



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Indigenous Women’s Symposium  
on Environmental and Reproductive Health**  
**Focus: Advancing research and assessing impacts of Environmental Violence on  
Indigenous Women and Girls,**  
**April 14 – 15, 2018**  
**103 Jerome Greene Hall, Columbia University Law School**  
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## Symposium Agenda

### Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>

<b>8:00 AM - 8:45 AM</b>	Light Breakfast and coffee will be served, registration
<b>8:45 AM - 8:55 AM</b>	<b>Opening invocation and welcome</b> , Ramapough Lenape Nation
<b>8:55 AM - 9:10 AM</b>	<b>Words of welcome, Introduction to the Symposium and intended outcomes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andrea Carmen, Yaqui Nation, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)</li> <li>2. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Columbia University Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples Rights Program</li> <li>3. Teresa Zapeta, Executive Director, FIMI</li> <li>4. Myrna Cunningham, FILAC</li> </ol>
<b>9:10 AM – 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Environmental and Reproductive Health, Traditional Cultural perspectives:</b> Otilia Lux de Cotí, Maya K’iche’, Guatemala, Advisor to MADRE and FILAC’s Indigenous Women’s Programs; and Hinewirangi Kohu, Maori, Te Whanau o te Rau Aroha, Aotearoa (New Zealand)
<b>9:45 AM – 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Panel 1: The Human Rights Framework for Combating Environmental Violence and defending Intergenerational Health:</b>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andrea Carmen, International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)</li> <li>2. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</li> <li>3. Mariam Wallet Med Aboubakrine, Tuareg, Mali, Chairperson (outgoing) and member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Africa Region</li> <li>4. Luis Pedermera, member, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderator: Elsa Stamatopoulou, Columbia University</i> <i>Questions and discussion, all participants</i></p>
<b>11:20 AM – 12:45 PM</b>	<p><b><u>Panel 2: Effective collaborations between Science, Academia and Indigenous Peoples to document intergenerational health impacts</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vi Waghiyi, Savoonga Yupik Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT): Community impacts of military waste dumping and Persistent Organic Pollutants, St. Lawrence Island, Arctic region</li> <li>2. Pamela Miller, Biologist, Executive Director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics: the role of Science in supporting Community-based participatory research on St. Lawrence Island</li> <li>3. Janene Yazzie, Dine (Navajo): Data war and inter-generational nuclear contamination impacts: Finding autonomy through community-led research projects</li> <li>4. Tai Pelli, United Confederation of Taino People: Reproductive health impacts of toxic contamination in the Caribbean</li> <li>5. Danika Littlechild, Ermineskin Cree Nation, Alberta Canada, IITC consulting attorney: global impacts of Canadian Mining Companies in Indigenous communities, a legal and human rights perspective</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderator: Paige West, Professor, Barnard College, Columbia University</i> <i>Questions and Discussion, all participants</i></p>
<b>12:45 PM - 1:30 PM</b>	Lunch will be served on site
<b>1:30 PM - 2:55 PM</b>	<p><b><u>Panel 3: Regional and community experiences</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Binalakshmi Nepram, Manipur Nation, Militarisation and “Chemical Warfare” in Indigenous Territories of Manipur and Indo-Myanmar region and Severe Impact on Health of Indigenous Women and Girls</li> <li>2. Betty Lyons, Onondaga Nation, Haudenosaunee External Relations Committee, study on the impacts of PCB’s on reproductive health of Indigenous Nations along the St. Lawrence River, US/Canada</li> <li>3. Berenice Sánchez Lozada, Nahua-Otomí, Di Sugave a Nana Shimjaí, San Francisco Magú, México, Toxic Waste Incinerators, Community and Reproductive Health effects in México</li> <li>4. Aurelia Espinoza Buitimea, Yaqui traditional midwife, Sonora México, prenatal pesticide exposure in Río Yaqui</li> <li>5. Lucy Mullenkei, Maasai, Kenya, Executive Director, Indigenous Information Network: impacts of mercury contamination in Africa</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderator: Anne Nuorgam, Sami, member of the UNPFII, Arctic Region</i> <i>Questions, Discussion and sharing additional experiences, all participants</i></p>
<b>3:00 PM – 4:30 PM</b>	<p><b><u>Breakout sessions to generate proposals, recommendations and strategies</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community based participatory studies, research and testimony- gathering; Role of academia, science, health professions and Indigenous community members; <i>Theresa Castillo and Vi Waghiyi, co-facilitators</i></li> <li>2. Impacts of mining/extractives including sexual violence and trafficking; <i>Teresa Zapeta, FIMI, Guatemala and Danika Littlechild, co-facilitators</i></li> <li>3. Mercury, Pesticides and Persistent Organic Pollutants: impacts of Climate Change, global transport and military activities and work with the UN Chemical Treaties; <i>Pam Miller -facilitator</i></li> <li>4. Engaging the UN Human Rights Arena in combating Environmental Violence and defending human rights in UN Environmental processes; <i>Andrea Carmen and Antonella Cordone, Senior Technical Specialist, Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Issues,</i></li> </ol>

