

The American Indian Law Alliance (AILA), founded in 1989, is an Indigenous, non-governmental organization working with Indigenous Nations and Peoples for their right to self-determination, sovereignty, collective and individual human rights and the principle of free, prior and informed consent over our lands, territories and resources.

Our vision is to empower Indigenous communities by being the catalyst for the advancement of self-determination, in order to promote our social, economic and cultural development. We do this through education, capacity building and legal advocacy. On a national and international level, the American Indian Law Alliance (AILA) organizes and advocates on behalf of and with Indigenous Peoples from around the world. We are one of less than 20 Indigenous NGOs with special consultative status with the economic and social council of the United Nations.

"Our right to self-determination is non negotiable."

- AILA President Betty Lyons speaking at the 2015 Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues



COMMUNICATING INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS

AILA collaborates with Indigenous Nations and Peoples in communicating their perspectives and issues in international forums with a special emphasis on:

- Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Environment and Health
- Access to water as a human right
- Human Rights
- Treaties, agreements, and other constructive arrangements
- The Right to Self-Determination
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent over our lands and resources
- Sports as a human right
- Indigenous youth and women
- Culture and Traditions
- Indigenous Peoples in urban areas

AILA has served as a delegate for and legal counsel to the Haudenosaunee at:

- UN Sub-Commission on Human Rights / Working Group on Indigenous Populations in Geneva, Switzerland
- UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- UN Headquarters in New York City
- Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva, Switzerland
- UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland
- Organization of American States in Washington, DC

AILA was central to the nearly twenty year drafting and negotiation process leading to the adoption of the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)**, which sets the minimum standard for the implementation of the rights of indigenous peoples. AILA remains committed to its adherence and implementation.



AILA President Betty Lyons with United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

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VISION

The American Indian Law Alliance works with Indigenous Nations, communities and organizations globally, in our struggle for sovereignty, human rights and social justice for our peoples, while remaining committed to our original instructions handed down through generations of ancestors in order to preserve Indigenous traditions for the seventh generation yet to come.

**"Mother Earth is a relative,
not a resource."**

-AILA Founder Tonya Gonnella Frichner
(Onondaga Nation) 1947-2015

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