

AN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC FORUM ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Friday, January 18 to Saturday, January 19, 2019
Robson Hall, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba
224 Dysart Road, Winnipeg, Canada



KISKINOHAMATOWIN

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The Kiskinohamatowin (Cree for “teaching and learning with each other”) International Academic Forum on the Human Rights of Indigenous peoples for Indigenous peoples, policymakers, advocates and academics will profile research that can help states and Indigenous peoples implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This Forum will feature international experts, including current and former members of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, speaking on topics such as standards, norms, laws and mechanisms related to the rights of Indigenous peoples. This forum will profile research that can assist states and Indigenous peoples implement to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. International speakers, including current and former members the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, will present case studies from their regions.

PROGRAM

DAY ONE – FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019

TIME	PRESENTATION
9:00 am	Welcome by Elders of the Territory Norman Meade
9:10 am	Welcoming Remarks Grand Chief Edward John, Kiskinohamatowin Conference Chair
9:20 am	Welcoming Remarks from the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba Jonathan Black-Branch, Dean of the Faculty of Law
9:30 am	Opening Remarks by Indigenous Leaders Regional Chief Kevin Hart, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Minister Will Goodon, Manitoba Metis Federation
10:15 am	Keynote Address: An Overview of the United Nations Indigenous-Specific Mechanisms Dalee Sambo Dorough, Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council
11:00 am	NUTRITION BREAK
11:15 am	<p>Panel One: International Standards, Norms, Laws and Mechanisms Related to the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>This panel provides participants with an overview of the current status of international standards, norms and laws that are utilized to advance the rights of Indigenous Peoples. It provides examples of how the Indigenous-specific mechanisms of the United Nations have advanced these standards, norms and laws.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild, Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations • Mariam Wallet Med Aboubakrine, Chair of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues • Claire Charters, Chair of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples (Pacific) (by video link)
12:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK

DAY ONE - CONTINUED...

<p>1:30 pm</p>	<p>Panel Two: Case Studies from 4 Regions Topics covered are Self-Determination; Rights related to Lands, Territories and Resources, focusing on Free, Prior and Informed Consent; Economic, Social, Cultural and Spiritual Rights; Civil and Political Rights; Equality and Non-Discrimination (Gender, People with Disabilities, LGBTQI).</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erika Yamada, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Latin America and the Caribbean) • Edtami Mansayagan, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Asia) • Kristen Carpenter, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (North America) • Andrew Erueti, Associate Professor, University of Auckland (by video link)
<p>3:00 pm</p>	<p><i>NUTRITION BREAK</i></p>
<p>3:15 pm</p>	<p>Small Group Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the standards, norms and laws in this area be applied to your work? • What is needed from academics, governments, Indigenous Peoples and UN agencies, bodies and programmes to complete this work? • What future ways can conference participants continue to network or collaborate in this area? <p>Breakout Rooms: Room 206: Facilitator: Jaime Lavallee Room 207: Facilitator: Doreen Demas Moot A: Facilitator: Monique McKay Moot B: Facilitator: Diego Tituana Room 308: Facilitator: Lea Nicholas-MacKenzie Room 311: Facilitator: Craig Benjamin Slater Boardroom, 4th Floor Library: Facilitator: Trina Flett</p>
<p>4:30 pm</p>	<p>Closing Comments Grand Chief Edward John, Kiskinohamatowin Conference Chair</p>

DAY TWO – SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019

TIME	PRESENTATION
9:00 am	<p>Panel Three: Case Studies from Four Regions</p> <p>Topics covered are Self-Determination; Rights related to Lands, Territories and Resources, focusing on Free, Prior and Informed Consent; Economic, Social, Cultural and Spiritual Rights; Civil and Political Rights; Equality and Non-Discrimination (Gender, People with Disabilities, LGBTQI).</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naomi Metallic, Assistant Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University • Alexey Tsykarev, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia) • Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
10:15 am	<i>NUTRITION BREAK</i>
10:30 am	<p>Small Group Discussions (to follow topics from Panel Three):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the standards, norms and laws in these topics be applied to your work? • What is needed from academics, governments, Indigenous Peoples and UN agencies, bodies and programmes to complete this work? • What future ways can conference participants continue to network or collaborate in this area? <p>Breakout Rooms:</p> <p>Room 204: Facilitator: Monique McKay Room 206: Facilitator: Jaime Lavallee Moot: Facilitator: Celeste McKay Room 310 (Staff Lounge): Facilitator: Diego Tituana Room 308: Facilitator: Lea Nicholas-MacKenzie Room 311: Facilitator: Craig Benjamin Slater Boardroom, 4th Floor Library: Facilitator: Trina Flett</p>
11:30 pm	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
12:30 pm	<p>Closing Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al Benoit, Chief of Staff, Manitoba Metis Federation • Grand Chief Edward John, Kiskinohamatowin Conference Chair • June Lorenzo, Attorney and Consultant
2:00 pm	<p>Closing Prayer by Elders of the Territory Norman Meade</p>