saara Arttijef**, Saami, Finland  
  Advisor to the President, Saami Parliament

**Panel:**

- **Manoka Havea**, Baniata Community, Village Elder, Solomon Islands  
- **Taita Ignacio Morales & Harrison Caicedo**, Misak, Colombia
- **Abuela Amalia & Rosalinda Rosas**, Nahuatl, Mexico  
  Health House Calpulli Amalinalintzin

**Facilitator:** Sergio Bonilla, CBD  
**Reporting:** Mary Jane Ramos de la Cruz, ITPGR, FAO

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**15:20 – 15:30**

**COFFEE BREAK**

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**15:30 – 16:30**

**Session 3 - Indigenous Food systems Exchange, trade and marketing: Opportunities and Challenges**

**Key presentations:**
Small-Island Fisheries, agroforestry and shifting cultivation System of the Melanesian people in the Pacific, Solomon Island

- **Shane Tutua**, Karen/ Pgakenyaw, Solomon Islands
  Soil Scientist, The Institute for Social Development Studies.
- **Manoka Havea**, Baniata Community, Village Elder, Solomon Islands

Panel:

- **Christiana Louwa Saiti**, El-Molo, Kenya
  Director, El-Molo Forum
- **Stacey Whitora**, Māori, New Zealand
  Manager, Plant & Food Research Institute
- **Ronald Eric Wayner Archer**, Djungan, Australia
  CEO, North Australian Indigenous Land & sea Management Alliance

Facilitator: Jamie Morrison, SP4, FAO    Reporting: Siobhan Kelly, SP4, FAO

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### Thursday, 8th November 2018

#### Session 4 - Indigenous food systems, Climate change and resilience

**9:30 – 10:50**

**Key presentation:**

Dryland Pastoralist system of the Tuareg people, Mali

- **Ouayara Koné**  
  Vétérinaire, Réseau des Peuples Pasteurs du Sahel

**Panel:**

- **Nahided Naghizadeh**  
  Senior Researcher, Center for Sustainable Development Studies, Iran
- **Chad Tudengongbu**  
  Indigenous Peoples Platform, UNFCCC Secretariat
- **Namayani Rapey Edward**, Masai, Tanzania  
  Gender Coordinator, Kinnapa Development Organization
- **Francis von Hildebrand**  
  CEO, Gaia Amazonas Foundation, Colombia

Facilitator: Ahmed Shukri, SP5, FAO  
Reporting: Sylvie Wabbes, SP5, FAO

#### 10:50 - 11:00

**COFFEE BREAK**

#### 11:00 – 12:30

**Session 5 – Natural resources use: Energy and natural resources used and generated within indigenous food systems**

**Key presentations:**

Hunting-gathering & agriculture system of the *Baka* and *Konabembe* peoples in southern humid forest, Cameroon

- **Alain Bongo Bongo**, Konabembe, Cameroon  
  Merchant, Grike Village
- **Masaaki Hirai**  
  Assistant Professor, Center for African Area Studies, Kyoto University, Japan

Sustainable use of energy on Embera Indigenous Food Systems, Colombia

- **Diego Chiguachi**, Muisca, Colombia  
  Presidente, Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia
12:30 – 14:00 | **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00 – 15:50 | **Session 6 - Indigenous food systems, diets and nutrition: Broadening the existing food base**

Key presentation:
Agro-biodiverse cropping and pastoralism system of the Kyrgyz people in mid-altitude mountains of the Naryn province, Kyrgyzstan
- **Gulzada Sabyr Kyzy**, Kyrgyz, Kyrgyzstan + **Sargylana Atlasova**, Sakha people, Russia Coordinator, Agency for Development Initiatives / Volunteer Oymyakon - Pole of Cold

