



# United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

# Report on the fourteenth session

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Recommendations Specifically Pertaining to the 2030 Agenda/post-2015 Agenda, adopted by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

# **Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

#### Post-2015 development agenda

- **9.** The Permanent Forum acknowledges the rich presentation of speakers and active participation of States, United Nations agencies, indigenous peoples and others in the high-level stocktaking event convened by the President of the sixtyninth session of the General Assembly on the post-2015 development agenda in September 2014. The Forum takes note of the serious concerns raised by indigenous peoples over the lack of explicit reference to and inclusion of indigenous peoples as distinct groups with collective rights in the development of the goals and targets of the development agenda. The Forum reaffirms the need to ensure that the development agenda will be fully aligned with the United Nations Declaration as well as international human rights obligations and commitments of States.
- **10.** The Permanent Forum requests that States incorporate commitments made in the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples into the development of the post-2015 development agenda, especially the action points on data disaggregation, land rights, traditional knowledge, the implementation of free, E/2015/43 E/C.19/2015/10 15-07815 7/17 prior and informed consent and access to justice presented by indigenous speakers in the thematic panels during the high-level stocktaking event, and reaffirm their commitments to indigenous peoples in the political declaration of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, with the following paragraph:

We affirm that indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for exercising their right to development, based on their security, of their lands, territories and resources. We commit ourselves to ensuring equal access to high-quality education that recognizes the diversity of the cultures of indigenous peoples, and to health, housing, water, sanitation and other economic and social programmes to improve their well-being, including through initiatives, policies and the provision of resources. We intend to empower indigenous peoples, including women, to deliver such programmes and commit ourselves to working with indigenous peoples to disaggregate data on indigenous peoples' development and well-being.

11. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators engage with indigenous peoples in developing key indicators relating to indigenous peoples' rights to their lands, territories and resources, traditional knowledge, free, prior and informed consent, empowerment of indigenous women, access to justice and special measures addressing the particular circumstances of indigenous peoples regarding relevant poverty, health, education and socioeconomic development targets of the 17 goals.

### **Human Rights**

- **31.** As a matter of indigenous human rights and consistent with article 18 of the United Nations Declaration, previous Permanent Forum recommendations and the outcome document of the World Conference, with particular consideration of paragraph 33, the right to participate in decision-making is highly relevant to fastapproaching and pivotal multilateral negotiations. In this regard, the Forum urgently requests all States, United Nations agencies and high-level representatives of the United Nations system to ensure the direct participation of indigenous peoples in the multilateral negotiations referred to below. The Forum also requests that all those actors advocate and ensure that there is explicit reference to indigenous peoples and their distinct human rights and status throughout the processes relating to:
  - (a) The United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, to be held from 25 to 27 September 2015;

## **Future work**

**40.** The Permanent Forum recommends that Member States actively engage with their indigenous peoples in both developed countries and developing countries, including indigenous women, indigenous youth and indigenous persons with disabilities, in developing key indicators on indigenous peoples, including for data disaggregation, to be included in the overall indicators for the post-2015 development agenda to be adopted in March 2016.