

THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia

Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 4

Thursday, 5 May

9am – 11am

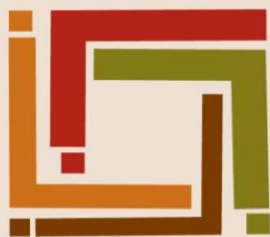
The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue on *Indigenous Peoples and Pandemic recovery* for the Russian Federation, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia between indigenous peoples and Member States. UN agencies, funds and programmes and regional and national Human Rights Institutions and academia are also welcome to attend.

The 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:

- To follow up on issues raised during the first week of the Permanent Forum session;
- To seek inputs of indigenous peoples, Member States and others on the draft report of the Permanent Forum session, particularly the context and recommendations;
- To identify specific strategic measures that can be taken to:
 - promote the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the national level;
 - advance the rights of indigenous peoples at the regional and international levels;
- To provide a space for indigenous peoples, Member States and UN system to exchange information and perspectives in an informal and constructive setting to facilitate consensus building; and
- To identify specific thematic areas and/or emerging issues that the Permanent Forum may wish to focus on at future sessions.
- To consider any other issues that indigenous peoples from the region may wish to raise.

The dialogue will begin with welcome remarks from the Permanent Forum Members, who will also moderate the session. After the opening remarks invited experts will deliver introductory remarks (5 mins each), reflecting on the major issues encountered by indigenous peoples within the regional and national contexts of the Russian Federation, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia, including, but not limited to main theme of the dialogue.





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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.

Tentative program:

1. Welcome remarks by Alexey Tsykarev, Members of the PFII (moderator of the session).
2. Introductory remarks by Antonina Gorbunova, member of EMRIP and Konstantin Zamyatin, Senior researcher, Institute of Linguistics of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
3. Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN Agencies, and representatives of Academia.
4. Concluding remarks by Grigory Evguenievich Lukiyantsev and Sven-Erik Soosaar, Members of the PFII.

Recommendations database of the Permanent Forum: <https://goo.gl/K5U4fq>

