



The U.S. Federal Government “Listening Session” to Discuss the U.S. Human Rights Record with Native American Indians in Preparation for the Universal Periodic Review

Tentative Agenda

University of New Mexico School of Law
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tuesday, March 16, 2009

Facilitated by: Helen B. Padilla, Esq., *Director*, AMERICAN INDIAN LAW CENTER, INC.
Leonard Gorman, *Executive Director*, NAVAJO NATION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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8:30 AM Registration

9:00 AM **INVOCATION** by <TBA>
WELCOME by Joe Garcia, *Chairman*, All Indian Pueblo Council

9:15 AM **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW AND THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK** by Leonard Gorman, *Executive Director*, Office of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission and Andrea Carmen, *Executive Director*, International Indian Treaty Council

9:30 AM **DISCUSSION ON THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, NATION-TO-NATION RELATIONSHIP & TREATIES** by:

- Joe Garcia, *Chairman*, All Indian Pueblo Council
- John Antonio, Sr., *Governor*, Pueblo of Laguna
- One more Pueblo leader to be confirmed from AIPC <TBD>
- Dalee Sambo Dorough, Professor of Political Science, University of Alaska <TBD>
- Rodney Factor, *Tusekia Harjo Band Chief*, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Theresa Two Bulls, *Chairwoman*, Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Tribe of South Dakota

10:30 AM **STATEMENTS BY PARTICIPANTS (3-5 MINUTES EACH)**

11:45 AM **LUNCH**

1:00 PM **DISCUSSION ON THE RIGHT TO LAND, TERRITORIES, SACRED SITES & RESOURCES (SURFACE & SUBSURFACE)** by:

- Norman Coeeyate, *Governor*, Pueblo of Zuni (Sacred Sites)
- Larson Bill, *Tribal Council Member*, Te-Moak (Land & Territories Rights)
- June L. Lorenzo, In-House Attorney, Pueblo of Laguna (Resource Rights)
- Mark Mitchell, *Governor*, Pueblo of Tesuque (Sacred Sites) <TBD>
- Oren Lyons, *Chief*, Haudenosaunee of the Six Nations (Land & Territories Rights)
- Faith Gemmill, *Alaska Intertribal Council Board Member*, Representative Venetie Tribal Government (Resources Rights)

- 2:00 PM **STATEMENTS BY PARTICIPANTS (3-5 MINUTES EACH)**
- 3:15PM **RESPONSE FROM THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE DIALOGUE <TBD>**
- 3:45 PM **STATEMENT ON OTHER INDIGENOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES BY PARTICIPANTS: HEALTH, JUSTICE, FOOD SECURITY AND OTHER ISSUES**
- 4:30 PM **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION BY AMERICAN INDIAN LAW CENTER, INC. AND THE NAVAJO NATION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**
- 5:00 PM **CLOSING AND BENEDICTION by <TBD>**

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