

# Self-Agency of Indigenous People and the SDGs: Good Practices & Partnerships

## A PFII16 Side Event at the UN

organized by the International Presentation Association,  
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and the NGO Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and IP representatives from the Philippines and United States will be at this side event to share their experiences of achievements and struggles for self-determination and in the preservation of their self-identity and culture. They will also examine how the Sustainable Development Goals can be vehicles of transformation when done in partnership with the affected communities.

The side event will focus on:

1. a community based intervention with the Badjao nomadic tribe, known as “sea gypsies,” in Cebu, Philippines, and the resulting transformation in the realities of that community and emergent partnerships
2. the self-organizing and forging partnerships by the Bukidnons and the Atis indigenous peoples in Negros, Philippines, to preserve biocultural diversity, their struggles, achievements, and recommendations
3. the impact of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Sustainable Development Goals from the North American perspective

### Objectives

- ✚ To provide a platform for the indigenous peoples to share their experiences
- ✚ To reflect on the interlinkages of the Sustainable Development Goals with the struggles and achievements of the indigenous peoples
- ✚ To highlight the impact of partnerships formed with local/national governments, civil society, and private sector

## **AGENDA**

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Moderator: Betty Lyons (Onondaga Nation)  
President and Executive Director, American Indian Law Alliance

**Minute of Silence** in honor of the indigenous peoples of this land

### **Speakers**

1. Venerva Amil, a member of the Badjao tribe (Cebu, Philippines), educator and community advocate
2. Edwina Quialquial, capacity-builder with the Badjao tribe and educator (speaking with the expressed permission by the Badjao tribal leaders)
3. Pablito Gonzales, IP advocate for the Ati and Bukidnon tribes (Negros, Philippines), Community Organizer, Development Worker with emphasis on biocultural diversity
4. Rick Chavolla (Kumeyaay), Board Chair, American Indian Community House

### **Open Discussion**

**COME and JOIN US!**  
**Wednesday ~ May 3, 2017**  
**1:15 p.m., Conference B**  
**United Nations Headquarters**

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