



## High-Level Expert Seminar on Indigenous Food Systems

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to achieve Zero Hunger

7-9 November 2018,  
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**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

<p>9:00 – 9:10</p> <p>9:15 – 10:15</p>	<p><b>Spiritual opening ceremony: Taita Morales and Abuela Amalia</b></p> <p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General Natural Resources, FAO</li> <li>• H.E. Royal /Ui/o/oo, Deputy Minister of Marginalized People, Namibia</li> <li>• Jesús Guadalupe Blanco Fuentes, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)</li> <li>• Ann Tutwiler, Director General, Bioversity International</li> </ul> <p><b>Video: 3000 Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Patrick John Rata, Ambassador New Zealand</li> <li>• H.E. Inge Nordang, Ambassador Norway</li> <li>• H.E. Mario Arvelo Caamaño, Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Chairperson &amp; Ambassador Dominican Republic</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilitator: Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General, Economic Social Development Department (ES), FAO</b></p>
<p>10:15 – 10:35</p>	<p><b>Opening lecture “Indigenous food systems contributions to the UN decade of Action on Nutrition and the Sustainable Development Goals”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Lartey, Director Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN), FAO</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilitator: Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General, ES, FAO</b></p>
<p>10:35 – 11:00</p>	<p><b>Introduction to the work undertaken in 2018 on indigenous food systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yon Fernandez de Larrinoa, Leader FAO Indigenous Peoples Team, FAO</li> <li>• Gennifer Meldrum, Research Officer, Bioversity International</li> </ul> <p><b>Video: Solomon Islands Indigenous Food systems</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator: Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General, ES, FAO</b></p>
<p>11:00 - 11:10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
<p>11:10 –</p>	<p><b>Session 1- Indigenous food systems contributions for Zero Hunger</b></p>

12:15

Key address: "The importance of indigenous food systems"

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

Panel:

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



Coordinator,  
The  
Indigenous  
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for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty

- **José Esquinas Alcazar**  
Expert on Genetic Resources & University Professor, Spain

Facilitator: Benjamin Davis, SP3 Leader, FAO    Reporting: Kayo Takenoshita, DPS, FAO

12:30 –  
14:00

**LUNCH BREAK**

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 Arttijeff**, 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

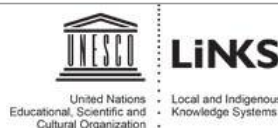
15:20 –  
15:30

**COFFEE BREAK**

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

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- **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-



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- **Stacey Whitiora**, 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

16:30 –  
17:00

**Plenary discussion day 1 with perspectives from the floor**

Facilitator: Árni Mathiesen, ADG Fisheries, FAO Reporting: Nicole Franz, FIAP, FAO

17:30 –  
18:30

**Open Brainstorming with whisper volunteer interpretation**

Thursday, 8th November 2018

 <p>Food and Agriculture          Organization of the          United Nations</p> <p>9:30 – 10:50</p>	<p>Session 4 -          food          Climate          resilience</p>  <p>Indigenous          systems,          change and</p>  <p>United Nations Permanent          Forum on Indigenous Issues</p> <p>Key presentation:</p> <p>Dryland Pastoralist system of the Tuareg people, Mali</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ouayara Koné</b>              Vétérinaire, Réseau des Peuples Pasteurs du Sahel</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Nahided Naghizadeh</b>              Senior Researcher, Center for Sustainable Development Studies, Iran</li> <li>● <b>Chad Tudenggongbu,</b>              Indigenous Peoples Platform, UNFCCC Secretariat</li> <li>● <b>Namayani Rapey Edward,</b> Masaai, Tanzania              Gender Coordinator, Kinnapa Development Organization</li> <li>● <b>Francis von Hildebrand</b>              CEO, Gaia Amazonas Foundation, Colombia</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Ahmed Shukri, SP5, FAO Reporting: Sylvie Wabbes, SP5, FAO</p>
<p>10:50 -          11:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
<p>11:00 –          12:30</p>	<p><b>Session 5 –Natural resources use: Energy and natural resources used and generated within indigenous food systems</b></p> <p>Key presentations:</p> <p>Hunting-gathering &amp; agriculture system of the <i>Baka</i> and <i>Konabembe</i> peoples in southern humid forest, Cameroon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Alain Bongo Bongo,</b> Konabembe, Cameroon              Merchant, Gribé Village</li> <li>● <b>Masaaki Hirai</b>              Assistant Professor, Center for African Area Studies, Kyoto University, Japan</li> </ul> <p>Sustainable use of energy on Embera Indigenous Food Systems, Colombia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Diego Chiguachi, Muisca, Colombia</b>              Presidente, Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia</li> </ul>



