

“Diabetes among Indigenous Peoples”

An online event by the International Diabetes Federation

24 August - 16:30-18:00 CEST

Rationale/Background

Indigenous Peoples account for 6.2% of the global population, with over 476 million Indigenous Peoples in 90 countries and more than 5,000 distinct groups across the globe. Colonisation has disrupted the traditional life practices of Indigenous Peoples through forced assimilation, land and resource displacement, loss of language, restricted cultural practices, and historical and intergenerational trauma. This has contributed to disparate health outcomes that continue to impact Indigenous populations across the globe.

Diabetes is now one of the most common health disparities that disproportionately impacts Indigenous populations worldwide. The IDF Diabetes Atlas 2022 report on this topic found a consistent rise of diabetes in Indigenous Populations across the globe and estimates the global prevalence to be more than 10%. Many Indigenous populations are living across multiple geographic locations and jurisdictions, making it challenging to accurately capture the diabetes impact.

Target audience

- People living with diabetes, including Indigenous people
- Diabetes advocates
- Healthcare professionals working with people with diabetes, including Indigenous Populations
- Policymakers

Objectives

- Promote the IDF Diabetes Atlas 2022 report on Diabetes and Indigenous Populations.
- Raise awareness about the challenges that Indigenous Peoples living with diabetes face among the IDF network.
- Provide recommendations to address the rising prevalence of diabetes among Indigenous Peoples.

Welcome	
3'	Moderator: Courtney Fischer-Claussen, MPH and Indigenous Health PhD Candidate, North Dakota State University Welcome to the audience and housekeeping rules
3'	Prof Akhtar Hussain, IDF President Welcome statement (video intervention)
Setting the scene	
5'	Courtney Fischer-Claussen, Indigenous Health PhD Candidate, North Dakota State University IDF Diabetes Atlas 2022 report: Diabetes among Indigenous Peoples
5'	Mr Geoffrey Roth, Vice chair of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (USA) UN's efforts to improve the health of Indigenous Populations

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Improving the lives of people with diabetes and preventing diabetes in those at risk

5'	MP Sonia Sidhu, Member of Parliament for Brampton South, House of Commons (Canada) The case of Canada, a Member State working with indigenous populations
5'	Dr Fernando Korn Malerbi, Ophthalmologist, Vitreoretinal specialist and professor, head of Ophthalmology Department, Brazilian Diabetes Society (Brazil) The challenges of providing diabetes care to Indigenous Populations
5'	Mr Bhakta Bahadur (Nepal) Lived experience
3'	Project on diabetes and indigenous populations in Guatemala – Gladys Guoz, Lyn Dickey, WDF from Guatemala, Asociación Pro Salud Educación y Desarrollo K'aslimaal / Hospitalito Atitlán (Asociación 'K'aslimaal'). Video about their project
Discussion panel and Q&A	
40'	Moderated by Courtney Fischer-Claussen, MPH and Indigenous Health PhD Candidate, North Dakota State University
Closing remarks	
3'	Courtney Fischer-Claussen, MPH and Indigenous Health PhD Candidate, North Dakota State University Closing remarks and thank-you to the speakers