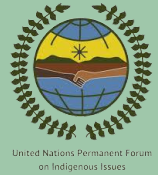


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# Launch of the Sustainable and Resilient Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems for Improved Nutrition digital toolbox

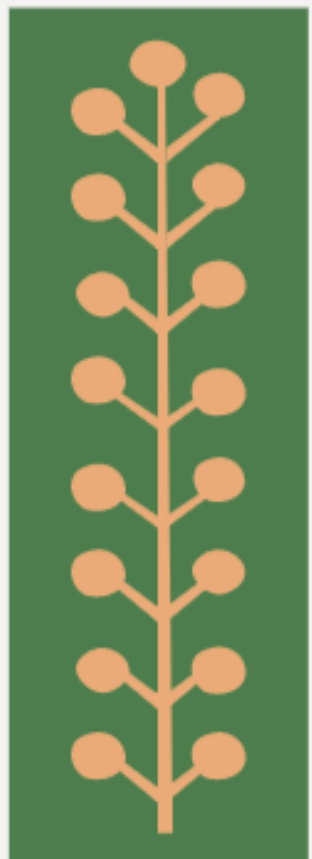
**4 May 2022**

12:45-14:00 (NY Time)

18:45-20:00 (Rome Time)

Event in English, French & Spanish

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# Concept Note

Indigenous Peoples' food systems (IPFS) have traditionally provided healthy diets in diverse environments around the world. However, historical and ongoing disruptions of IPFS has caused profound changes in dietary patterns of Indigenous Peoples. Continued loss of food biodiversity, combined with increasing consumption of processed foods, among other factors, lead to various forms of malnutrition. Indigenous women disproportionately bear the burden of malnutrition.

Currently, Indigenous Peoples' food systems are increasingly seen as holistic and regenerative food systems and possible game-changing solutions. Supported by the Government of Canada, IFAD together with the Indigenous Partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty has developed a new digital toolbox: ***Sustainable and Resilient Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems for Improved Nutrition.***

Building blocks of the digital toolbox are four participatory videos produced with Indigenous Peoples' communities in four different countries and livelihood contexts (Maasai communities from the Great Rift Valley in Kenya, Indigenous Matsigenka People from the Amazon Basin in south-eastern Peru, Khasi matrilineal communities from the Himalayan foothills in North-East India and Kubokota People from the Solomon Islands in Oceania). The toolbox provides guidelines for designing projects to improve diets and nutrition of Indigenous Peoples, with emphasis on leveraging local food biodiversity in IPFS. The focus on biodiversity for food and nutrition is supported by research studies and aligned with Indigenous Peoples' aspirations to promote biodiversity of local foods, which is interlinked with traditional knowledge, practices, languages, culture and environment.

The toolbox, which will be launched during the side-event, describes IPFS and key actions and approaches to strengthening them, followed by step-by-step guidance on how to assess food biodiversity and dietary diversity, and how to design project activities with local communities by having their views, knowledge and experiences leading the design of the development and nutrition activities. The event will include a panel discussion around IPFS, and the [2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit](#) and its follow-up activities.

# Programme

**Moderator: Antonella Cordone**, Ad-interim Senior Technical Specialist - Indigenous Peoples, IFAD

## Introduction by the moderator

### Opening remarks

- **Satu Santala**, Associate Vice-President, External Relations and Governance Department, IFAD
- **Gloria Wiseman**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Canada to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the U.N.

### Launch of the digital toolbox

- **Phrang Roy**, Coordinator, The Indigenous Partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty
- **Lukas Pawanka**, Project Coordinator, The Indigenous Partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty
- **Toolbox video**: Collection of plants and seeds (Peru)
- **Toolbox video**: Transfer of Traditional Knowledge is Important (Solomon Islands)

### Panel discussion

- **Myrna Cunningham**, Member, Food Systems Summit Advisory Committee and Chairperson, Steering Committee of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD, Nicaragua
- **Mai Thin Yu Mon**, Vice-chair, Food Systems Summit's Action Track on Equitable Livelihoods and Indigenous Youth Representative for Asia and the Pacific, Steering Committee of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD, Myanmar
- **Yon Fernández-de-Larrinoa**, Head, Indigenous Peoples Unit, FAO
- **Q&A**

### Closing remarks

- **Joyce Njoro**, Lead Technical Specialist - Nutrition, IFAD

### For more information:

- [Event webpage](#)