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Native Women are Leading Wealth & Power Building Strategies to Sustain Future Generations

Monday, August 26th from 17:00-18:15

Room 355 A

Salt Palace Convention Center

100 S. W. Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

In 2016, $\frac{2}{3}$ of all American Indians and Alaskan Native Women in the United States were the primary breadwinners in their families and made only .57 cents for every dollar paid to a White (non-Hispanic) male. Since 1997, women-owned businesses grew by 114%, while Native American women-owned businesses grew by 201% in their inclusive communities. Additionally, in 2017, American Indians and Alaskan Native Women owned 1.4% of all women-owned business (an estimated 161,500), employing 61,300 workers and generating \$11 billion in revenue. If Native American women are the 2nd worst paid demographic, but are growing businesses at 2X the rate of their counterparts while generating billions of dollars, the question remains, why aren't more people investing in Indigenous women when seeking to close the racial wealth equity gap? There is an alarming inconsistency between where dollars are invested and what these funds are being designed to impact for their lives and in these communities. A major challenge American Indian and Alaskan Native women face is the lack of visibility and credibility to be seen as the change agents and leaders to address these disparities to "Leave No One Behind." This panel will discuss an Indigenous Women's perspective and discuss strategies surrounding their communities and the SDGs to ensure they work in partnership for a truly inter-active inclusive discussion.

Speakers:

Vanessa Roanhorse - (Diné/Navajo), CEO of Roanhorse Consulting, LLC, a Native American and woman-owned private consulting firm dedicated to working with unheralded populations to achieve and aspire their self-determination through forging communities of practice, creating equity through entrepreneurship, and encouraging economic empowerment from within. Vanessa is a co-founder of Native Women Lead. SDGs #8, #9

Stephanie Gutierrez, MSW (enrolled Oglala Sioux) Founder of Hope Nation LLC, Stephanie is committed to assisting Native communities in reclaiming and transforming their local economies. Prior to founding Hope Nation LLC, she worked 23 years in academia, managing large research departments and the Buder Center for American Indian Studies at Washington University. In 2018, she received a BALLE fellowship. SDGs #8, #9

Mahrinah von Schlegel, (Tewa/Pueblo Indian) a UN/Representative of Global Family & the Executive Director of Embassy2.0 and Digital Future PAC. A Serial Entrepreneur, Technology Policy Advisor and Economic Development Specialist in the digital startup space since 2001 built, mentored and advised hundreds of startups globally. – SDGs #11, #17

Moderator:

Margo LaZaro, President and Chair of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY, Director of UN Relations for Global Family, Chair, Board of Advisors of Youth for a Better World/MMUN, UN Representative of the Huairou Commission and Convener of the NGO Major Group Urban Cluster. She has thirty years of experience at the UN working as a Chief Developer of Conferences and Special Events with stakeholders for every sector in developing impactful projects for all the SDGs.