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INDIGENOUS DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH ALLIANCE

UPDATES AND MEETING NOTES

**Notes:**  
o Dear IDHA Members,

* Please find the March 06 IDHA Meeting Updates notes below. Also, Please let us know if you are planning on attending UNPFII so we coordinate your participation in IDHA side events. Thank you!  
    
  The first half of the meeting focused on the Pre-UNPFII/ IDHA side events organization, the second half on other IDHA-related items:
* a) The National Indian Health Board, in partnership with the IDHA, submitted a side event application to DESA/UNPFII so that an event would take place on 04/18 or 04/19 at the UN HQ Premises. We are awaiting confirmation.
* b) In case the UN HQ side event application is not accepted, the IDHA is still planning on having a side event in a nearby location. The Ban-Ki Moon foundation offered some help for premises and a small amount to cover some of the expenses. We would ask for help from other IDHA member organizations to assist with funds to cover the rest of the costs.
* c) Their offices are somewhat far from UN HQ, so we are looking for another location, perhaps the Ford Foundation. As soon as we have more info, it will be shared with the group.
* d) Geoff mentioned the ideal scenario to be a) 1 Meeting on 04/15 to discuss the WHA resolution, 2) A side event on 04/18 on for the IDHOP study side event, and c) a lunch/side event on Friday at the UN HQ building.
* e) Geoffrey Roth mentioned the IDHA is also planning on having a side event during the World Health Assembly (WHA77) in May, to support the resolution on Indigenous Health and discuss the IDHOP study.
* f) Dr. Rawson Te Patu, President of the World Federation of Public Health Organizations, mentioned that they will also be having a side event at WHA77 and that could be an event to create synergy and work together on the IDHOP and the resolution.
* g) Geoff mentioned that our events should involve members of the press so that the event gets publicized.
* h) Geoff encouraged the members to prepare interventions at UNPFII and to coordinate with him, so the message is strategically consistent.
* i) Mariam informed the group about the WHO Situational analysis Contract to produce a Literature Review as part of the WHA resolution’s Global Action Plan, and the strategy to get the IDHA involved to provide feedback in a timely manner. Dr. Reed, Dr. Redvers and Geoff are in the reviewing group.
* j) Dr. Reed and Geoff shared concerns about the time and funding allocated for the situational analysis.
* k) The group was informed that the Indigenous Determinants of Health Alliance has been registered before the Government of the District of Columbia as a nonprofit. The website is [www.IndigenousDHA.org](http://www.indigenousdha.org/). All authors’ names are listed. Please let us know if yours is missing, needs editing or if you prefer not to be listed.
* l) The group discussed issues with organizational accreditation at UNPFII, which becomes a barrier for Indigenous Peoples organizations attempting to attend UNPFII. Members were encouraged to reach out to DESA to further discuss a possible solution.
* m) Members were advised to share with the group in case they are having troubles getting registered, so we all find a solution.
* n) Members were informed that two grant applications (brief proposals) were submitted to the RWJF for IDH- related research: a) an IDH Scale to measure agency compliance and b) an IDH educational and Certification Program for agency and institutional staff members. RWJF will let us know on April 1st if we will be invited for a full application. These grants would cover mostly US based operations, so we are planning on reaching out to other international foundations to extend the work to other countries.
* o) Political Choice Journal will publish an article drafted by Geoff and reviewed by Dr. Papaarangi Reed on the IDHOP and the WHA resolution—to be distributed at the World Health Summit events in Australia (April) and Berlin (October).