



**26 July 2021 Rome**

Rome, FAO, 26 July, 13:30 -14:20, CEST time

Hallbars was invited to speak at the opening affiliated session of the UN pre-summit. All sessions were online. Here is our opening speech:

*Hello from Alfred Nobel House and Museum, in Karlskoga, Sweden. It was the residence for the last years of Alfred Nobel, when he decided to create the Nobel Prizes. The Nobel prize for Peace to the World Food Programme showed how positive these prizes can be. For the next three months, we invite you at the Alfred Nobel Museum in Karlskoga for the exhibition of Sustainable Gastronomy books. I am the curator of the exhibition. The exhibition includes many FAO and United Nations books.*

*Most important is the book masterpiece Indigenous Peoples Food Systems, in its third edition of 2021.*

*This book received on July 8 the Hall of Fame Award from the Gourmand Awards. This Hall of Fame honors only one book every year since 2001, from any country or language. The driving principle of the Gourmand Awards is that ALL CUISINES WERE CREATED EQUAL. Our awards try to really showcase the best, from anywhere, or anyone.*

*This FAO book is the most important of the year according to the Gourmand Awards, and it will become a classic, and a reference for many years in the future. We are five members in the jury, and I am here to tell you how much and why we all admire and respect this book.*

*In fact, the key word is respect.*

*First, the respect for the authors. Some of the authors of other Hall of Fame books from past years are world famous Michelin three star chefs, or leading academics, or best selling celebrities. But the authors of this FAO book are even more impressive in their deep knowledge. Their sharing of experience is a treasure. Their message is so important, clear and welcome.*

*Second, the respect for Indigenous Peoples. They have a unique voice and point of view, so much needed today. Readers of the book will find much more than expected in this book, when read carefully. If you read one book this year, please read this book, every line of it. It might change your views, and life, it is that important.*

*Third, the respect for FAO as a publisher. They share so much in their books. Their books in print or digital need to be transmitted in space around the world, and in time across*

generations. Moreover, the digital books can usually be downloaded free, which is so generous, such a gift.

*This is the first time we entered a FREE book in the Hall of Fame. Please do get your gift !*

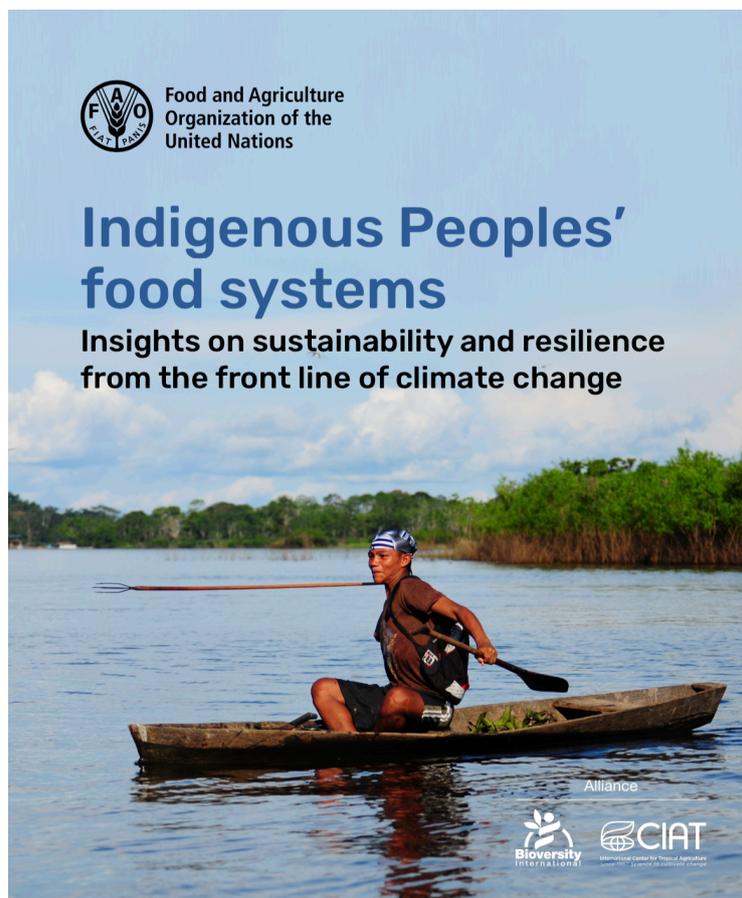
Thanks to FAO, to the United Nations, and the authors of this book. You are all invited to visit us at Alfred Nobel House Museum, Karlskoga, Sweden,

Thank you

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The Pre-Summit of the UN Food Systems Summit in Rome serves as the preparation meeting for the culminating global event in New York in September. It brings together diverse actors from around the world to leverage the power of food systems to deliver progress on the all 17 SDG and our shared vision for people planet and prosperity.