

# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## The Arctic Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 6

Wednesday, 1 May

3pm – 6pm

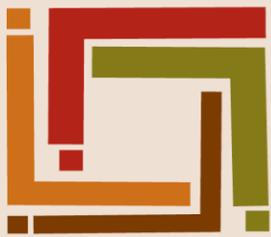
The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for the Arctic between indigenous peoples and Member States. UN agencies, funds and programmes and regional and national Human Rights Institutions and academia are also welcome to attend.

The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks from the Permanent Forum Members, who will also moderate the session. Interventions from States and indigenous peoples should be brief and address a specific issue so that the discussions can be conducted in an interactive manner. Speakers are requested to limit their interventions to 3 minutes each.

Discussion topics:

1. Article 4 of the Declaration states that “indigenous peoples have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs”, the Expert Group Meeting in 2018 on Sustainable Development underlined the relationships between types of autonomy and the opportunity for indigenous peoples in a sustainable way to develop health, housing, and other economic and social programmes, and discussed regional cases of autonomy.
  - What insights can we share into forms, experiences and challenges to indigenous autonomies in the Arctic?
2. Securing indigenous peoples territorial rights in conflict with increased pressure from large development projects is a key challenge.
  - Is there any progress of securing territorial rights of indigenous peoples?
  - What are the barriers of securing territorial rights of indigenous peoples?
3. Climate change and resource management are key challenges for indigenous peoples in the region.





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- Are there barriers to indigenous peoples' consultation and participation in formulating environmental and land management practices and how is FPIC secured in the process?
  - How can indigenous peoples and their knowledge systems be better integrated in the co-management of natural resources in their regions?
  - How can indigenous peoples access, and exercise self-determination in clean energy developments on their territories?
4. In view of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages, the forum has previously recommended that measures taken in the region to introduce endangered languages into educational practices and include the learning of those languages in curricula at all levels of educational system, when requested by indigenous people.
- What progress has been made?
  - What barriers remain for the promotion and protection of indigenous languages in the region?

*Overall objectives of the regional dialogues:* <https://bit.ly/2V2B6Rp>

*Recommendations database of the Permanent Forum:* <https://goo.gl/K5U4fg>

