High-Level Expert Seminar on Indigenous Food Systems

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**Wednesday, 7th November 2018**

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| 9:15 – 10:15| **Opening remarks**  
- Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General Natural Resources, FAO  
- H.E. Royal /Ui/o/oo, Deputy Minister of Marginalized People, Namibia  
- Jesús Guadalupe Fuentes Blanco, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)  
- Ann Tutwiler, Director General, Bioversity International  
  Video: 3000 Steps  
  - H.E. Patrick John Rata, Ambassador New Zealand  
  - H.E. Inge Nordang, Ambassador Norway  
  - H.E. Mario Arvelo Camaño, Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Chairperson & Ambassador Dominican Republic  
  Facilitator: Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General, Economic Social Development Department (ES), FAO |
| 10:15 – 10:35| **Opening lecture** “Indigenous food systems contributions to the UN decade of Action on Nutrition and the Sustainable Development Goals”  
  - Anna Lartey, Director Nutrition and Food Systems Division (ESN), FAO  
  Facilitator: Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General, ES, FAO |
| 10:35 – 11:00| **Introduction to the work undertaken in 2018 on indigenous food systems**  
  - Yon Fernandez de Larrinoa, Leader FAO Indigenous Peoples Team, FAO  
  - Gennifer Meldrum, Research Officer, Bioversity International  
  Video: Solomon Islands Indigenous Food systems  
  Facilitator: Kostas Stamoulis, Assistant Director-General, ES, FAO |
| 11:00 - 11:10| **COFFEE BREAK**                                                                                                                                         |
11:10 – 12:15  Session 1- Indigenous food systems contributions for Zero Hunger

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
  Coordinator, The Indigenous Partnership 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 presentations:

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

- **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, Solomon Islands
  Village Elder

- **Taita Ignacio Morales & Harrison Caicedo**, Misak, Colombia
  Traditional healers, National Council of Elders of 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
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<td>Small-Island Fisheries, agroforestry and shifting cultivation System of the <em>Melanesian</em> people in the Pacific, Solomon Island</td>
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|              | - **Shane Tutua**, Zai Na Tina, Solomon Islands  
|              |  Soil Scientist, The Institute for Social Development Studies.  |
|              | - **Manoka Havea**, Baniata Community, Solomon Islands  
|              |  Village Elder  |
|              | Panel:  |
|              | - **Christiana Louwa Saiti**, El-Molo, Kenya  
|              |  Director, El-Molo Forum  |
|              | - **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  |
| 17:00 – 18:00| **Open Brainstorming with whisper volunteer interpretation**  |
### Session 4 - Indigenous food systems, Climate change and resilience

**Key presentation:**
Dryland Pastoralist system of the Tuareg people, Mali
- *Ouayara Koné*
  Veterinary, 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, Masaai, Tanzania*
  Gender Coordinator, Kinnapa Development Organization
- *Francis von Hildebrand*
  CEO, Gaia Amazonas Foundation, Colombia

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

### 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, Gribe Village
  - *Masaaki Hirai*
    Assistant Professor, Center for African Area Studies, Kyoto University, Japan

- Sustainable use of energy with the indigenous food System of the *Embera*, Colombia
  - *Diego Chiguachi, Muisca, Colombia*
    Agronomist, Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia

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<td>Agro-biodiverse cropping and pastoralism system of the Kyrgyz people in mid-altitude mountains of the Naryn province, Kyrgyzstan</td>
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<td>Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Services, Monash University Australia</td>
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<td>- <strong>Suparna Ghosh-Jerath,</strong></td>
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<td>Additional Professor and Head Community Nutrition, Indian Institute of Public Health-Delhi, Public Health Foundation of India</td>
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<td>Director Grade Scientist, National Institute of Nutrition</td>
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| 09:30 – 11:00 | **Key presentation:**  
Dryland agroforestry system of the *Mayan ancestral community of the Ch’orti*, Guatemala –  
- **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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| 11:10 – 12:30 | **Key presentation:**  
Shifting cultivation and home gardens of forest-dwellers *Khasi* people in Meghalaya, India  
- **Bhogtoram Mawroh**, Khasi, India  
  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 |
### 14:00 - 14:50
**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**  
    Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation, India

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

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

### 14:50 - 16:20
**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

Global Action Networks in the framework of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition
- **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: Guido Agostinucci, FAO Indigenous Peoples

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<td>- Seminar Reporting Team (FAO)</td>
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<td>- Stefano Padulosi, Senior Scientist, Bioversity International</td>
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<td>- Alexandre Meybeck, Center of International Forestry Research, France</td>
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<td>- José Graziano da Silva, Director General, FAO</td>
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Spiritual closure ceremony of the seminar: Abuela Amalia and Taita Morales

With the collaboration of: