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### TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FISHERIES IN THE ARCTIC REGION

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#### BIOS of PANELLISTS

**Laurent Thomas**, Deputy Director-General (Operations), FAO

He is responsible for FAO's operations and the management of its business practices to achieve the highest level of efficiency possible within the Organization. He oversees FAO's decentralized activities and the Organization's Corporate Services. Prior to this position he was Assistant Director-General leading FAO's Technical Cooperation and Programme Management Department (TC). In this role, he was responsible for overseeing the Senior Directors' team in charge of Strategic Programme Leadership; programming investment in food security, agriculture and rural development; preparing for and responding to food and agriculture threats and crisis; mobilizing resources including through South-South Cooperation partnerships; and administrating FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme.

He is an agro-economist by training and has over 35 years of experience in development and humanitarian assistance issues. Throughout his career, he has worked on the challenges of sustainable food and agriculture systems. Before joining FAO headquarters, he worked for over a decade in developing countries on farming systems research and agriculture extension. With FAO for more than 28 years, he has held positions of increasing managerial responsibility in technical advisory services, investment programming, oversight of the Organization's Decentralized Offices' network and the management of programmes to help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition; make agriculture forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable; reduce rural poverty; enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems; and increase the resilience of livelihoods to disasters.

**Anne Nuorgam**, Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Ms. Nuorgam is a long-term Saami politician, who holds a Master of Laws degree and is currently a PhD student at the University of Lapland. She has been a member of the Saami Parliament of Finland since 2000 and is also head of the Saami Council's Human Rights Unit.

**H.E Alexandra Bugailiskis**, Ambassador of Canada

Alexandra Bugailiskis (MA Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, 1992). She has served abroad as ambassador to Syria (1997 to 2000) and high commissioner to Cyprus (1998 to 2000), ambassador to Cuba (2003 to 2007) and Poland (2013 to 2015). In Ottawa, Ms. Bugailiskis has held a number of senior positions. She was director general of the Latin America and the Caribbean Bureau (2000 to 2002), executive director of the International Policy Framework Task Force in the Privy Council Office (2002 to 2003), and assistant deputy minister and executive coordinator of the Americas Strategy Secretariat (2007 to 2008). She also served as assistant deputy minister for Latin America and the Caribbean (2008 to 2010). In 2010, she became executive coordinator of the Inter-American Development Bank Business Opportunities Task Force and served concurrently as distinguished senior fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. In 2011, she was appointed as the chief negotiator for the Canada-European Union Strategic Political Partnership Agreement and in 2015, concurrently became Assistant Deputy Minister for Europe, the Middle



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East, the Maghreb and Circumpolar Affairs. She is the recipient of awards for distinguished service for her work on Namibian independence, the Summit of the Americas, the response to the Haitian earthquake and, most recently, the resettlement of Syrian refugees. In August 2017, Alexandra Bugailiskis was appointed as Canada's Ambassador to the Italian Republic, as well as Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, with concurrent accreditation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino and Albania and High Commissioner to Malta. She is married to Lt. Colonel (ret'd) Alexander Fiegler with whom she has two children Henry and Angelica.

### **H.E Victor L. Vasiliev**, Ambassador of the Russian Federation

Victor L. Vasiliev was born in Moscow on February 25, 1963. In 1989 graduated from Moscow State Institute (University) of Foreign Relations (MGIMO). Has extensive experience in Central Office of the Soviet, later Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and abroad. In 2000-2004 – Counsellor, Senior Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York. In 2004-2007 – Deputy Director of the International Organizations Department, MFA Russia. In 2007-2013 – Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva. In 2012-2013 – Chairpersonman of the UN Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures in Outer Space Activities. Since August 2013 Ambassador at Large, MFA Russia. By the Appointment of the President of the Russian Federation since October 2013 served as Representative Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Collective Security Treaty Organization. On April 24, 2018 by the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation was appointed Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to FAO and other UN Agencies in Rome. Holds the diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. Speaks English and Dutch.

### **H.E Aslak Brun**, Ambassador of Norway

Ambassador Aslak Brun is Norway's Permanent Representative to the UN organisations in Rome from September 2019. He has broad diplomatic experience in the areas of development cooperation, multilateral negotiations and climate change. Mr Brun was previously Chief of Staff to Norway's Minister of International Development (2018-2019), and before that Deputy Director General of the Department of Economic Relations and Development in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2017-2018). Mr Brun was Norway's chief climate change negotiator during the period that culminated in the Paris Agreement (2013-2016). He has also been project manager for UN reform, and in that capacity he facilitated the Norwegian Prime Minister's role as co-chairperson of the UN high-level reform panel 'Delivering as One' (2005-2006). Mr Brun has headed three different sections in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: the Section for Development Policy (2016-2017), the Section for Climate Change, Global Health and Sustainable Development (2012-2013), and the Section for Global Initiatives and Gender Equality (2007-2009). He has served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Norwegian Embassy in New Delhi (2009-2012). He has also been posted to the Norwegian



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Embassy in The Hague (1999-2001) and seconded as Junior Professional Officer to the United Nations Development Programme in Sierra Leone (1989-1991).

He holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Oslo.

Mr Brun was born on 11 December 1960. He is married and has two children.

