

SECOND SYMPOSIUM
“INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AT THE UNITED NATIONS: FROM THE
EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRST DELEGATES TO THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE
YOUNGER GENERATIONS”

Room XIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva, June 16 -19, 2015

Tuesday, June 16th – OPENING DAY - Room XIV UN Palais des Nations

Morning session - 2015 Symposium Opening Ceremony Collection

Opening Thanksgiving

[1. Opening Song by Salvador Palomino.](#)

[2. Opening Song by Marjorie Dressyman-Lavallee.](#)

[3. Official Ceremony with the authorities.](#) Speeches by the following individuals :
Mr. Michael MØller, Director of the United Nations Office in Geneva and Mr. Jean-Louis Ville, Head of Unit, Governance, Democracy, Gender and Human Rights of the European Commission.

[4. Traditional and Spiritual Ceremony.](#)

[5. Opening remarks](#) by the members of the Organizing Committee of the 2015 Symposium :
**[Nilo Cayuqueo](#), **[Cedric Jacobs](#), **[Hazel Law](#), **[José Carlos Morales](#), **[Carlos Mamani](#),
[Michael Anderson](#), **[Wayanay Mamani](#).************

Presentation of the 1977 and 1981 First delegates. The Self-introductions of the First Delegates and youths participants are available in the profile pages of the **[2015 Symposium Participants Collection](#)**.

Afternoon session - 2015 Symposium General Debates Collection

[6. Introduction by Bill «Jimbo» Simmons on the context of the first UN International Indigenous Conferences.](#)

[7. Situation and expectations of Indigenous Peoples before and during the 1971 / 1981 UN conferences.](#)

Closing Thanksgiving

Informal exchange between the young Indigenous participants and the First delegates during the breaks and in the evening. The young participants also conducted individual interviews with the First Delegates available in the **[Interviews Collection](#)**.

Wednesday, June 17 th - UN Room XIV, Palais des Nations

Opening thanksgiving

Morning session - 2015 Symposium General Debates Collection

[8. Sovereignty over natural resources and Decolonization.](#)

Afternoon session - 2015 Symposium General Debates Collection

[9. Youth self-introductions and presentation of their works.](#)

10. Participation of the Indigenous Peoples within the United Nations.

Closing thanksgiving

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Thursday, June 18 th - UN Room XIV, Palais des Nations

Opening thanksgiving

Morning session - 2015 Symposium General Debates Collection

11. International and domestic issues and how to improve the participation of the Indigenous Peoples at the UN.

12. Preparation of the 2015 Symposium Declaration (Part 1).

The Declaration of the 2015 Symposium is available [here](#).

Afternoon session - 2015 Symposium General Debates Collection

13. Side event during the 29th Session of the Human Rights Council.

Closing thanksgiving

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Friday, June 19 th - UN Room XIV, Palais des Nations

Opening thanksgiving

Morning session - 2015 Symposium General Debates Collection

14. Preparation of the Symposium Declaration (Part 2).

The Declaration of the 2015 Symposium is available [here](#).

Afternoon session - 2015 Symposium General Debates Collection

15. Discussion around the creation of an International Council of Indigenous Elders and conclusions.

16. Presentation of the video projects done during the Symposium and some words from Docip about the expected follow-up, especially through organizing regional workshops and how to deal with the recorded material.

Closing thanksgiving

A selection of the best photos taken during the 2013 Symposium are available in the [Photo Collection](#).