

Date
13 February 2025

Time
10.15–11.15

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Location:
IFAD HQ (Plenary Hall)
Moderator:
Ms Katherine Meighan, Chief
Legal and Governance Officer,
Office of Legal and
Governance, IFAD

GOVERNORS' DIALOGUE

Governors' Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples

The Governors' Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples is a unique opportunity for IFAD Governors to engage directly with Indigenous Peoples' representatives on actionable solutions for food security and sovereignty. Building on the discussions of the Seventh Global Meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD (IPFI), the dialogue will focus on the theme “**Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination: A pathway for food security and sovereignty**”.

The Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD is a platform that brings together Indigenous Peoples' organizations, IFAD and governments. Preceded by regional consultation meetings, a global meeting takes place every two years in conjunction with IFAD's Governing Council, ensuring that wide-ranging perspectives and recommendations are shared among participants. The key outcomes of the meeting are captured in the **Synthesis of Deliberations** document, which provides recommendations for all stakeholders. The Governors' Dialogue is intended to foster meaningful discussions, build partnerships, and drive collaborative action for sustainable and inclusive development.

Event Highlights

The session will open with a video presenting the highlights of the Seventh Global Meeting followed by welcoming remarks by the moderator Ms Katherine Meighan, Chief Legal and Governance Officer, Office of Legal and Governance of IFAD.

Distinguished speakers and contributors: Dr Albert Barume, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will provide a keynote statement. Ms Myrna Cunningham, Chair of the IPFI Steering Committee will then present the key outcomes and recommendations contained in the **Synthesis of Deliberations**.

An interactive panel discussion will follow, featuring:

Panellists

- His Excellency Miguel Jorge García Winder, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Agencies in Rome
- Ms Joan Carling, Chairperson of the Board of the Indigenous Peoples of Asia Solidarity Fund
- Ms Hindou Oumarou, Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- Ms Tunda Lepore, Indigenous Youth Leader

Following the panellists' interventions, the floor will be opened for an interactive discussion with Governors on commitments and concrete actions for the way ahead. Closing remarks will be delivered by Ms Pieternel Boogaard, Managing Director, Office of Technical Delivery of IFAD.