**Aulikki Hulmi**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to FAO and Counsellor of Agriculture

Holds a M.Sc. Agriculture, Agronomist (crop husbandry), University of Helsinki

Assigned by Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for the period (08/2017-06/2020) when Finland holds the Nordic seat at the FAO Council, the chairmanship of the FAO European Regional Group and the EU Presidency. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Director for International Affairs, Responsible for Ministry level coordination of international organizations and international relations.

Previously Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministerial Adviser, Responsible for coordination of EU affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Senior Officer Responsible for coordination of EU affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Secretariat for EU Coordination, Special Adviser, agricultural, food, fisheries and forestry policy, Finnish Farmers' Brussels Office, Chargé d'affaires, Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners MTK, Information officer, Agricultural Information Centre (owned by NGOs and industry), Information Officer and Chief of Information. English, Swedish, Italian, French, German and some Chinese

**Veikko Feodoroff**, Chairperson of the Livelihood and Legal Committee, Saami Parliament of Finland

Veikko Feodoroff acts as the chair of the Livelihood and Legal Committee and the chair of the Social Affairs and Health Committee in the Sámi Parliament in Finland. He is a member of the Sámi Parliament, the Spokesman of the Skolt Sámi Siida Council and the chair of the board of the Sámi Educational Institute. Veikko is a Skolt Sámi reindeer herder and a fisher living in Sevettijärvi village in the heartlands of Skolt Sámi area in Finland.

**Dalee Sambo**, Chairperson of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, United States, Alaska

Dalee Sambo Dorough (Inuit-Alaska) is International Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council and former Associate Professor at University of Alaska Anchorage. Engaged for over 34 years at the UN, ILO, OAS and other international fora, she is a former Expert Member and Chairperson of the UNPFII and specializes in international Indigenous human rights law as well as political and legal relations between States and Indigenous peoples. She holds a PhD from University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002) and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University (1991). Current areas of research include Arctic Indigenous peoples' human rights, Arctic policy and Arctic related issues. She is also co-Chair of the International Law Association Committee on Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**Gunn-Britt Retter**, Head of Arctic and Environmental Unit of the Saami Council, Norway

Ms Gunn-Britt Retter lives in the coastal Saami community Unjárga-Nesseby in north-eastern Norway. She is a teacher of training from Sámi University of Applied Sciences and holds MA in Bilingual studies from University of Wales. Since 2001, Retter has worked with Arctic Environmental issues, first at Arctic Council Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat (IPS) (Denmark) and since 2005 in the present position as Head of Arctic and Environmental Unit of the Saami Council. In her present position, Retter has been involved in issues related



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**Árni M. Mathiesen**, Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Mr Árni M. Mathiesen, a national of Iceland and coming from a fishing family, was appointed as Assistant Director-General (ADG) of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department of FAO, effective 28 October 2010.

Mr Mathiesen graduated from Flensborgarskóli in Hafnarfjörður with a university entrance diploma in 1978 and obtained a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery degree from the University of Edinburgh, U.K., qualifying as a veterinarian in 1983. He was awarded a Master of Science in Aquatic Veterinary Pathology from the Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling, U.K. in 1985. After completing his studies, he worked as a veterinarian, specializing in fish diseases from 1985 to 1995. He also served as Managing Director of Faxalax, an aquaculture firm, from 1988 to 1989.

Mr Mathiesen was a member of the Board of the Icelandic Veterinary Association from 1986 to 1987 and Chairperson of the Council for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals from 1994 to 1999.

In 1991, elected to the Icelandic Parliament (Althing) for the Independence Party, Mr Mathiesen was the youngest member of the Althing at the time, 32 years of age. From 1990 to 1994, Mr Mathiesen was a member of the Board of the Guarantee Division of Aquaculture Loans and, from 1994 to 1998, a member of the Board of the Agricultural Bank of Iceland and of the Agricultural Loan Fund. He was also an Icelandic representative on the Nordic Council from 1991-1995.

From May 1999 to September 2005, he served as Minister of Fisheries; the agency responsible for fisheries policy, quota allocation, surveillance and enforcement, processing, research and development, marine aquaculture, marine food safety and management of international agreements.

From September 2005 to February 2009, Mr Mathiesen served as Minister of Finance; the agency responsible for state budget, tax policy, revenue collection and forecasts, economic forecasts, pensions, government property and wage settlements in the public sector.

Prior to joining FAO, Mr Mathiesen was a consultant for the Confederation of Icelandic Employers and part-time general veterinary practitioner in the south of Iceland

### Session 1: Traditional indigenous peoples fishing practices in the past: Were they different from today?

**Ivan Gutorov**, Fisherman and indigenous elder, Russian Federation.

Ivan Gutorov is fisherman, and Chair of the Board of the NGO – Community of the indigenous peoples of the North “Itelmen”

**Einar Eythorsson**, Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research, Norway

Dr. polit. Einar Eythórsson is an Icelandic social scientist, senior researcher at the Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research in Tromsø. He has long experience from research on traditional knowledge and economic adaptations among the Sea-Sámi in Finnmark. His research work also includes studies on fisheries and wildlife governance, in Norway and Iceland.



