

LAUNCH EVENT

United Nations-Indigenous Peoples Partnership (UNIPP)

20 May 2011 – 1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Danny Kaye Visitors Center, UNICEF House, 3 UN Plaza, New York

PROGRAMME

13h00 **ARRIVAL OF GUESTS**

13h10 **BRIEF WELCOME**

Mr. Richard Morgan

Director, Division of Policy and Practice, UNICEF

13h15 **OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Mirna Cunningham

Chair, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

13h25 **PRESENTATION OF UNIPP**

Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights

Ms. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry

Director, International Labour Standards Department, ILO

Mr. Douglas Gardner

Deputy Assistant Administrator, UNDP

Mr. Bisrat Aklilu

Executive Coordinator, Multidonor Trust Fund Office, UNDP

14h05 **STATEMENTS**

H.E. Mr. Carsten Staur

Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Jarmo Viinanen

Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations

Remarks from the Representative of the Government of Greenland

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STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Mr. James Anaya

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples

Mr. José Carlos Morales

*Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Human Rights Council*

14h40

MODERATOR OPENS Q&A SESSION

Dr. Mirna Cunningham

Chair, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

15h00

MODERATORS FINAL REMARKS

ABOUT UNIPP

The United Nations-Indigenous Peoples' Partnership (UNIPP) is a collaborative framework established by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The UNIPP is a commitment to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in particular Article 41, which calls upon the organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system “...to contribute to the full realization of the provisions of this Declaration through the mobilization, inter alia, of financial cooperation and technical assistance.”

The UNIPP will support capacities of multiple actors, in particular governments and indigenous peoples, to establish effective dialogue processes, partnerships and mechanism aimed at guaranteeing indigenous peoples' rights. UNIPP is the first global inter-agency rights-based initiative with a programmatic focus on indigenous peoples primarily at the country level.