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The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations in Geneva  
cordially invites you to a side event to be held on

Tuesday, 20 September 2016  
from 9:00 to 10:00  
Room XXIV Palais des Nations

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CULTURAL HERITAGE –  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' PARTICIPATION AND THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN  
PROMOTING CULTURAL HERITAGE**



Kristine Näkkäljärvi at Skierri Nature and Culture Centre in Hetta, Enontekiö in 2010 © Anni Näkkäljärvi, Sámi Cultural Centre SAJOS

Moderator: *Dr. Claire Charters*, Associate Professor and Associate Dean (Well-being and Equity), University of Auckland, Member of the Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples

Welcoming remarks:

*Ms. Terhi Hakala*, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations and International Organisations in Geneva

Panelists: *Dr. Sanna Valkonen*, Associate Professor, University of Lapland

*Dr. Albert K. Barume*, Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

*Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz*, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

*Ms. Tiina-Sanila Aikio*, Chair of the Sámi Parliament in Finland

*Coffee and light breakfast will be served before the event.*

This side event provides an opportunity to follow-up on the study and advice by the *Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, including indigenous peoples' participation as well as the role of women in preserving cultural heritage. It also provides an opportunity to get an insight into recent research on cultural heritage. What good practices are there to promote and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples with respect to their cultural heritage? What are the remaining challenges and how can the international community support to overcome them?

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland is pleased to support research on this topic by the *University of Lapland*. "*Indigenous Peoples' Cultural Heritage: Rights, Debates, Challenges*" edited by Alexandra Xanthaki, Sanna Valkonen, Leena Heinämäki and Piia Nuorgam will be published later this year by Brill publishing house. The publication is based on the themes discussed at the UN Expert Seminar on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with Respect to their Cultural Heritage organized jointly by the *Office of the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights* and the *University of Lapland* in 2015.