Panel:
- **Julie Bimblecombe**  
  Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Services, Monash University Australia  
- **Suparna Ghosh-Jerath,**  
  Additional Professor and Head Community Nutrition, Indian Institute of Public Health-Delhi, Public Health Foundation of India  
- **Yulia Fominykh,** Altai, Russia + **Sargylana Atlasova**, Sakha people, Russia Indigenous Chef, Tipografa Restaurant of Altai Republic/ Volunteer Oymyakon - pole of cold  
- **Thingnaning Longvah**, Naga, India  
  Director Grade Scientist, National Institute of Nutrition  
- **Hayu Patria,** Dayak, Indonesia  
  Founder, Mantasa NGO


15:50-16:00 | **COFFEE BREAK**

16:00-17:00 | **Plenary discussion day 2 with perspectives from the floor**

Facilitator: Francesco Pierri, Head DPSA, FAO  Reporting: Guido Agostinucci, FPIC,FAO indigenous peoples

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| • **Adolfo Vásquez**, Maya Ch’orti, Guatemala  
  Gerente General, Mancomunidad Copanchorti |
| • **Carlos Lira**, Xinca, Guatemala  
  Director, Renacer Tres Veces |
| Panel: |
| • **Melari Shisha Nongrum**, Khasi, India  
  Executive Director, North East Slow Food & Agrobiodiversity Society |
| • **Diego Pacheco**  
  Expert on global governance and indigenous peoples, Bolivia |
| • **Ludivine Eloy**  
  Research Scientist, National Centre of Scientific Research, France |
| • **Jesús Guzmán**  
  Center of Studies for Rural Development, Chamber of Deputies of Mexico |
| Facilitator: Michael Clark, Governance FAO  
  Reporting: Dubravkna Bojic, Governance FAO |

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  Senior Associate, North East Slow Food & Agrobiodiversity Society |
| Panel: |
| • **Justine Cherrier**  
  Researcher, France |
| • **Prasert Trakansuphakon**, Karen, Thailand  
  Director, Pgakenyaw Association for Sustainable Development |
| • **Gam Shimray**, Tangkhul Naga, India  
  Secretary General, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact |
| Facilitator: Mette Wilkie, Chief Forestry FAO  
  Reporting: Maria Ruiz Villar, Forestry FAO |
12:30 – 14:00  
**LUNCH BREAK**

**Session 9 - Indigenous food mountain systems**

Key presentations:

- Agro-biodiverse cropping and traditional nomadic gathering system of *Bhotia* and the *Anwal* peoples in the Himalayas, India
  - **Ghanshyam Pande**
  - Program coordinator, Central Himalayan Institute for Nature, India

- Agro-horticultural and livestock small-scale system of the *Kumaoni* people in Himalaya, India
  - **Kalyan Kumar Paul & Anousa Parkin**
  - Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation

Panel:

- **Anna Kanshieva**, Slow Food International, Russia

Facilitator: Yuka Makino  
Mountain Partnership  
Reporting: Sara Manuelli, Mountain Partnership

14:00 - 14:50

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**Way forward: High Level Multistakeholder Dialogue**: “An Indigenous Food Systems’ roadmap in the frame of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition and other global ongoing processes”

Key highlights from the expert seminar to inform the way forward on indigenous food systems

- **Gam Shimray**, Tangkhul Naga, India
  - Secretary General, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact

- **Trudy Wijnhoven**, Nutrition & Food Systems, FAO

- Indigenous Food Systems & International Year of Indigenous Languages
  - **Jennifer Rubis**, Local Indigenous Knowledge Specialist, Dayak, Malaysia, UNESCO

- Drafting on Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems (CFS)
  - **Mario Arvelo Caamaño**, CFS Chairperson & Ambassador Dominican Republic

**Round of Member Countries interventions**

Facilitator: Brave Ndisale, SP1  
Reporting: Juan Carlos Garcia-Cebolla, SP1

16:20 - 16:30  
**COFFEE BREAK**

16:30 - 16:50  
**Plenary synthesis and way forward:**
Video Message: Myrna Cunningham, President FILAC

Closing remarks:

José Graziano da Silva, Director, FAO

Spiritual closure ceremony of the seminar: Abuela Amalia and Taita Morales

With the collaboration of: