

# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 6

Thursday, 2 May

3pm – 6pm

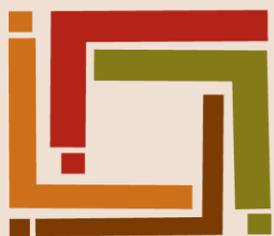
The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for the Russian Federation, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia between indigenous peoples and Member States. UN agencies, funds and programmes and regional and national Human Rights Institutions and academia are also welcome 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. What are some of the challenges facing the socio-economic development of indigenous communities in remote areas?
  - How might a lack of data on indigenous peoples in the region form an obstacle to their inclusion in development policy, and how might this be overcome?
2. During the 17<sup>th</sup> session the Permanent Forum urged Governments in the Arctic, Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia to fully implement the relevant international obligations related to environmental and social safeguards to assure the conservation of nature and access to natural resources for indigenous peoples within their territories in accordance with SDGs 12, 14 and 15.
  - Has there been progress in the implementation of these international obligations and how are states planning to further implement their obligations?





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- In view of the theme of traditional knowledge, how are indigenous peoples' rights and traditional knowledges being integrated in the co-management of natural resources in their regions?
  - How could consultation and participation of indigenous peoples in formulating environmental and land management practices be improved?
3. 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>

