

## **Media Advisory: Indigenous caucus stand in solidarity with Standing Rock Sioux Tribe**

*"We call upon all member states, to condemn the destruction of our sacred places and to support our nation's efforts to ensure that our sovereign rights are respected. We ask that you call upon all parties to stop the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline and to protect the environment, our nation's future, our culture and our way of life."*

- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman Dave Archambault II

**WHERE:** Indigenous Peoples Pavilion : Green Zone

**WHEN:** Nov 10th 12:45-1:15

**WHAT:** In the shadow of a Trump presidency the Indigenous Peoples Caucus condemns the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline and stands in solidarity with our sisters and brothers of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and all "water protectors" in opposition to this project.

The Dakota Access pipeline is being built on the un-ceded treaty lands of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, without their free, prior and informed consent, as is described in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples article 32. The pipeline is also being constructed through sacred areas and ancestral burial grounds of the Standing Rock Sioux and other Indigenous Peoples of the area.

This massive construction project does not respect the Standing Rock Sioux's Treaty rights, sovereignty or their right to self-determination, and is an outright violation of their rights over their lands and resources as Indigenous Peoples, furthermore not respecting the human rights of Indigenous Peoples.

*Speakers will present an overview of the situation at Standing Rock; share the full IP Caucus statement; and provide additional commentary; and take questions.*

**Moderator:** Teanau Tuiono,

**Speakers:** Roberto Mukaro Borrero, International Indian Treaty Council; Alberto Saldamando, Indigenous Environmental Network; and Jannie Staffansson, Sami Council