



THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Africa Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 4

Wednesday, 4 May

9am – 11am

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a virtual Regional Dialogue for Africa 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 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 Themes

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

- Indigenous Peoples and the Pandemic Recovery
- Equal Access to Funding for effective participation in decision-making
- Land Tenure Rights
- Indigenous Peoples and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights





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The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks from Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Member of the Permanent Forum, who will co-moderate the session with Vital Bambanze. After the opening remarks invited experts will deliver introductory remarks, reflecting on the major issues encountered by indigenous peoples within the regional and national contexts of Africa, including, but not limited to the main themes of the dialogue.

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. Participants are requested to register for the session and limit their interventions to 3 minutes each.

Tentative program:

1. Welcome remarks by Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2. Remarks by speakers:
 - a. Hon. Dr. Solomon Ayele Derso, Commission, Africa Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)
3. Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN Agencies, and representatives of academia
4. Concluding remarks by Vital Bambanze, Member of the Permanent Forum

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