



## Indigenous Peoples' climate leadership: A holistic perspective to achieve food security and nutrition

**Time and date:** 14 February 2023, 12.15 – 13.15

### Context

The event focuses on the need for climate action to achieve food and nutrition security, in line with the overarching theme of the Governing Council, *Accelerating action for food security*. It is informed by the discussions held at COP27 and during the Global Meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD (IPFI) whose theme is "Indigenous Peoples' climate leadership: Community-based solutions to enhance resilience and biodiversity".

Indigenous Peoples' approach to food is recognized by indigenous experts, scientists and researchers as contributing to the resilience and sustainability of food systems worldwide. Indigenous food systems are anchored in traditional wisdom and knowledge, and result in biodiversity conservation and sufficient food and resources to sustain Indigenous Peoples' communities in harmony with nature and with their cosmogony. Their knowledge can contribute to local and global action to make food systems healthier, more equitable and more sustainable. Indigenous Peoples' knowledge also provides important insights into the processes of observation, adaptation and mitigation of the consequences of climate change.

Lack of recognition and protection of Indigenous Peoples' rights to land, territories and resources is the single most important factor negatively affecting their food and nutrition security and the realization of their right to food and food sovereignty.



## Event objective and format

This interactive session - which follows the approval of the updated IFAD Policy on Engagement with Indigenous Peoples - will showcase scientific evidence on how climate change affects food security and nutrition and how Indigenous Peoples are a key part of the solution to this global challenge. The event will emphasize the urgent need to promote Indigenous Peoples' leadership in climate action and in food systems. Indigenous Peoples' food systems provide the world with a game-changing model and their contributions to sustainability and resilience can help transform other food systems. Supporting the effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in decision-making and policymaking at the global, regional and country levels is key to achieving food security.

This interactive panel session will include storytelling supported by audio-visual tools.

1. Run of Show		
'3 mins	Video on the IFAD Pro-semiarid Project Kiriri people (Brazil)	
'5 mins	Setting the stage  Scientific overview of how climate change is affecting food security and nutrition, with a focus on Indigenous Peoples and the solutions they provide  <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sherilee Harper, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, University of Alberta and lead author of the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Canada</li> </ul>	Moderator
'3 mins	Video message from an Indigenous climate leader	
'25 mins	<b>Panellists</b>  Indigenous Peoples' storytelling, focused on the impacts of climate change on food security and nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dayana Paola Urzola Domicó, Youth member of the IPFI Steering Committee and member of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus, Colombia</li> </ul>	Panellists



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Devasish Roy, Chakma Circle Chief and former Indigenous Peoples' Assistance Facility (IPAF) board member, Bangladesh</li> </ul> <p>Focus on solutions provided by Indigenous Peoples for food sovereignty, food security and nutrition and IFAD's approaches and instruments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Myrna Cunningham, Chair of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD (IPFI) Steering Committee, Nicaragua</li> <li>▪ Antonella Cordone, Senior Technical Specialist – Nutrition and Social Inclusion, IFAD</li> </ul>	
'3 mins	Video screening of the IFAD digital toolbox on sustainable and resilient Indigenous Peoples' food systems for improved nutrition - Kenya	
'25 mins	Q&A session with Governors and Indigenous Peoples' representatives	Moderator, panelists, and audience
'3 mins	Closing session	Moderator

### Proposed panel composition

- 1) Ms Dayana Paola Urzola Domicó, Youth member of the IPFI Steering Committee and member of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus
- 2) Mr Devasish Roy, Chakma Circle chief and former IPAF board member
- 3) Ms Myrna Cunningham, Chair of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD (IPFI) Steering Committee
- 4) Ms Antonella Cordone, Senior Technical Specialist – Nutrition and Social Inclusion, IFAD




**Moderator:** Dr Sherilee Harper, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, University of Alberta and lead author on the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report



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