

THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Dialogue with Member States

Conference Room 4

Thursday, 5 May 2022

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The Dialogue with Member States provides an opportunity for the Permanent Forum and States to discuss priority and key issues and how the Forum members can advise and assist in addressing such matters.

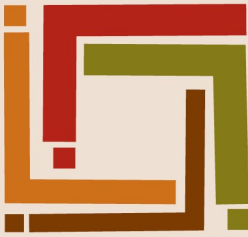
For 2022, the special focus of the UNPFII Session is “*Indigenous peoples, business, autonomy and the human rights principles of due diligence including free, prior and informed consent*”. There will be also discussions on indigenous languages, on the implementation of the six mandated areas of the Forum, as well as the 2030 Agenda.

In past sessions, the Dialogue has focused upon the [Outcome Document of the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples](#) (WCIP). The Outcome Document contains commitment from States to take, in consultation and cooperation with indigenous peoples, appropriate measures at the national level, including legislative, policy and administrative measures, to achieve the ends of the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) and to promote awareness of it among all sectors of society, including members of legislatures, the judiciary and the civil service.

With the pandemic, pre-existing challenges have negatively impacted the lives of indigenous peoples. In this regard, States in their post-COVID recovery, could identify opportunities and ways to cooperate with indigenous peoples. They can also exchange information regarding good practices, in particular on their engagement with indigenous peoples and the private sector to overcome the negative impacts of the pandemic.

In the Dialogue, the Permanent Forum encourages States to present statements on actions taken or challenges faced to implement the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Issues to achieve the goals set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, their responses to the pandemic or other specific issues. At the same time, States could share examples of good practices that can assist other States to take action to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples. For example:





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- *What are the three current critical issues for Member States concerning indigenous peoples?*
- *Are there any good practices / strategies to share on how these challenges were overcome?*
- *What are post-COVID-19 responses/recovery support that have contributed to improving indigenous peoples' existing and new challenges? (e.g. improved health, education, food access)*
- *Are there any initiatives / mechanisms to preserve, revitalize and promote indigenous languages within the context of the [International Decade on Indigenous Languages](#)?*
- *Are there any initiatives / mechanisms by Governments to promote relationships based on due diligence principles, including free, prior and informed consent with indigenous peoples?*
- *Are there any initiatives / measures taken by Governments to overcome inequalities, discrimination and violence against indigenous women?*
- *How has the participation of indigenous peoples been guaranteed in national energy transition programmes?*

Additionally, the Permanent Forum in its efforts to continue the dialogue on autonomy and self-governance to support the development of guiding principles for the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples to autonomy and self-government, invites Member States to provide views on which United Nations body (General Assembly or the Economic and Social Council) would be more appropriate to initiate the discussions to develop the guiding principles for the realization of the rights of Indigenous Peoples to autonomy and self-government, with full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples.

During the closed meeting, the discussion is intended to be interactive in nature and there will be no pre-established list of speakers.

Given the limited time available and to allow the maximum number of delegations to address the closed meeting, interventions should be limited to no more than three minutes each.

Please note that hybrid participation means in-person and virtually live, with no pre-recorded messages.