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**Tønnes “Kaka” Berthelsen**, Fishermen’s and Hunters Association KNAPK, Greenland

Tønnes Berthelsen holds academic grades from Copenhagen Business School in business and economics, MBA from Leeds University Business School and Arctic studies as subject from University of Lapland.

He worked in the fisheries for many years i.e. Royal Greenland and Arctic Green Food. He has been leader of business counselling under the Qeqqata Municipality in Greenland, and is now CEO of Greenland Fishermen and Hunters Association.

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### The Violet Chair Initiative and the Global Campaign on Indigenous Women

**Mariana Estrada**, Indigenous Peoples Team, FAO

Mariana Estrada is a journalist focused in human rights advocacy, extensive experience in communication for development, gender and indigenous peoples. She holds studies in Communication and Public Policies, working at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN since 2013. Prior to her actual position in the Indigenous Peoples Team in HQ, she collaborated in the Sub-Regional Office for Mesoamerica based in Panamá and the Country Office in Mexico.

Currently, she is working on the FAO Indigenous Women Campaign and the traditional knowledge and climate change initiative.

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**Guido Agostinucci**, Indigenous Peoples Team, FAO

Guido Agostinucci is an agronomist from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and with a M. Sc. in Agroecology from the University of Tuscia, Italy. Guido started his career working as an agricultural researcher for the University of Tuscia where he has been involved in a number of studies related to entomology, crop production and agricultural economics. Since joining FAO in 2008, he has worked on the implementation of numerous emergency and development projects in a number of countries, predominantly in the Eastern Europe, Middle East and Asia, including several ones with substantial indigenous peoples' presence. Since 2017, Guido coordinates FAO's work on Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) within the FAO Indigenous Peoples Team. His main areas of work include capacity building on FPIC and the provision of technical assistance for the inclusion and implementation of FPIC throughout the lifecycle of the project.



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### Session 2: Has Climate change affected Indigenous Peoples Arctic Fisheries? Challenges, Opportunities and Threats

**Brian Keane**, Rapporteur UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Brian Keane has been working with indigenous communities around the world for nearly three decades. He is co-founder of the international organization Land is Life, and is currently serving as Advisor for Indigenous Peoples' Issues for USAID.

**Gunn-Britt Retter**, Head of Arctic and Environmental Unit of the Saami Council, Norway

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**Florence Poulain**, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Florence Poulain has been Fisheries and Aquaculture Officer with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) since 2007. She is a social scientist with extensive work experience in the development and implementation of fisheries instruments, policies and programmes at global, regional and national levels. Her area of work include climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and management measures to deal with extreme events and implications of climate change to human rights. She holds a M.Sc from the London School of Economics and a BA from the University of Sussex, UK.

**Stefan Mikaelsson** is the chair of the Business-committee of the Sámi parliament on Swedish side since august 2017. He is also a long time member of the Sámi parliament plenary assembly and have been chairing 29 of its up until today 82 various sessions.

Born 1957, he made his military service in 1976-1977, has been member of the board of a local Sámi reindeer herding association between 1978 and 2014, board member of Sámi Raddi, Saami Council between 1996 and 2008, and thus chair of Swedish section 2001 – 2007. He is ordinary member of Sámi parliament plenary assembly since 1993, Deputy President of Sámi parliament plenary assembly 1996-2009, President of Sámi parliament plenary assembly 2009 - 2017, Chair of Business-committee since 2017.

**Marina Odzyl**, Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Russian Federation

Marina Odzyl, 49-years-old, a head of the NGO "Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North of the Ulchi district". Marina has been working in the sphere of indigenous peoples for more than 20 years, as the head of the NGO - since 2014. In her work, she pays a lot of attention to the issues of traditional fishing, hunting and land use, languages and cultures of the indigenous peoples.

Marina lives in Bogorodskoye village in Khabarovski krai. Languages: Russian, Ulchian

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Side-event: How Arctic Indigenous languages embrace the traditional knowledge and cultures of the Arctic Region?

**René Castro Salazar**, Assistant Director-General, Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department, FAO  
Mr René Castro-Salazar holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the Universidad de Costa Rica, a Master of Public Administration degree and Doctor of Design degree both awarded by Harvard University. Mr Castro-Salazar held ministerial positions in Costa Rica as Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Environment, Energy between 1994 and 2014. Mr Castro Salazar was appointed Assistant Director-General for FAO, Forestry Department, and in December 2016 he was appointed Assistant Director-General for the new Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department.

**Thomas Hansen**, Mearrasiida, Norway

Thomas Hansen grew up and resides in the Sea Sami village Billefjord in Porsangerfjord in Northern Norway. He has spent the last two years working as the general manager of Mearrasiida, a Sea Sami foundation working for the preservation and continuation of Sea Sami culture and the use of traditional knowledge in nature management. Being located in Billefjord on the shore of Porsangerfjord, the foundation Mearrasiida acquires observations of the fjord and fisheries from local users on a regular basis and put them in a context through such as research projects and dialogue with authorities.

**Larry Gorenflo**, Pennsylvania State University

Larry Gorenflo is a professor of Landscape Architecture and Geography; and serves as the faculty-in-charge of the Environmental Inquiry minor. He also holds the Eleanor R. Stuckeman Chair in Design in the Stuckeman School. Gorenflo is internationally recognized for his research that reveals opportunities for integrative conservation efforts, due to his research that identifies the co-occurrence of important linguistic or cultural conservation areas with key global biodiversity hot spots.

**Vyacheslav Shadrin**, Institute of Humanities and North Minority Peoples' problems, Russian Federation



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Vyacheslav Shadrin is a Chief of Yukaghir People. From the beginning he take part in the North indigenous peoples' movement in Russia, member of Yakutian Association of Indigenous Peoples of North from 1989 and RAIPON from 1990.

In 1990s he was a leader of Yukaghir communities. In 1993 he was co-founder and principal of Yukaghir National School in Nelemnoye.

In 2000 he was elected a Chief- Head of Council of the Yukaghir Elders.

From 2002 he is a research fellow in the Institute for Humanities Research and Indigenous Studies of the North, Yakutsk. His research interests are indigenous rights, ethnology expertise, climate change, traditional land-use.

**Nuria Sanz Gallego**, Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water department, FAO

Director and Representative of UNESCO in Mexico, has worked in various positions within multilateral organizations, such as the European Commission, the Council of Europe and especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In 2002, she was appointed Chief of the Latin America and the Caribbean Unit of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in Paris, where she coordinated the nomination of the Andean Highway System for inscription on the World Heritage List, a project that was subsequently elected by the Summit of Heads of States of Latin America and the Caribbean as an example of excellence for cultural integration of indigenous peoples. Having edited more than twenty publications on World Heritage, since 2013 Nuria has served as Head and Representative of the UNESCO Office in Mexico, where she has promoted the work of UNESCO in Mexico at the Federal, State and Municipal level, within the Organization's mandate in: Education, Science, Culture and Communication and Freedom of Expression. Since its inception in 2006, Nuria Sanz has been responsible for the development and implementation of the World Heritage Thematic Programme 'Human Evolution: Adaptations, Dispersals and Social Developments' (HEADS).

### Session 3: Indigenous Peoples Knowledge in the Arctic Region: views from the elders and the youth

**Chief Gary Harrison**, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council, United States, Alaska,

Chief Gary is traditional Chief and Chairman of the Chickaloon native Village. He was elected to the Traditional Council in 1984 and was named Traditional Chief in 1994.

**Marina Ycha**, Interethnic relations and NGO Issues. Administration of Ulchski district of Khabarovski krai, Russian Federation

Marina has got a masters' degree in the High School of Economics, her final paper was "Preservation of the native languages of the Indigenous Peoples: approaches and activities of the local ethnic communities"

While working in the "Informational and law center of the Indigenous Peoples "Mede-Center" she read a cycle of lectures to the indigenous peoples' communities on social projects.

Since 2011 she works in the administration of Ulchski municipal district of Khabarovski krai at the post of the specialist on interethnic relations and NGO issues.

Since 2012 Marina is a leader of the yearly social project on indigenous peoples native languages.



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In 2016 Marina developed proposals to the Legislative Duma of Khabarovski krai concerning the changes in the regional legislation on the issues of traditional way of life of the indigenous peoples of Khabarovski krai, especially concerning traditional fishery and realization of indigenous peoples' rights to the land use. Marina is also a member of the Consultative Council of Indigenous Peoples in oil and gas company Exxon Neftegas Ltd.

**Vyacheslav Shadrin**, Institute of Humanities and North Minority Peoples' problems, Russian Federation  
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**Maria Sofia Aikio**, Indigenous elder, Finland

Maria Sofia Aikio, was born in the late 1940s as the 9<sup>th</sup> child of a Sámi family of fishers, hunters, and skilled traditional craftsmen and -women. This traditional way of life at home was a good foundation for me to learn traditional knowledge, values, language, and extended family relations. Relationships with the extended family taught us how to behave as human beings (*"Eale olmmožin!"*), how to be reasonable, and that every issue connects to everything else — a holistic view of life and nature. I have also been involved with the international WCIP's movement in late 1970's and after returning home continued actively within Sámi local and national organisations. I have made my living from various sources — traditional crafts, teaching, Sámi language and cultural services, fishing, research and reports. Member of board of local fishing right owner's corporation.

**Thomas Hansen**, Mearrasiida, Norway

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**Elle Maarit Arttijeffer**, Saami Journalist, Finland



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### Session 4: Local Governance of natural resources and Arctic Indigenous Peoples' knowledge: the way forward

#### **Sturla Brøds**, Norwegian Environment Agency Norway

Born in the municipality Surnadal, with a population of about 6000, c. 130 km south west of Trondheim, in Møre & Romsdal county. He lived there until he did the military services in 1984-1985.

After the military he started his biology studies at the University of Trondheim, later called NTNU, where he took a Cand.scient.-degree in freshwater ecology in 1997. Parallel with the study he practiced as a cross country skier until the mid 90s. He was in the Norwegian national team 1986-1990, and has four top 10 World Cup results (1986-1989).

