

**SYMPOSIUM ON "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AT THE UNITED NATIONS:
FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRST DELEGATES TO THE EMPOWERMENT
OF THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS"**

Room XVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva, 10-13 September 2013

Tuesday, September 10 - OPENING DAY - Room XVI UN Palais des Nations

Morning session - [Opening Ceremony Collection](#)

- [1. Introductory words by Carlos Mamani.](#)**
- [2. Thanksgiving by Constantino Lima Takir Mamani.](#)**
- [3. Opening Song by Bill Means.](#)**
- [4. Opening Song by Marjorie Dressyman-Lavallee.](#)**

Presentation of the 1977 First delegates. The Self-introductions of the First Delegates and the young participants are available in the profile pages of the **[2013 Symposium participants' collection](#)**.

[5. Official Ceremony - Introductory words by Carlos Mamani.](#)

[6. Official Ceremony with the authorities.](#) Speeches by the following individuals :
Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Director General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, **Mr Pierre Maudet**, Minister of the Canton of Geneva, **Ambassador Alexandre Fasel**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva.

[7. Edith Ballantyne about the 1977 Conference.](#) Ms **Edith Ballantyne**, representative of the organizing committee of NGOs of the 1977 Conference and founding member of Docip.

[8. Traditional and Spiritual Ceremony](#) by Indigenous First Delegates.

[9. Reading of the 1977 Conference delegates names](#) and screening of archive footage of the 1977 Conference.

Afternoon session - [Historical Accounts Collection](#)

- [10. From Deskaheh to the 1977 Conference](#)** by Chief Oren Lyons.
- [11. The Treaties between Indigenous Nations and the States](#)** by Chief Willie Littlechild.
- [12. The Context of the Cold War and its impact on the 1977 Conference](#)** by Bill Means.

Presentation of the 1981 First delegates. The Self-introductions of the First Delegates and the young participants are available in the profile pages of the **[2013 Symposium participants' collection](#)**.

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, September 11 - UN Room XVI UN Palais des Nations

Opening thanksgiving

Morning session - [Historical Accounts Collection](#)

[13. Land Titles and the Spanish Crown](#) by Constantino Lima Takir Mamani.

[14. Massacres and Disappearances in Latin America](#) by Nilo Cayuqueo.

[15. The process of promotion of the rights of Indigenous Peoples at the UN](#) by José Carlos Morales.

Plenary Session - [Debates Collection](#)

[16. Speech on the need to be in harmony](#) by José Carlos Morales and Allene “Chockie” Cottier.

Screening of an interview with Don Augusto Willemsen-Diaz. [This interview is not documented on the Bridge to the Future Web Portal but the transcription is available in [the full transcript of the Symposium](#)].

[17. The role of the UN, International Organizations and Indigenous Organizations](#) in the Promotion of the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

[18. European Support Groups Presentation \(NGO's\).](#)

[19. The role of NGOs and International Organizations](#) in the promotion of the rights of Indigenous Peoples : Accomplishments, failures and examples of successful practices.

Afternoon session

Screening of Two Interviews of women activists: Phyllis Young and Pat Bellanger. [These two interviews are not documented on the Bridge To The Future Web Portal but the Interviews transcriptions are available in [the full transcript of the Symposium](#)].

Plenary Session - [Debates Collection](#)

[20. The role of Women](#) in the protection and advancement of the indigenous peoples' rights.

[21. The Role of Spirituality](#) in the protection and advancement of the indigenous peoples' rights.

Closing thanksgiving

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Thursday, September 12 - UN Room XVI UN Palais des Nations

Opening thanksgiving

Morning session - [Debates Collection](#)

[22. Message to Leonard Peltier.](#)

[23. Mike Myers presentation on the Rights of Mother Earth](#) and Environmental issues in North America.

24. Rights of Mother Earth (Part 2). Contributions and discussions on the part of the other First Delegates on the environmental conditions in their respective regions.

25. Rights of Mother Earth (Part 3). Contributions and discussions on the part of the other First Delegates on the environmental conditions in their respective regions.

26. Message from Vladimir Sanghi, Chief of the Nivkh Tribe.

Afternoon session - Debates Collection

27. Evaluation of the Situation of the Indigenous Peoples in the World and the Role of the UN: **Accomplishments, Failures and Examples of Successful Practices**.

28. Evaluation of the Situation of the Indigenous Peoples in the World and the Role of the UN: **Recommendations for the Future**.

29. Discussion on **How to Involve the Youth** in the process.

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**.

Friday, September 13 - UN Room XVI UN Palais des Nations

Opening thanksgiving

Morning session

Plenary Session - Final preparations for Friday's reception at Geneva's City Hall.

Establishment of the Declaration of the Symposium. [The debates on the Declaration are not documented on the Bridge To The Future Web Portal but the transcription of the debates are available in **the full transcript of the Symposium**].

The Declaration is available **here**.

Afternoon session

Establishment of the Declaration of the Symposium and conclusions. [The debates on the Declaration are not documented on the Bridge To The Future Web Portal but the transcription of the debates are available on **the full transcript of the Symposium**].

The Declaration is available **here**.

Reception at Geneva City Hall, Palais Eynard offered by the Executive Council of the City of Geneva.

- **Welcome message by Ms Sandrine Salerno, Mayor of Geneva.** [The message is available on **the full transcript of the Symposium**].

- **Spiritual ceremony by First Delegates.**

- **Reading by Bill Means** of all the names of the delegates present in 1977 and screening of 1977 archives.

Dinner and informal dialogue with the public.

Closing thanksgiving

A selection of the best photos taken during the 2013 Symposium are available in the **Photo Collection**.