

Following the recommendation made by the UNPFII in 2006 to develop a policy on indigenous peoples, UNEP initiated its work in 2007 and is now able to introduce the participants at this year's UNPFII to the final policy guidance document.

The Indigenous Peoples Policy Guidance is an instrument that aims at achieving effective, efficient, and mutually beneficial relations with Indigenous Peoples, as part of the continuing process of engagement of Major Groups and Stakeholders in UNEP's work.

The document is meant as a guidance to UNEP staff when working in cooperation with indigenous peoples in relevant programmes and projects. The policy document will be supplemented with an e-learning toolkit in the future to advise UNEP staff and partners in their planning and implementation of relevant projects.

This event is a first public introduction of the document to the UNPFII. All interested participants are welcome to engage in a constructive dialogue around the document and its future implementation. The introductory presentation will be followed by a dialogue among all participants.

The UNEP Indigenous Peoples: A Partnership in Caring for the Environment Policy Guidance document can be downloaded from: http://www.unep.org/civil-society/Portals/24105/UNEP\_IPPG\_Guidance.pdf is available in English, French and Spanish

## **Panelists:**

Elsa Stamatopolou, Director, Indigenous Peoples' Rights Program, Columbia University

Kanyinke Sena, UN-PFII Member, Kenya

Introduction: Laetitia Zobel (UNEP)

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location

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## **Moderator:**

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## **Translation**

Spanish/English translation Habrá traducción al español

time

6:30 - 7:45pm

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