



THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Pacific Regional Dialogue

Virtual

Wednesday 4 May: 8 PM – 10 PM (NYC)

Times in the Pacific region:

Weds 4 May: 2 – 4 PM (Hawai'i)
Thurs 5 May: 10 -12 PM (Sydney)
8 – 10AM (Perth)
12 – 2 PM (Auckland)

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a virtual Regional Dialogue for the Pacific to meet with representatives of indigenous peoples and Member States during the 21st session of the Permanent Forum. UN agencies, funds and programmes and regional and national Human Rights Institutions and academia are also invited 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 incarceration and state violence

- What is the current situation in your region with respect to the incarceration of indigenous peoples?





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- In what ways are indigenous peoples experiencing violence from the state, and what is being done in response?
- Indigenous children can be especially vulnerable to human rights abuses - what are the concerns in your region?

Land and heritage

- Are Indigenous lands and heritage being protected in your region? What protections exist and what are the current challenges?
- What impact does climate change have on indigenous lands and heritage in your region? What improvements are needed to address the impacts of climate change?
- How can the UNDRIP be used in your region to improve the protection of Indigenous lands and heritage

Indigenous constitutional arrangements and self determination

- How are Indigenous people recognised in regional constitutional arrangements?
- What impact, if any, does lack of constitutional recognition have on implementation of the UNDRIP?

The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks from the Permanent Forum Members, who will also moderate the session.

Opening speakers (5 minutes each)

- Juan Tauri (New Zealand): Incarceration of indigenous peoples
- Anthony Watson, Kimberley Land Council (Australia): Land and heritage
- Uahikea Maile (Hawaii): Sovereignty and self-governance

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.

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

The session will take place via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81456331760>

