



**Voices of Resilience: The Importance of Indigenous Women for Language Preservation**  
*Insights from the UN and Colombia*

Date and venue: November 14, 2024, UNESCO HQ Room XI

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Format: Hybrid

Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and French

Draft Programme

| Time  | Session  | Speaker  |
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| <b>Opening ceremony</b>   |  |  |
| 2:00 pm<br>2:10 pm  | Welcome Remarks  | Dr Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director General for Communication and Information, UNESCO  |
| 2:10pm<br>2:20pm  | Introductory Remarks   | H.E. Ms. Laura Andrea Guillem Gloria, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Colombia to UNESCO  |
| <b>Panel discussion I</b><br><b>Ensuring Indigenous Women's Empowerment through Language Preservation Efforts</b><br><b>Moderator: Jaco Du Toit, Chief of Section for Universal Access to Information and Digital Inclusion, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</b> |  |  |
| 2:20pm<br>2:30pm  | The International Decade of Indigenous Languages:<br>Perspectives from the Global Task Force | Dr Altaci Corrêa Rubim, Member of the Associação dos Índios Kokamas Residente no Município de Manaus (AKIM) (Brazil) and Co-chair of the Global Task Force |
| 2:30pm<br>2:45pm  | Linguistic Diversity and Gender Equity:<br>Colombia's Feminist Foreign Policy                | H.E. Ms. Leonor Zalabata Torres, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Colombia to the UN   |
| 2:45pm<br>3:00pm  | Gender Equality at UNESCO  | Ms Maria Begona Lasagabaster, Director, Gender Equality Division, UNESCO   |

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| 3:00pm<br>3:15pm  | Q&A  |  |
| <b>Panel discussion II</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Bridging Gender Equality, Migration, Land and Indigenous Language Preservation</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Moderator: Ms Marem Tahar, representative of the Toubou Indigenous People of northern Chad, Climate activist and advocate for women's rights in Africa</b> |  |  |
| 3:15pm<br>3:25pm  | Indigenous Women as Guardians of Human Rights  | Ms Adriana Quinones<br>Head of Human Rights and Development and Deputy Head of UN Women Geneva Office  |
| 3:25pm<br>3:40pm  | Migratory challenges for the preservation of indigenous languages                    | H.E. Ms. Elizabeth García Carrillo<br>Ambassador of Colombia in the Plurinational State of Bolivia   |
| 3:40pm<br>3:55pm  | Language as a Tool: Indigenous Women Leading the Protection of Ancestral Territories | Dr Lena Yanina Estrada Añokazi<br>Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Colombia   |
| 3:55pm<br>4:10pm  | UNITAR   | Dr. Kanyinke Sena, Director of The Indigenous Peoples of Africa Co-ordinating Committee (IPACC) and lecturer at the UNITAR Training Programme to Enhance the Conflict Prevention and Peacemaking Capacities of Indigenous Peoples' Representatives. (Remote participation) |
| 4:10pm<br>4:25pm  | Q&A  |  |
| <b>Closing ceremony</b>   |  |  |
| 4:25pm<br>4:40pm  | Generation Change: Insights from a Young Activist                                    | Ms. Aiyana Twigg,<br>Youth Advocate, Linguist, Researcher, Member of the Youth Advisory group for the Canadian Commission for UNESCO   |
| 4:40pm<br>4:50pm  | Video/ Cultural performance  | Koede- Embera Katio Musical Group (pre-recorded video message)   |
| 4:50pm<br>5:00pm  | Closing Remarks  | H.E. Mr Oscar Renán Vega Camacho, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Bolivia to UNESCO   |
| <b>End of the event</b>   |  |  |