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The DPI/NGO Section invites you to a

**Briefing**

On

*Indigenous Peoples' Lands, Territories, Natural Resources:  
Livelihoods and Emerging Issues*

Organized in Cooperation with the NGO committee on the United Nations  
International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

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**19 April 2007  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

at the

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

**Background Information:**

The briefing will look at the traditional lifestyles, practices, and struggles of indigenous peoples around the globe. There are over 300 million indigenous peoples living in nearly 70 countries. While they view themselves as caregivers of the land, the needs, rights, and challenges of indigenous communities have remained largely neglected by national governments. Included among the issues to be discussed: the current struggle to maintain their traditional cultures; environmentally sound relationship with the land; and sustainable use of natural resources.

**Speakers:**

**H. E. Mr. Javier Loayza**, Chargé d'affaires, Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations

**Ms. Sonia Smallacombe**, Social Affairs Officer, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

**Mr. Roberto Mucaro Borrero**, Chairperson of the NGO Committee on the International Decade for the World's Indigenous People

*UNPFII Vol. 1: Awareness-raising Film; Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations Volume 1* reporting on the cultures and challenges of indigenous peoples around the world will be screened at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Representatives of NGOs are encouraged to participate during the Q & A segment.

The event may be webcast. If so, it will be available at [www.un.org/dpi/ngosection](http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection).

**Preview of Next Week's Briefing:**

Next week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be held in observance of World Book and Copyright Day (23 April), as well as World Intellectual Property Day (26 April). The theme for this year's observance *Encouraging Creativity* will focus on the value of copyrights and trademarks in protecting individual creativity. Invited speakers include: Mr. Orobola Fasehun, Director, NY Office, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and Mr. Alan Behr, Alston & Bird, LLP.,

Briefings are held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. United Nations-produced videos relevant to the briefing theme are usually screened at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the briefing.

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