He started to work in the Norwegian environment management as a fish manager at the The Finnmark County Governor's office, Vadsø, in 1999. His tasks were directed to all kind of freshwater fish management including anadromus salmonids (Atlantic salmon, sea trout, sea charr). Since 2006 he has been working at the Norwegian Environment Agency (Directorate for Nature Management until 2013) in Trondheim, especially with fish management in arctic regions/Northern Norway. He has been working with questions concerning indigenous people since early 2000, especially with questions regarding the fisheries in the Norwegian-Finnish border river Tana (Deatnu in Sami, Tenojoki in Finnish).

#### **Steinar Pedersen**, Tana River Fish Management, Norway

Historian, Phd. Salmon fisher. Member of board, Tana Fishery Administration. Born 1947, in a small Sea-Saami community. He has been working on Saami maritime and land rights, the salmon-fishing rights in Tana river, Saami border-crossing rights to use natural resources in both Finland and Norway, and the negative impact of Norwegian nationalism on Saami material and cultural rights. Has formerly been, teacher, researcher, assistant professor, principal at Sámi University College, Kautokeino, Norway, state secretary, member of the Saami Parliament of Norway, and the county council of Finnmark. He has also participated in different commissions preparing new laws on Sami material and cultural rights.

#### **Gennady Shchukin**, President of the Local Association of public associations of indigenous peoples of the North of Taimyr Dolgan-Nenets district, Russian Federation

Gennady Schukin is 57-years-old, he is a public associations of indigenous peoples of the North of Taimyr Dolgan-Nenets district, which unites more than 110 communities of indigenous peoples of the North and four public organizations of indigenous peoples of Taimyr: Dolgan Union, Nganasan Union, Evenki Union, Enets Union.

He protects the rights of indigenous peoples to free access to biological resources and other rights. I help in solving economic and other issues of the communities of indigenous peoples of the North. Recently he defended their right to hunt in the Constitutional Court of Russia. Currently he has been elected Deputy (senator) of Taimyr.

He lives in the city of Dudinka, Taimyr Dolgan-Nenets municipal district, Krasnoyarsk region, Russia.



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**Benjamin Siegelman**, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Ben Siegelman is an environmental anthropologist and coastal management specialist from USA. He has designed and implemented projects in Malawi, Mexico, the Philippines, and the U.S., with particular emphasis on gender and fisheries programming. At FAO, he has helped to coordinate the Illuminating Hidden Harvests project in support of small-scale fishers globally, and is a contributing writer on the Governance and Indigenous Peoples chapters of the report. He is now undertaking the scoping and design of Indigenous Peoples in Small-Scale Fisheries programming, with the goal of developing a network to influence new directions in FAO's support of Indigenous fishers.

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### Plenary Discussion

**Marcela Villarreal**, Director, Partnerships Division UN (FAO)

Marcela Villarreal has a PhD in Rural Sociology from Cornell University and a BA/MA in Systems and Computing Engineering from the University of Los Andes in Bogotá.

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### Indigenous Peoples' Food Security in the Arctic Region: Regional report

**Angus Naylor**, Leeds University, United Kingdom

Angus Naylor is a research student at the University of Leeds, within the Priestley International Centre for Climate. His current research interests focus on climate change adaptation and vulnerability among indigenous groups of the circumpolar region. In particular, the role that climatic change and other determinants of food security may have on the microeconomics of subsistence hunting.

**Guido Agostinucci**, Indigenous Peoples Team, FAO

Guido Agostinucci is an agronomist from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and with a M. Sc. in Agroecology from the University of Tuscia, Italy. Guido started his career working as an agricultural researcher for the University of Tuscia where he has been involved in a number of studies related to entomology, crop production and agricultural economics. Since joining FAO in 2008, he has worked on the implementation of numerous emergency and development projects in a number of countries, predominantly in the Eastern Europe, Middle East and Asia, including several ones with substantial indigenous peoples' presence. Since 2017, Guido coordinates FAO's work on Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) within the FAO Indigenous Peoples Team. His main areas of work include capacity building on FPIC and the provision of technical assistance for the inclusion and implementation of FPIC throughout the lifecycle of the project

### Session 5.1: Interculturality in national policy-making and regulatory work in the Arctic Region

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**Darlene Upton**, Vice-President, Protected Areas Establishment and Conservation, Parks Canada, Canada



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Darlene Upton is the Vice President for the Protected Areas Establishment and Conservation Directorate of Parks Canada, a national organization that manages national parks, national marine conservation areas, and many of Canada's national historic sites from coast to coast to coast. Given its expertise in the management of natural and cultural resources, Parks Canada is the Government of Canada's lead for the World Heritage Convention and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and currently co-leads with the IUCN the global #NatureForAll initiative aimed at inspiring connections with nature. Ms. Upton joined the organization in 1996 and has held a number of positions. She works on park establishment and policy, and strategies related to conservation considering human relationships with nature, reconciliation, economic development, health and wellbeing.

