

Questionnaire to the UN system and other intergovernmental organizations

Please submit your completed questionnaire at your earliest convenience but no later than **31 January 2014** to:

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Introduction

This questionnaire is divided into two sections and is designed to obtain information for the United Nations Permanent Forum's thirteenth session 12 - 23 May 2014 as well as information on the achievements of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (2005 – 2014) in accordance with General Assembly A/RES/67/153, para 13, adopted on 20 December 2012.

This resolution requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with Member States, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and other relevant funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to prepare a comprehensive last report on the achievement of the goal and objectives of the Second Decade, and its impact on the Millennium Development Goals, which shall serve as an input to the preparatory process for the World Conference and to the discussion on the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015

SECTION 1 - Evaluation of the achievement of the goal and objectives of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Q1. In accordance with the objectives of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, please provide information on:

- Challenges and institutional limitations in the agency's / organizations' capacity to approach indigenous issues;
- Inclusion of indigenous peoples' issues in the agenda, strategic or policy framework of your organization, and in the work of the agency/organization, including at country level;
- Existence of guidelines or policies on engagement with indigenous peoples in the work of your organization;
- Strategies, policies and activities to support the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at international and country level;
- Budgetary allocations for projects/activities on indigenous peoples' issues;
- Identify good practices.

Q2. In accordance with the objectives of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, please provide information on:

- Existence of participatory mechanisms for indigenous peoples in your organization, and/or other ways for the participation by indigenous peoples' representatives in the work and decision-making processes within your organization (in the boards and/or consultative bodies, etc...)
- Development of guidelines on how to apply the principle of free, prior and informed consent in the work of the agency / organization;
- Experiences of dialogue and cooperation with indigenous peoples' organizations at international and local level;
- Experiences of facilitation of dialogue between indigenous peoples and governments at national level.

Q3. In accordance with the objectives of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, please provide information on:

- Adoption of a holistic approach to development "with culture and identity", which takes into account the specific views and needs of indigenous peoples;
- Initiatives developed and/or implemented on protecting and promoting cultural diversity and inter-culturality;
- Initiatives to recover or preserve and protect indigenous peoples' heritage sites and other parts of their tangible and intangible heritage;
- Initiatives to protect indigenous traditional knowledge and genetic resources;
- Has your agency/organization employed indigenous staff?

- Establishment of targeted policies, programmes, projects, benchmarks and budgets for indigenous peoples in the areas of education, health, environment, and social and economic development;
- Has your agency / organization provided priority attention to indigenous women, children and youth?

Q4. In accordance with the objectives of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, please provide information on:

- Existence of disaggregated data and statistics on indigenous peoples;
- Existence of specific monitoring mechanism, official reports or research on the situation of indigenous peoples;
- How does your agency / organization address the issue of indigenous peoples in its targeting of the MDGs?

Q5. Please provide information on how activities aimed at implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the objectives of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples impact on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Q6. Please provide information on how your agency envisages activities including indigenous peoples' rights into the proposed Sustainable Development Goals, in the framework of the new post-2015 development agenda.

Q7. Does your agency have regular or ad hoc capacity-building programmes on indigenous peoples' issues for staff, or a plan for capacity-building activities in this area, at headquarters or in the field?

Q8. Does your agency have a focal point on indigenous issues? If so, please provide the name and contact information of this person.

Q9. Please provide a list of conferences and other meetings organized or supported by your agency on indigenous issues for the current year as well as next year (2014).

SECTION 2 - Questionnaire to the UN System and Other Intergovernmental Organizations in preparation of the Thirteenth Session of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The provisional agenda for the Permanent Forum's thirteenth session in 2014 includes:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Special theme: "Principles of good governance consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: articles 3 to 6 and 46 (3)".
4. Human rights:
 - (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
 - (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples.
5. Half-day discussion on the Asian region.
6. Half-day discussion on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.
7. Ongoing priorities and themes and follow-up:
 - (a) Indigenous children;
 - (b) Indigenous youth;
 - (c) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;
 - (d) Post-2015 development agenda.
8. Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds.
9. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including emerging issues.
10. Draft agenda for the fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum.
11. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its thirteenth session.

(i). Please provide information on how your agency is dealing with any of the important issues listed above in the seven regional areas of the Permanent Forum¹.

(ii) Please provide information on the progress in implementing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum addressed specifically to your agency

¹ UNPFII's seven socio-cultural regions are Africa; Asia; Central and South America and the Caribbean; the Arctic; Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia; North America; and the Pacific.

(iii). Name some of the obstacles your agency has encountered in implementing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum, including those addressed specifically to your agency.

(iv). What are the factors that facilitate your agency's implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum, including those addressed specifically to your agency?

(v). Please provide information on joint initiatives, programmes or projects undertaken in cooperation with other UN agencies.

(vi). Please provide information on activities undertaken collectively by the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues in view of implementing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum.