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## Indigenous Women of the Americas struggle and present climate change solutions

### To protect Mother Earth May 12

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#### A DYNAMIC SPECIAL EVENT AT UNITED NATIONS CHURCH CENTER-----

This public event will be held in parallel to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues happening in New York at this time, with the expressed purpose of ensuring that the vital voices of Indigenous women leaders are heard by the public, media and government representatives during the formal UN process.-----

Presenters of North and South America will speak out against the environmentally and socially destructive activities and policies threatening their homelands, and present the visions and strategies with which they are working to shape a healthy and equitable future for their communities and the Earth. Their diverse struggles and solutions will be contextualized within a frame of rapid climate change, health issues, biologic and cultural diversity loss, and destructive economic frameworks - demonstrating just why honoring Indigenous rights and knowledge is so essential for the survival and prosperity of us all.

The Women's Earth and Climate Action Network is honored to co-host this event with our allies at Amazon Watch and the Indigenous Environmental Network. PROGRAM AND SEPAKERS-----

#### Speakers to date:

“ç Casey Camp Horinek - Ponca Nation Leader, WECAN Special Projects Advisor and Advisory Council Member, Oklahoma, USA

“ç Kandi Mossett (via Skype) - Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Lead Organizer of the Extreme Energy & Just Transition Campaign with the Indigenous Environmental Network, North Dakota, USA

“ç Crystal Lameman - Beaver Lake Cree Nation Treaty Coordinator and Communications Manager, Treaty 6, Alberta, Canada

“ç Gloria Ushigua - (to be confirmed) President of the Association of Sapara Women, Ecuadorian Amazon

“ç Aura Tegria Cristancho - Asou'Wa Legal Advisor, U'wa leader, Colombia

With additional commentary by Leo Cerda (Amazon Watch) and Osprey Orielle Lake (Women's Earth and Climate Action Network).-----

-----LOCATION OF THE EVENT----- Thursday May 12, 2016 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Church Center of the United Nations, 10th floor, 777 United Nations Plaza #8g, New York, NY 10017

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