**Augusta Jeremiassen**, Head of Section, Ministry of fisheries, hunting and agriculture of Greenland, Greenland

**Megan Alvanna Stimpfle**, Arctic geopolitical Consulting, United States, Alaska

Megan Alvanna Stimpfle is the Principal Strategist of Arctic Geopolitical Consulting, a firm based in Nome, Alaska focused on infrastructure development in rural Alaska Native communities. She recently joined the Board of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation, based in Sacramento, California She also serves as a Self-Governance Liaison for Norton Sound Health Corporation, based in Nome, Alaska working with community and executive leadership on establishing a pathway to service for the five communities in the Bering Strait region unconnected to sewer and water. She served as a legislative assistant for Senator Lisa Murkowski in Washington D.C. responsible for policies addressing infrastructure & sanitation, housing, health delivery, public safety and justice, land management, as well as fish & wildlife management for Alaska Natives and rural Alaskans. She was as the lead staffer in establishing the Senate Arctic Caucus. She assisted in organizing the Arctic Imperative Summits in Girdwood, Alaska to bring arctic and coastal Alaskan issues to the forefront of American policy. Megan was born and raised in Nome, Alaska and continues to live an Inuit way of life with her family and extended family in the Bering Strait region. She enjoys picking greens, berries, camping and fishing, Inuit dancing, and learning the King Island dialect of the Inupiaq language. She holds a Master's in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. in Economics from George Mason University. She avidly studies Italian and French.

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### Session 5.2: Global Policy making and processes, and indigenous peoples knowledge

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**Dalee Sambo**, Chairperson of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, Alaska, United States of America

International Chairperson of the Inuit Circumpolar Council and former Associate Professor at University of Alaska Anchorage. Engaged for over 34 years at the UN, ILO, OAS and other international fora, she is a former Expert Member and Chairperson of the UNPFII and specializes in international Indigenous human rights law as well as political and legal relations between States and Indigenous peoples. She holds a PhD from University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002) and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University (1991). Current areas of research include Arctic Indigenous peoples' human rights, Arctic policy and Arctic related issues. She is also co-Chairperson of the International Law Association Committee on Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**Matt Sweeting-Woods**, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Matt Sweeting-Woods is Senior Policy Analyst, International Fisheries Management and Bilateral Relations Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Matt joined Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard in 2009, where he worked to ensure alignment between the department's Catch Certification Program and the EU's Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Regulation. He also worked with other countries to help implement similar catch certification schemes. Following this, he contributed to the departmental efforts related to vessel procurement (including icebreakers), and held an assignment with the intergovernmental affairs bureau.

In 2017, Matt joined the Trade and International Market Access team at DFO. In this role, he worked closely with Inuit communities, in collaboration with the Governments of Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, to enable export of products that were the result of their subsistence harvests.

In 2019, Matt took on a lead role for Fisheries and Oceans Canada to advance the implementation of the Agreement to Prevent Unregulated High Seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean (CAO). In this capacity, he is planning the development of an international workshop on co-development of Indigenous and science knowledge for the CAO Agreement's prospective science programs.

Matt holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours (Political Science) from Queen's University in Canada.

**Anne Brunel**, Indigenous Peoples Team, FAO

Anne Brunel joined the FAO Indigenous Peoples Team in 2017, where she is responsible of the Indigenous Food Systems initiative, including the launch of the Global Hub on Indigenous Food Systems as main output of the High-Level Expert Seminar on Indigenous food systems held in FAO in November 2018 and the publication of 9 indigenous food systems profiles. Anne holds a master of engineering in agronomy from AgroParisTech and a master of research in political science of the European Union from Institute of Political Sciences of Grenoble.

**Alfred Jakobsen**, Oceans North Greenland, Greenland

Alfred ER Jakobsen works today both as Executive Director for Oceans North Greenland in close cooperation with Oceans North Canada. He runs his own one man company with focus areas concerning Environment and Nature in the Arctic as well as sustainable development projects.



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He has served as Chief Executive Officer of Hunters and Fishers Association in Greenland (KNAPK), Executive Director for ICC Greenland's Office, Minister on Health care in Greenland, Environment and Nature and Ecclesiastical Affairs, Director for Department of Environment and Nature.

**Dmitry Berezhkov**, Arctic Consult, Russian Federation

Dmitry Berezhkov is a director of the Arctic Consult consulting company (Norway) - <https://arctic-consult.com>, which provides consultations for indigenous communities in Russia on international standards of their rights on lands, resources, and self-determination. Previously Dmitri been working for more than ten years as a vice-president of the Russian Association of indigenous peoples of the North (RAIPON) and was responsible for the legal work with the Russian federal government and cooperation with the Arctic Council. Several years ago because of the political pressure of the Russian authorities, he had to move to Norway where he received political asylum and continues now his cooperation with indigenous networks in Russia

**Lev Neretin**, Safeguards and climate risks, Climate and Environment Division, FAO

Lev Neretin, FAO's Team Leader for Safeguards and Climate Risks, has over 15 years of experience in environmental science, policy-making and management, including work for UNEP, Global Environment Facility (GEF), and UNOPS/UNDP. Before joining FAO, he served as Senior Coordinator of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP), a multilateral mechanism for regional cooperation on maritime issues between Japan, R. Korea, P.R. China and the Russian Federation. From 2008 until 2016, he was with the GEF's Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel providing science and technology advice on GEF's projects, programs and operations. When serving as GEF Task Manager for the Russian Federation and Central Asia in 2005-2008, he was responsible for the implementation of UNEP-Russia Partnership, working on circumpolar Arctic issues and GEF portfolio expansion in the region. From 1997 to 2005, he held joint Research Scientist position at the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology and Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources in Germany. Mr. Neretin, national of the Russian Federation and Germany, has PhD in Oceanography from the Russian Academy of Sciences and MA in International Affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

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Inka Saara Arttijeffer (born 1984, Nellim, Finland) was raised in an Inari Sami reindeer herding and fishing family. She has studied international relations, international law and development studies at a university in Rome, Italy and is currently working as an advisor to the President of the Sami Parliament of Finland. Her tasks include coordination of international work and positions of the Sami Parliament. She has represented the Sami Parliament in various international fora.

