

Side event in the framework of the 12th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues,

**The Post-2015 Agenda and the Indigenous Peoples
from Latin America and the Caribbean:
Participation in the Guadalajara regional consultation and other perspectives**

**23 May, 2013
13:15 hrs. to 15:00 hrs.
CR 6 (North Lawn Building)**

Background

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have provided a powerful tool to rally the international community around a clear, concise and measurable development model. In some countries, they have been used to work with indigenous peoples in the definition and implementation of human development policies, in accordance with their rights. Now, as the 2015 deadline for the fulfillment of the MDGs closes in, the voice of indigenous peoples needs to be heard in the ongoing global consultations for the construction of a new development agenda that will again mobilize the different actors involved. (<http://www.worldwewant2015.org>).

The Government of Mexico, together with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the Secretary General's High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, organized a regional consultation with non-governmental actors of Latin America and the Caribbean entitled "Realizing the Future We Want in Latin America and the Caribbean: Towards a Post-2015 Development Agenda". The meeting took place in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico from the 17 to the 19 of April, with over 400 participants from 24 countries, making it the largest international meeting on this issue to date (<http://participacionsocial.sre.gob.mx/post2015.php>).

During the meeting in Guadalajara, indigenous representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean highlighted the importance of taking into consideration the challenges faced by indigenous peoples in the framework of the international development agenda and, in particular, in the framework of the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Their specific recommendations were integrated into the broader conclusions of the regional consultation.

Objetives

- Foster a conversation with a broad group of representatives of indigenous peoples and governments, as well as experts attending the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, on the impact of the MDGs on the indigenous peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Share the results and recommendations related to indigenous peoples presented in the framework of the regional consultation in Guadalajara and other considerations that, from the perspective of indigenous peoples, should be taken into account in the elaboration of a new development agenda.
- A brief report reflecting the discussion will be presented in the plenary of the Permanent Forum.

**A detailed program will be circulated shortly,
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