



Convention on
Biological Diversity



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In the context of the 16th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, please join us for a side event on:

Mainstreaming the Contribution of Traditional Knowledge and Biological and Cultural Diversity for the Implementation of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Friday, 28 April 2017, 1:15-2:30 pm
United Nations Headquarters, New York
Conference Room 4

Translation English - Spanish.
A light meal will be provided before the event.

Many countries with high levels of biodiversity, particularly the “mega-biodiverse countries”, also rank among the most culturally diverse represented in indigenous peoples cultures. Biological and cultural diversity interlink, as over millennia, different peoples have developed a vast variety of culturally grounded values, customs, languages, knowledge systems and management practices through close interaction with nature. As the world is currently going through a period of rapid social and ecological change, the loss of cultural diversity has shown to be linked to the loss of biological diversity.

The side event will explore the nexus between biological and cultural diversity and its role in the achievement of the three CBD objectives, the SDGs and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It will also discuss what kind of policy measures are needed to ensure the continuation of indigenous knowledge and practices that are the foundation for flourishing bio-cultural diversity to the benefit of human wellbeing and the environment at large.

The event will also present outcomes from the “Múuch’tambal” Summit on Indigenous Experience: Traditional Knowledge, biological and cultural diversity”, which took place in 2016 during the CBD COP13 in Cancun, Mexico, as well ongoing initiatives on the biodiversity-cultural diversity interface.

Program:

- **Opening remarks by the moderator**
 - *Joji Cariño, Senior Policy Advisor and SSG Member, Forest People Programme (FPP) and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)*
- **Panel presentations**
 - *John Scott, Senior Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity*
 - *Claudia Valeria Sanchez Flores, Biodiversity Director, Red Indigena de Turismo (RITA)*
 - *Eleanor Sterling, Chief Conservation Scientist, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation at the American Museum of Natural History*
 - *Brian Keane, Member, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*
 - *Yolanda Teran, Member, Indigenous Women Network on Biodiversity for LAC Region*
 - *Pernilla Malmer, Senior Advisor, SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Centre*
 - *Anne McDonald, Professor, Sophia University Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies*
- **Q&A and general discussion**

Contact and RSVP: Guests who are not registered to take part in the UNPFII and do not have a UN badge, please RSVP to l.sagliocco@unesco.org by **25 April 2017** indicating that you need an entry ticket.