Side-event: Indigenous Youth prospect in the Arctic region: Present and future opportunities and challenges

**Elle Maarit Arttijeffer**, Saami journalist, Finland



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**Anna Kuchetka**, KADI Organisation, Russian Federation

Anna Kuchetka, 30-years-old, a member of the Ulchi local community – NGO “KADI”, the organization engaged in the traditional fishing. Anna is responsible for the bookkeeping and reports to the bodies of the state control. Moreover, Anna is a master of the fish skin art processing.

Anna lives in Bulava village in Khabarovsk krai.

Languages: Russian, Ulchian, English (middling)

**Laureli Ivanoff**, writer, “The Bearded Seal My Son May Never Hunt”, United States, Alaska

Laureli Ivanoff writes about life in her home region in western Alaska. Throughout the world reporting on indigenous communities lacks depth and perspective and it's indigenous communities that first feel affects of changes in economy, climate and politics. Laureli works to accurately portray life in the place she calls home

**Vitaly Golovan**, Indigenous Youth, Kutuvé Organization, Russian Federation

Vitaly Golovan, 24-years-old, a member of the Evenki local community – NGO “Kutuvé”, the organization engaged in the traditional fishing. Vitaly is responsible for fishing and fish processing.

Vitaly lives in Bogorodskoye village in Khabarovsk krai.

Languages: Russian

**Sargylana Atlasova**, Indigenous Youth representative, Russian Federation She is from Oymiakon, Yakutia, Russia. She grew up in a village embedded by her grandparents native tradition, culture, works and spirit since her childhood. She holds a degree in International Relations. She attended the United Nations Indigenous Peoples summer program at Columbia University in 2015. She is part of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus.

**Dongxin Feng**, Deputy Director, Partnerships Division, FAO

Dongxin Feng is in charge of capacity development and partnerships with academia and research institutions, Partnerships Division, FAO.

Before joint FAO, Dr. Feng worked in the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS). She used to work as a plant pathologist for 19 years and published 8 books and more than 50 papers in world-class academic journals. She moved to the Department of International Cooperation of CAAS in 2005 and became the Director General of the Department in 2015.

She received her B.S. (1986) in agronomy from Hebei Agricultural University, China; M.S. (1998) in Plant Pathology from the Graduate School of CAAS, China; and Ph.D. (2003) with greatest distinction in Molecular Plant Pathology from Université Toulouse III (Paul Sabatier), France.

Dr. Feng served as Chairperson of RCA (Regional Cooperative Agreement for Nuclear Science and Technology for Asia and the Pacific) (2012-2013); Lead Shepherd of APEC's ATCWG (Agricultural Technology Cooperation Working Group) (2015-2017); and member of IAEA's SAGNA (Standing Adversary Group for Nuclear Application, International Atomic Energy Agency) (2015-2017).

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### Session 6: High-Level Multi-stakeholder dialogue: Policy and programme intervention: How to strengthen the work of FAO on traditional knowledge and indigenous peoples' fisheries?

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**Eirik Larsen**, Policy Advisor to the President of the Saami Parliament of Norway, Norway

**Tapio Hakaste**, Adviser at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland, Finland

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**Gunn-Britt Retter**, Head of Arctic and Environmental Unit, Saami Council, Norway

Ms Gunn-Britt Retter lives in the coastal Saami community Unjárga-Nesseby in north-eastern Norway. She is a teacher of training from Sámi University of Applied Sciences and holds MA in Bilingual studies from University of Wales. Since 2001, Retter has worked with Arctic Environmental issues, first at Arctic Council Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat (IPS) (Denmark) and since 2005 in the present position as Head of Arctic and Environmental Unit of the Saami Council. In her present position, Retter has been involved in issues related to indigenous peoples and knowledge associated with climate change, biodiversity, language, pollution and management of natural resources.





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**Nicole Franz**, Economics and Institutions Branch, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Nicole Franz is a development economist with 15 years of experience in intergovernmental organizations, focusing on small-scale fisheries socio-economics and policy. She has worked to support small-scale fisheries since 2003 as part of IFAD, OECD, and FAO. She holds a Masters degree in Economics and in International Cooperation and Project Design from University La Sapienza, Rome, and has advocated for a human rights approach to small-scale fisheries through policy processes and stakeholder empowerment. Since 2011, Nicole has been a Fishery Planning Analyst at FAO, coordinating the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines).

**Blaise Kuemlangan**, Chief of the Development Law Services, FAO

Blaise Kuemlangan is Chief of the Development Law Service (LEGN) of the Legal Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), where he has worked for the last 22 years. He specialises in international law and fisheries and aquaculture law. As Chief, LEGN, Mr. Kuemlangan manages FAO's legal assistance work in food and agriculture including food and nutrition security and natural resource management.

