

Thursday, May 12, 2016
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Conference Room 6
UN Headquarters

A Successful Model of Indigenous Governance Through an Indigenous-led Institutional Framework

The *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* is First Nations-led, opt-in legislation that provides First Nations with a legislative and institutional framework to assert jurisdiction in the areas of taxation and financial management, and provides a mechanism for First Nations to access private capital markets, similar to other orders of government.

Through this *Act*, First Nations across Canada are exercising their rights to self-determination and to maintain and strengthen their own institutions, and to pursue their economic and social development aspirations as set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The three Indigenous Institutions of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*, the First Nations Tax Commission, the First Nations Financial Management Board, and the First Nations Finance Authority, are co-hosting this side event to share their perspectives and experiences on working with Indigenous communities to strengthen financial management capacity, including financial literacy, raise local revenues and finance infrastructure and economic development projects.

This side event will be of interest to Indigenous people and national governments in other jurisdictions that are looking to develop mechanisms to support economic development and improved social well-being among Indigenous peoples.

Speakers

C.T. (Manny) Jules - Chief Commissioner, First Nations Tax Commission

Harold Calla - Executive Chair, First Nations Financial Management Board

Ernie Daniels - President & CEO, First Nations Finance Authority