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**TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE  
PERMANENT FORUM ON  
INDIGENOUS ISSUES**

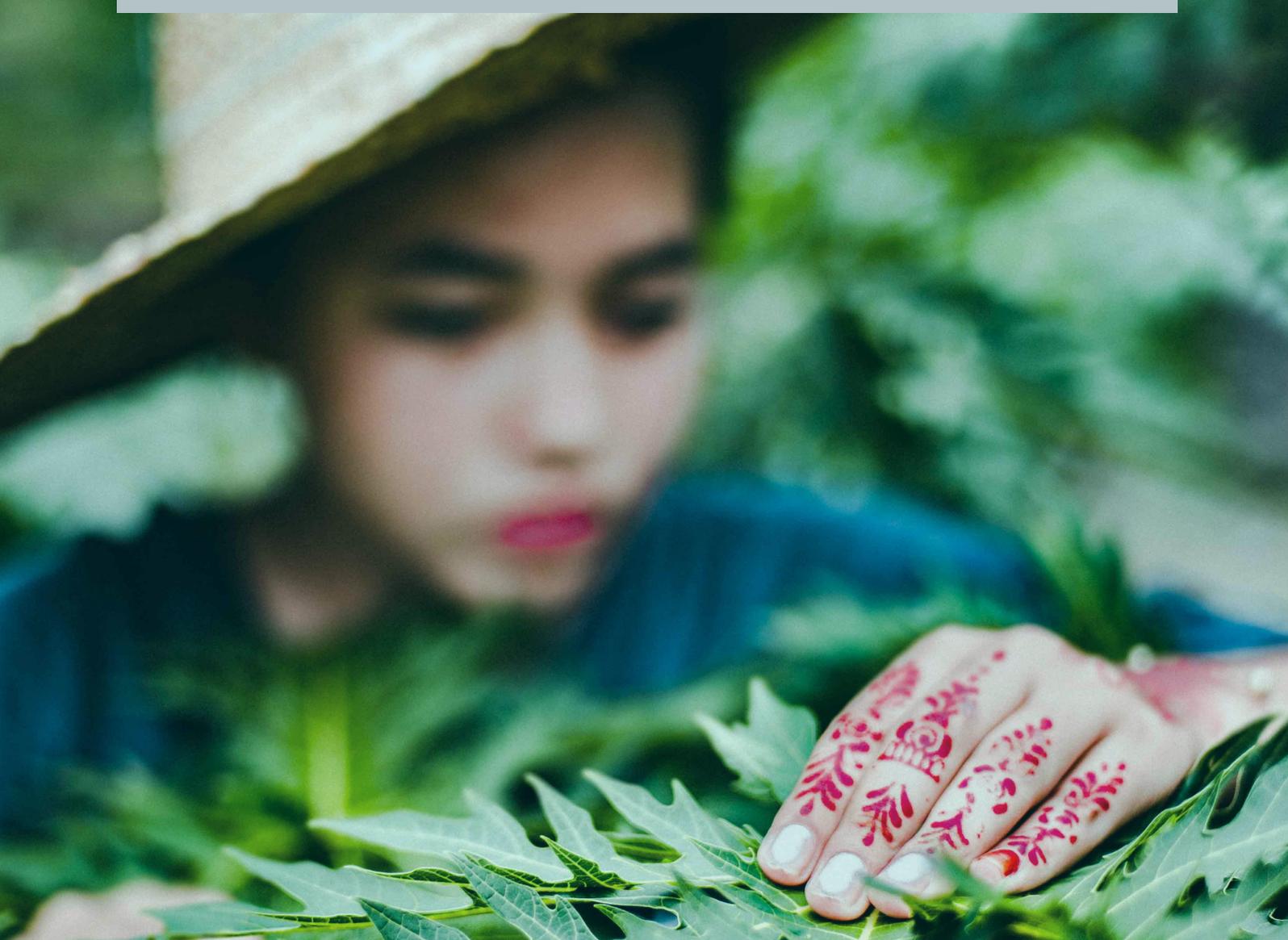
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# **IFAD and Indigenous Peoples: Development partners for an inclusive and sustainable paradigm shift**

