



National Museum of the American Indian / Organization of American States

Symposium

Centuries of Change: State of the Native Nations

Friday, November 12, 2010

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

National Museum of the American Indian, Rasmuson Theater

4th Street and Independence Ave. SW

Washington, DC 20024

Reception to follow in the Museum's Potomac Atrium

Centuries of Change: State of the Native Nations addresses recent international trends in the search for pragmatic indigenous and nation-state solutions developed with the Native peoples of the Americas. It takes a particular look at the work of the Organization of American States with respect to the human rights, land rights, and civil rights of indigenous peoples. With the bicentennials of several Latin American countries taking place in 2010, as well as the 100th anniversary of the iconic House of the Americas – seat of the Organization of American States – and the fall anniversary of the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, it celebrates a year full of historical remembrance. The symposium will be moderated by José Barreiro (Taíno), director of the Office for Latin America within the Museum Scholarship Group at the National Museum of the American Indian.

- 10:00 am-10:10 am **Welcome** by **Kevin Gover** (Pawnee), Director of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)
- 10:10 am-10:30 am **Opening Remarks** by **Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin**, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS)
- 10:30 am-11:45 am **Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples**
Santiago Canton, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS
Isabel Madariaga, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
Tonya Gonnella Frichner (Onondaga), North American Regional Representative to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

- 11:45 am-12:45 pm *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*
Luis Toro Utrillano, Department of International Law, OAS
Héctor Huertas González (Kuna), Kuna General Congress, Panama
- 12:45 pm-2:30 pm Lunch
- 2:30 pm-3:00 pm *Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change*
Cletus Springer, Department of Sustainable Development, OAS
- 3:00 pm-4:00 pm *Capacity Building with Indigenous Peoples and the Role of Education*
The Honorable Lloyd Axworthy, President, University of Winnipeg
and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
Jennifer Rattray (Peepeekisis First Nation), Executive Director of
Government, Indigenous and Community Affairs, University of
Winnipeg
- 4:00 pm-4:15 pm Break
- 4:15 pm-5:15 pm *Developing Entrepreneurial Skills of Indigenous Young People*
Valerie Lorena, Young Americas Business Trust, OAS
Griselda Navichoc (Maya Tz'utujil), Young Indigenous Circle
Roy Thomasson, CEO, Young Americas Business Trust
- 5:15 pm-6:00 pm *Applying International Law: Native Peoples and Nation States*
Robert Coulter (Potawatomi), Executive Director, Indian Law
Resource Center (ILRC)
Leonardo A. Crippa (Kolla), ILRC
Philomena Kebec (Anishanabe), ILRC
Armstrong Wiggins (Miskito), ILRC
- 6:00 pm *Closing Remarks*
José Barreiro (Taíno), National Museum of the American Indian
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Reception, Potomac Atrium, National Museum of the American Indian

Traducción simultánea ~ Simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation