



UN GLOBAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH FORUM (UNGIYF)

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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)