  <b>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</b>	<p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tania Eulalia Martínez-Cruz</b>, Mixe/Ayuuk, México PhD Candidate, Wageningen University</li> <li>• <b>Anita Heim</b> PhD Candidate, Department Agricultural Science, University of Helsinki</li> <li>• <b>Edmond Dounias</b>, Senior researcher, French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development, France</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: <b>FILAC</b>  Mona Chaya, SP2, FAO Reporting: Ghosh, SP2, FAO</p>  United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
12:30 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
14:00 – 15:50	<p><b>Session 6 - Indigenous food systems, diets and nutrition: Broadening the existing food base</b></p> <p>Key presentation:</p> <p>Agro-biodiverse cropping and pastoralism system of the <i>Kyrgyz</i> people in mid-altitude mountains of the Naryn province, Kyrgyzstan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gulzada Sabyr Kyzy</b>, Kyrgyz, Kyrgyzstan + <b>Sargylana Atlasova</b>, Sakha people, Russia Coordinator, Agency for Development Initiatives / Volunteer Oymyakon - Pole of Cold</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Julie Bimblecombe</b> Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Services, Monash University Australia</li> <li>• <b>Suparna Ghosh-Jerath</b>, Additional Professor and Head Community Nutrition, Indian Institute of Public Health-Delhi, Public Health Foundation of India</li> <li>• <b>Yulia Fominykh</b>, Altai, Russia + <b>Sargylana Atlasova</b>, Sakha people, Russia Indigenous Chef, Tipografia Restaurant of Altai Republic/ Volunteer Oymyakon - pole of cold</li> <li>• <b>Thingnaning Longvah</b> , Naga, India Director Grade Scientist, National Institute of Nutrition</li> <li>• <b>Hayu Patria</b>, Dayak, Indonesia Founder, Mantasa NGO</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Florence Tartanac FAO Reporting: Ana Islas, ESN/ Ahmed Raza, Nutrition, FAO</p>
15:50-16:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
16:00-17:00	<p><b>Plenary discussion day 2 with perspectives from the floor</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Francesco Pierri, Head DPSA, FAO Reporting: Guido Agostinucci, FPIC,FAO indigenous peoples</p>
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Open Brainstorming with whisper volunteer interpretation</b>

**Friday, 9th November 2018**

 <p>Food and Agriculture          Organization of the          United Nations</p> <p>09:30 – 11:00</p>	<p><b>Session 7</b></p> <p><b>FILAC</b> </p> <p>– The importance of governance institutions within indigenous food systems</p>  <p>United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</p> <p>Key presentation:</p> <p>Dryland agroforestry system of the <i>Mayan ancestral community of the Ch’orti</i>, Guatemala –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adolfo Vásquez</b>, Maya Ch’orti’, Guatemala Gerente General, Mancomunidad Copanchorti</li> <li>• <b>Carlos Lira</b>, Xinca, Guatemala Director, Renacer Tres Veces</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Melari Shisha Nongrum</b>, Khasi, India Executive Director, North East Slow Food &amp; Agrobiodiversity Society</li> <li>• <b>Diego Pacheco</b> Expert on global governance and indigenous peoples, Bolivia</li> <li>• <b>Ludivine Eloy</b> Research Scientist, National Centre of Scientific Research, France</li> <li>• <b>Jesús Guzmán</b> Center of Studies for Rural Development, Chamber of Deputies of Mexico</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Michael Clark, Governance FAO Reporting: Dubravkna Bojic, Governance FAO</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:10</p>	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
<p>11:10 – 12:30</p>	<p><b>Session 8 - Natural resources use - How can shifting cultivation practices contribute to the sustainability of indigenous food systems</b></p> <p>Key presentation:</p> <p>Shifting cultivation and home gardens of forest-dwellers <i>Khasi</i> people in Meghalaya, India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bhogtoram Mawroh</b>, Khasi, India Senior Associate, North East Slow Food &amp; Agrobiodiversity Society</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Justine Cherrier</b> Researcher, France</li> <li>• <b>Prasert Trakansuphakon</b>, Karen, Thailand Director, Pgakenyaw Association for Sustainable Development</li> <li>• <b>Gam Shimray</b>, Tangkhul Naga, India Secretary General, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Mette Wilkie, Chief Forestry FAO Reporting: Maria Ruiz Villar, Forestry FAO</p>

12:30 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
  <b>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 9- Indigenous food mountain systems</b></p> <p>Key presentations:</p> <p>Agro-biodiverse cropping and traditional nomadic gathering system of <i>Bhotia</i> and the <i>Anwal</i> peoples in the Himalayas, India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ghanshyam Pande</b>             Program coordinator, Central Himalayan Institute for             United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</li> </ul> <p>14:00 -14:50</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nature, India</p> <p>Agro-horticultural and livestock small-scale system of the <i>Kumaoni</i> people in Himalaya, India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kalyan Kumar Paul &amp; Anousa Parkin</b> Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anna Kanshieva</b>, Slow Food International, Russia</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Yuka Makino Mountain Partnership Reporting: Sara Manuelli, Mountain Partnership</p>
14:50-16:20	<p><b>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”</b></p> <p>Key highlights from the expert seminar to inform the way forward on indigenous food systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gam Shimray</b>, Tangkhul Naga, India Secretary General, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact</li> </ul> <p>Global Action Networks in the framework of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trudy Wijnhoven</b>, Nutrition &amp; Food Systems, FAO</li> </ul> <p>Indigenous Food Systems &amp; International Year of Indigenous Languages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jennifer Rubis</b>, Local Indigenous Knowledge Specialist, Dayak, Malaysia, UNESCO</li> </ul> <p>Drafting on Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems (CFS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mario Arvelo Caamaño</b>, CFS Chairperson &amp; Ambassador Dominican Republic</li> </ul> <p><b>Round of Member Countries interventions</b></p> <p>Facilitator: Brave Ndisale, SP1 Reporting: Juan Carlos Garcia-Cebolla, SP1</p>
16:20-16:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
16:30-16:50	<p><b>Plenary synthesis and way forward:</b></p>



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- **Marcela Villarreal**, DPS Director, FAO
- **Jesús Guadalupe Blanco Fuentes**, Expert, UNPFII
- **Seminar Reporting Team** (FAO)
- **Stefano Padulosi**, Senior Scientist, Bioersity International
- **Alexandre Meybeck**, Center of International Forestry Research, France

Video Message: Myrna Cunningham, President FILAC



16:50-17:00

Closing remarks:

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General, FAO

**José  
 Graziano da  
 Silva,**  
 Director



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

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