



THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Asia Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 6

Tuesday, 24 April 2018, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will meet with representatives of indigenous peoples and Member States from the different regions during the second of the 17th session of the Permanent Forum. UN agencies, regional and National Human Rights Institutions and academics are also welcome to attend.

The aim of the regional dialogues is to discuss issues of relevance in the countries of the region and identify how to sharpen the focus and impact of the Permanent Forum's analysis and recommendations. The objectives of these dialogues include the following:

- To follow up on issues raised during the first week of the Permanent Forum session;
- To seek inputs of indigenous peoples, Member States and others on the draft report of the Permanent Forum session, particularly the context and recommendations;
- To identify specific strategic measures that can be taken to:
 - promote the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the national level;
 - advance the rights of indigenous peoples at the regional and international levels;
- To provide a space for indigenous peoples, Member States and UN system to exchange information and perspectives in an informal and constructive setting to facilitate consensus building; and
- To identify specific thematic areas and/or emerging issues that the Permanent Forum may wish to focus on at future sessions.

In above context, the Permanent Forum will hold Asia Regional Dialogue on the theme of indigenous peoples' collective rights to lands, territories and resources in line with the special theme of the 17th session. The dialogue will begin with opening remarks from the Permanent Forum members, who will also moderate the following informal and interactive dialogue. After the opening remarks, there will be introductory remarks to set the scene and open discussions among the participants.

In their introductory remarks, speakers will, in 5-7 minutes, reflect on the issues discussed in the first week of the Permanent Forum within the regional and national contexts of Asia. In relation to earlier recommendations of the Permanent Forum, specifically related to Asia region, they will then suggest particular strategic measures that can be taken to achieve the ends of the UN Declaration in the region. The Permanent Forum members will then invite interventions and comments from the participants along the lines of the objectives.

The dialogue will be conducted in an interactive manner. This requires that interventions are brief and address a specific issue in order to allow time and opportunity for indigenous peoples, Member States, Forum members and other stakeholders to engage in a dialogue. Speakers are requested to limit their interventions to 3 minutes each.

See Recommendations database of the Permanent Forum at the link <https://goo.gl/K5U4fg>

