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North America Regional Dialogue

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Thursday, 2 May

10am – 1pm

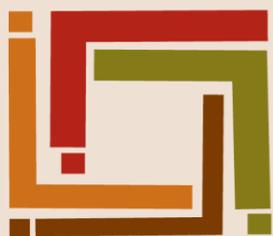
The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for North America between indigenous peoples and Member States. UN agencies, funds and programmes and regional and national Human Rights Institutions and academia are also welcome to attend.

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 points:

1. Due to land dispossession and resource extraction, Indigenous peoples of North America often face challenges in preserving and protecting sacred lands and waters, sacred cultural practices and subsistence economies.
 - What are the tensions between customary rights and cultural land use by indigenous peoples with commercial interests in the region?
2. Are there barriers to indigenous peoples' consultation and participation in formulating environmental and land management practices?
 - How can indigenous peoples be better consulted and involved in such projects and the co-management of natural resources to ensure their right to free, prior and informed consent?
 - How is traditional knowledge integrated and how could this be enhanced?
3. What are possible acts of reconciliation to address intergenerational traumas affecting indigenous communities?
 - How can indigenous peoples, organizations and local governance in the United States and Canada increase communication and partnership in efforts to remediate historical alliances and historical and ongoing intergenerational





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4. As 2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages, what plans and actions are being undertaken to promote and protect indigenous languages in the region, including the organizing of a regional gathering of indigenous peoples, States, academics, and other stakeholders?
5. Whose voices are not in the room and why?
 - What barriers exist for indigenous women and other minorities across this region in decision-making processes, and how might they best be addressed?

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

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