**Yon Fernandez de Larrinoa**, Team Leader Indigenous Peoples Team, FAO

Yon Fernandez de Larrinoa is an Agricultural Economist from the Autonomous University of Madrid with an MABD on Entitlements and Food Security.

Since 2014, Yon has been leading the FAO Indigenous Peoples Team implementing the 2010 FAO Policy on Indigenous Peoples and including Free Prior and Informed Consent in the safeguards of the Organizations. From 2010 to 2014 he was leading the FAO's civil society team, supporting the participation of civil society in the reformed World Committee of Food Security and finalizing the FAO Strategy for engagement with civil society.

Since he first joined the Organizations in 1998 in the Policy Division, Yon has worked as policy officer and emergency coordinator in the field, becoming Sub regional coordinator for South America and later desk officer for the Caribbean. He led the UN agricultural cluster in Haiti. He has worked in different countries in Asia, Latin America, the Near East and Africa.

**David Cuming**, Adviser to the Permanent Representation of Canada to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations, Canada

David Cuming took up to the position of Advisor to the Permanent Mission of Canada to the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations in January 2016. David is a sustainability specialist with experience in policy research, project management and fieldwork. He has worked in both sustainable agricultural development and the consumer movement, and has focused on voluntary standards and the strategic development of sustainable supply chains for smallholders.

Before coming to Rome, David supported programmes initiated by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), including the Sustainable Commodity Assistance Network (SCAN), the Committee on Sustainability Assessment (COSA) and the State of Sustainability Initiatives (SSI). In recent years, he has also collaborated with the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Bologna, Italy.

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David has common law (LLB) and civil law degrees (BCL) from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.

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**Brian Keane**, Rapporteur UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Brian Keane has been working with indigenous communities around the world for nearly three decades. He is co-founder of the international organization Land is Life, and is currently serving as Advisor for Indigenous Peoples' Issues for USAID.

### Reading of the Declaration, Recommendations and Way forward

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**Roberto Ridolfi**, Assistant Director-General, Programme Support and Technical Cooperation, FAO

He was appointed in January 2019, being promoted from the role of Special Adviser to the Deputy Director-General (Programmes) on Strategy and Financing Development, which he held in 2018, detached from the European Commission.

From 2013 to 2017, Dr Ridolfi served as Director of the Directorate C – Planet and Prosperity under the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) at the European Commission.

Dr Ridolfi joined the European Commission in 1994, after a 10-year experience in both academia and private sector. He began as Development Adviser at the EU Delegation to Malawi, followed by Namibia and Kosovo. He then coordinated the Public-Private Partnership unit for the enlargement of the EU. Head of the *EuropeAid* division, between 2004 and 2005 he managed programmes on environment and climate change, rural development, food security and migration, as well as the One-Billion-Euro Food Facility in 50 countries.

Dr Ridolfi served as EU Ambassador and Head of delegation for the Pacific in Suva, Fiji from 2005 to 2007, and as EU Ambassador to Uganda from 2011 to 2013.

Dr Ridolfi holds a MSc in Engineering, an MBA and a PhD in Architectural Technology.

**Árni M. Mathiesen**, Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Mr Árni M. Mathiesen, a national of Iceland and coming from a fishing family, was appointed as Assistant Director-General (ADG) of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department of FAO, effective 28 October 2010.

Mr Mathiesen graduated from Flensborgarskóli in Hafnarfjörður with a university entrance diploma in 1978 and obtained a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery degree from the University of Edinburgh, U.K., qualifying as a veterinarian in 1983. He was awarded a Master of Science in Aquatic Veterinary Pathology from the Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling, U.K. in 1985. After completing his studies, he worked as a veterinarian, specializing in fish diseases from 1985 to 1995. He also served as Managing Director of Faxalax, an aquaculture firm, from 1988 to 1989.

Mr Mathiesen was a member of the Board of the Icelandic Veterinary Association from 1986 to 1987 and Chairperson of the Council for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals from 1994 to 1999.



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In 1991, elected to the Icelandic Parliament (Althing) for the Independence Party, Mr Mathiesen was the youngest member of the Althing at the time, 32 years of age. From 1990 to 1994, Mr Mathiesen was a member of the Board of the Guarantee Division of Aquaculture Loans and, from 1994 to 1998, a member of the Board of the Agricultural Bank of Iceland and of the Agricultural Loan Fund. He was also an Icelandic representative on the Nordic Council from 1991-1995.

From May 1999 to September 2005, he served as Minister of Fisheries; the agency responsible for fisheries policy, quota allocation, surveillance and enforcement, processing, research and development, marine aquaculture, marine food safety and management of international agreements.

From September 2005 to February 2009, Mr Mathiesen served as Minister of Finance; the agency responsible for state budget, tax policy, revenue collection and forecasts, economic forecasts, pensions, government property and wage settlements in the public sector.

Prior to joining FAO, Mr Mathiesen was a consultant for the Confederation of Icelandic Employers and part-time general veterinary practitioner in the south of Iceland.

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**Ib Kollavik**, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

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