



UNPFII 2026 Side Event

25 Years Advancing Indigenous Peoples' Rights: The Impact, Lessons Learnt and Future of the UN Special Rapporteur's Mandate

24th April 2026, Conference Room 2, UN Headquarters, New York.

Moderator: Dr. Albert K Barume, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples

1: 15 pm **Welcome by Dr. Albert K Barume**

1:20 pm **Opening Remarks** (speakers will be allocated 3-5 minutes for their statements)

- Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Right,
- Ambassador Jennifer Feller, Director-General for Human Rights and Democracy at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ms. Ana Pérez Conguache, Presidential Commissioner for the Coordination of Policies against Discrimination and Racism against Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala
- Ms. Joan Carling, Executive Director, Indigenous Peoples Rights International

1:40 pm **Visualization of the past 25 years**

- Highlights from the past 25 years (a visual presentation showing a mix of photos, data, situations of successive mandate holders)

1:45 pm **Panel discussion: Reflections on past challenges and opportunities - learning from former mandate holders**

- Professor James Anaya
- Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (pre-recorded video or represented by Ms. Jing Corpuz)
- Ambassador Francisco Cali Tzay

2:00 pm **Interactive Dialogue**

Each speaker will be allocated 2-3 minutes speaking time

2: 25 pm **Closing Reflections**

- Dr. Albert K Barume, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples

2:30 pm **Closure**