2023 II Session of the UN Global Indigenous Youth Forum (UNGIYF)
17 – 20 October 2023
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), headquarters, Rome, Italy

High Level Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, 17 October 2023

Spiritual ceremony with Indigenous Youth will start at 8:00 AM when all participants will assemble in the Tent.
(8:15 to 9 AM Total timing 45 minutes with proposed timing)

8:15 AM Spiritual Opening Ceremony (5 minutes) Pachakanchay, Spiritual Counsellor

8:20 AM High-Level Opening Remarks (33 minutes; 3 minutes/person) Facilitator: Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

- QU Dongyu, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Alvaro Lario, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (TBC)
- Cindy McCain, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP) (TBC)
- Grethel Aguilar, Acting Director General, International Union of Conservation Nature (IUCN)
- Silje Karine Muotka, President of the Sámi Parliament in Norway (TBC)
- His Excellency Ambassador Morten von Hanno Aasland, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Norway to FAO, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Rome, Italy
- Mai Thin Yumon, Co-Chair, Global Indigenous Youth Caucus (GIYC)
- Dario Mejía Montalvo, Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples
- Antonina Gorbunova, Vice-Chair of Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (TBC)
- His Excellency Miguel Jorge García Winder, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Mexico to FAO, Permanent Mission to the Rome-based Agencies of the UN, Chair of the Rome Group of Friends of Indigenous Peoples

8:50 AM Brief opening remarks (12 minutes; 3 minutes/per person)
• **Mikaila Way**, Indigenous Youth focal point, (FAO) (Connecting the 2021 UN Indigenous Youth Forum to the My Food vision is... campaign and now the 2023 Indigenous Youth Forum)

• **Brianna Fruean**, Pacific Climate Warrior (Samoa) ([We are Not Drowning, We are Fighting](#))

• **Anders Oskal**, Secretary General, Association of World Reindeer Herders, Executive Director International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry

• **Marcela Villarreal**, Director, Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division, (FAO)