

Fifteenth Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Conference Room 4

Monday, 16 May 2016

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Background

In 2014, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues decided to initiate some changes to make it more responsive to its mandate. This includes some changes to how the sessions are conducted to make them more focused, and to allow for greater exchange of perspectives and experiences.

Programme of Work of the 15th session

Following on from this, the Programme of Work for the fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum will include the following elements:

1. There will be an oral report on the follow-up to the recommendations of the Permanent Forum's previous session (April 2015) on the first day of the session.
2. There will one agenda item: Item 4 (Implementation of the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum with reference to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples). This will provide the participants with an opportunity to share good practices and raise concerns under these specific thematic areas.
3. The major change is the introduction of closed meetings where the Permanent Forum will hold separate dialogues with:
 - Indigenous Peoples' Organizations
 - UN Agencies, programmes and funds, and
 - Members States

This is to allow for open discussion, with the specific partner, and to see how the Permanent Forum can better advise and assist in the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Half-day closed meeting with Member States (16 May 2016 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm)

The dialogue with Member States will provide the opportunity to focus on specific issues and how Permanent Forum members can advise and assist in addressing such matters. It is expected that the discussions and exchange of ideas and experiences will help identify ways forward in a spirit of cooperation and dialogue.

The dialogues will be conducted in an interactive manner. This requires that interventions are brief and address a specific issue, to allow time and opportunity for both Member States and Forum members to discuss and dialogue.

Member States for such session simply will ask for the floor by pressing the microphone button on their desk. The Chairperson will then call on the Member State to take the floor and ask questions or comment. The request is for Member States to speak for from 5-10 minutes.

Some of the topics that will be discussed at the dialogue with Member States will be:

- Follow-up to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, particularly the implementation of national action plans;
- Ways to promote the participation of Member States in Permanent Forum sessions as well as to increase responses from Member States to questionnaires sent by the Forum regarding the implementation of the recommendations;
- Follow-up of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs; and
- The commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – A/RES/70/232

Documents:

- Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in 2014 - A/RES/69/2;
- The commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – A/RES/70/232