	<i>International Fund for Indigenous Peoples (IFAD), co-facilitators</i>
<b>4:30 PM - 5:15 PM</b>	<b>Report-back from Breakouts:</b> Compiling and discussing recommendations, <i>Andrea Carmen, IITC, and Natalia Caruso, Director of Partnerships, MADRE, co-moderators</i>
<b>5:15 PM - 6:30 PM</b>	<b>“Circle of Poison”:</b> film on the international trafficking in banned pesticides and human rights impacts; snacks provided by IITC, <i>introduction by Rochelle Diver</i>

### Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>

<b>8:00 AM – 8:45 AM</b>	Light Breakfast and Coffee will be served, 2nd day registration (new arrivals)
<b>8:45 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Recap of previous day,</b> summary of recommendations from discussions, panels and breakouts: <i>Myrna Cunningham, FIMI/FIDA</i>
<b>9:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<p><b><u>Panel 4: Building and Strengthening Collaborations to Document, Challenge and Halt Environmental Violence and the impacts of Toxic Contamination on Intergenerational/reproductive Health:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alvaro Pop, Maya Q'eqchi, Guatemala, FILAC: Engaging men in defending Indigenous women and girls from Environmental Violence</li> <li>2. Baskut Tuncak, UN Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes: Updates on the human rights legal review of the Rotterdam Convention for the UNPFII</li> <li>3. Lynn P. Freedman, Professor of Population and Family Health, Columbia University Medical Center: the role of academia in research with Indigenous Peoples</li> <li>4. Tarcila Rivera, Quechua, Latin American Region member UNPFII, Perú: the continued role of the UNPFII in combating environmental violence and promoting intergenerational health</li> <li>5. Olga Montúfar Contreras, Nahua, Guerrero México, International Indigenous Peoples Disabilities Caucus Latin America Focal Point: Links between disabilities in children and exposure to toxic contaminants</li> <li>6. Nicole Yanes, Opata, Sonora México, Indigenous Peoples Assembly for Food Sovereignty, (APISA): Challenges and opportunities to build youth participation <i>Moderator: Rochelle Diver, Fond du Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, USA, IITC Environmental Health Consultant</i></li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Questions/discussions, all participants</i></p>
<b>11:15 AM – 12:15 PM</b>	<p><b><u>Presentation of the Draft Symposium Report/Declaration: finalize recommendations and adopt by consensus</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Next Steps including distribution of recommendations, publication (MADRE), UNPFII side event and 4<sup>th</sup> International Indigenous Women’s Symposium proposed for Bilwi Nicaragua</u></b> <i>Andrea Carmen, IITC moderator</i></p>
<b>12:15 PM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Thanks and Closing Invocation</b>

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