**29 April 2021**  
17:00-18:30 (Rome Time)  
11:00-12:30 (NY Time)

Event in English, French & Spanish

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# Concept Note

The **Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD** was established in 2011 as a permanent process of consultation and dialogue between representatives of indigenous peoples' institutions and organizations, IFAD and governments. The global meeting of the Forum convenes every two years in conjunction with the Governing Council of IFAD, the Fund's main decision-making body. A series of regional consultations lead up to each global meeting, ensuring that the Forum reflects the diversity of perspectives and recommendations gathered from indigenous peoples around the world. The fifth global meeting was held in February 2021 and focused on the overall theme of: "The value of indigenous food systems: resilience in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic". In addition, in order to feed the discussions of the Forum and raise awareness on issues affecting indigenous peoples, an Indigenous Week was organized, with several thematic and cultural events, including an Indigenous Peoples Film Festival. The discussions and conclusions of the global meeting will guide the partnership between indigenous peoples and IFAD over the biennium 2021-2022. Indigenous peoples' representatives called upon IFAD to support initiatives that recognize and protect their rights through a holistic approach; value their knowledge; strengthen their participation in IFAD's project cycles; integrate specific well-being indicators into monitoring and evaluation systems; and ensure that free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) is effectively sought in IFAD-supported projects.

The **Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF)** aims to support innovative solutions to strengthen indigenous peoples' communities and their organizations. IPAF experiences enable IFAD to sharpen its sensitivity to the issues faced by indigenous peoples and to learn lessons on what works in other projects. The knowledge generated from the implementation of the small projects financed through the IPAF informs the decisions and recommendations of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD. In response to IPAF calls for proposals made in 2007, 2008, 2011, 2015 and 2018, indigenous communities and organizations in 90 countries submitted more than 4 200 proposals. With available resources, 159 projects have been financed in more than 45 countries for a total of US\$ 5.1 million. Out of these projects, 50% of the 120,000 beneficiaries were women.

This side event is an opportunity to report on the progress made with the Forum, showcase the results made by IPAF, and share how the meaningful participation of indigenous peoples and their organisations as development partners can enhance the effectiveness of IFAD's operations.

# Programme

**Moderator:** Mr **Mattia Prayer Galletti**, Lead Technical Specialist on Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Issues, IFAD

## INTRODUCTION BY THE MODERATOR

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### FIFTH GLOBAL MEETING OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' FORUM AT IFAD

- **Video**, IPs Forum **10th Anniversary**
- **Fireside chat:**
  - Mr **Phoolman Chaundry**, UNPFII Representative, IPs' Forum Steering Committee (Nepal)
  - Ms **Tunda Lepore**, Indigenous Youth Representative, IPs' Forum Steering Committee (Kenya)
  - Ms **Yun Mane**, Member, IPs' Forum Steering Committee (Cambodia)
  - Mr **Amadeo Martinez**, Member, IPs' Forum Steering Committee (El Salvador)
- **Q&A**

### THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ASSISTANCE FACILITY

- Ms **Tove Goldmann**, Programme Manager, Dept. for International Organisations and Policy Support, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
- **Fireside chat:**
  - Mr **Vital Bambanze**, UNPFII Representative, IPAF Board (Burundi)
  - Ms **Pratima Gurung**, Member, IPAF Board (Nepal)
  - Ms **Yohanis Amador**, IPAF Co-manager for Latin America and the Caribbean (Colombia)
  - Mr **Claus Reiner**, Country Director & Head, South-South Triangular Cooperation and Knowledge Centre, Latin America and the Caribbean Division, IFAD
- **Q&A**

### WRAP-UP

- Ms **Myrna Cunningham**, Chairperson, IPs' Forum Steering Committee and Member, IPAF Board (Nicaragua)

## CLOSING REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR

For **more information:**

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