



# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## Asia Regional Dialogue

Virtual

Thursday, 5 May

9-11am (New York time)

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a virtual Regional Dialogue for Asia to meet with representatives of indigenous peoples and Member States during the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Permanent Forum. UN agencies, funds and programmes and regional and national Human Rights Institutions and academia 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:

- Identify and highlight specific issues or challenges that indigenous peoples face in the region
- Share lessons learned from the relationships established by indigenous peoples, Member States, UN agencies and other stakeholders
- Identify strategic measures that can be taken to advance the rights of indigenous peoples at all levels
- Provide a space for indigenous peoples, Member States and UN systems to exchange information and perspectives in an informal and constructive setting to facilitate consensus building
- Highlight specific thematic areas and/or emerging issues that the Permanent Forum may wish to focus on at future sessions

### Guiding Questions

In preparation for the Dialogue, participants are invited to consider the following guiding questions:

#### *Indigenous Peoples and Pandemic Recovery*

- What has been the impact of extractive projects on indigenous lands and territories during the Covid-19 recovery phase?
- What challenges do indigenous human rights defenders face from the Covid-19 recovery?





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- How can Covid-19 recovery efforts ensure that indigenous peoples' specific needs are addressed, in line with the SDGs' call to leave no-one behind?

## *Conservation and Land Tenure Security*

- What are the links between land tenure security and biodiversity conservation initiatives?
- What are some examples of good practices on land tenure security and indigenous peoples' participation?
- How can governments and UN agencies play a collaborative role in facilitating dialogue with indigenous peoples to create a participatory model of conservation?

## **Tentative Agenda**

- Introductory remarks from Permanent Forum Members, Xiaoan Zhang and Phoolman Chaudhary, who will co-moderate the session
- Remarks by invited speaker Shankar Limbu, Lawyers' Association for Human Rights of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples (LAHURNIP)
- Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN Agencies, and academia representatives.
- Concluding remarks by Co-moderators

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. No interpretation will be available for this regional dialogue.

The session will take place on the Zoom platform, available here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86985975548>

UNPFII Recommendations Database: <https://goo.gl/K5U4fq>

