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**Questionnaire to the UN system agencies, funds and programmes
and intergovernmental organizations**

The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was established by Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Resolution 2000/22. The Permanent Forum is mandated to provide expert advice and recommendations on indigenous issues to ECOSOC and through the Council to United Nations agencies, funds and programmes; to raise awareness and promote the integration and coordination of activities related to indigenous issues with the UN system; and prepare and disseminate information on indigenous issues.

The Permanent Forum's report of the fifteenth session of 2016 includes a number of recommendations within its mandated areas, some of which are addressed to UN system agencies, funds and programmes (attached).

The report can be found at: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/unpfii-sessions-2/unpfii-fifteenth-session.html>

The secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues invites UN system agencies, funds and programmes and other inter-governmental organizations to complete the attached questionnaire on any action taken or planned in response to the Permanent Forum's recommendations and other relevant issues.

The responses will be compiled into one report for the sixteenth session of the Permanent Forum which will take place from 24 April to 5 May 2017. All responses will be placed on the DESA/DSPD website on Indigenous at:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples>

If you have any objection for your response to be made available on our website, please inform our offices accordingly.

Please submit your completed questionnaire by **1 January 2017** to:

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The sixteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be held at United Nations Headquarters from **24 April to 5 May 2017**.

Draft Agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Follow-up to the recommendations of the Permanent Forum:
 - (a) Empowerment of indigenous women;
 - (b) Indigenous youth.
4. Implementation of the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
5. Dialogue with indigenous peoples.
6. Dialogue with Member States.
7. Dialogue with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system.
8. Discussion on the theme “Tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: measures taken to implement the Declaration”.
9. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
10. Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with regard to indigenous human rights defenders.
11. Follow-up to the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples:
 - (a) Implementation of national action plans, strategies or other measures;
 - (b) Ways to enhance the participation of indigenous peoples at the United Nations;
 - (c) Implementation of the United Nations system-wide action plan on indigenous peoples.
12. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council, and emerging issues.
13. Provisional agenda for the seventeenth session.
14. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its sixteenth session

Questionnaire

The theme of the Permanent Forum's session in 2017 will be:

Tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Measures taken to implement the Declaration

A. Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

With respect to the implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum addressed specifically to your agency, fund and/or programme:¹

- i.* Please provide information on measures taken or planned to implement the recommendations of the Permanent Forum addressed specifically to your organization.

There were no recommendations specifically addressed to DPI.

- ii.* What are the enabling factors that facilitate your agency's implementation of the Forum's recommendations?

DPI has a focal point on indigenous issues in its Strategic Communications Division, working closely with the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum.

- iii.* What are some of the obstacles your agency has encountered in implementing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum?

N/A.

B. System Wide Action Plan to achieve the ends of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

As requested in the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (2014), a system-wide action plan (SWAP) to ensure a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was launched by the Secretary General at the UN Permanent Forum in May 2016. The Permanent Forum will follow up on progress made in the implementation of the system-wide action plan during its 2017 session.² For ease of reference, the questions have been framed under the six key elements of the SWAP-Indigenous Peoples as follows:

1. Raising awareness of the UN Declaration

Please provide information on any activities that raise awareness of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including key messages, advocacy and other media and outreach initiatives. Please provide information on publications, films, audio material, maps, or other

¹ See attached document entitled 'Recommendations addressed to the UN Agencies' to facilitate your responses.

² See Report of the 15th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (E/2016/43) at para. 73.

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materials that feature or focus on the UN Declaration and on indigenous peoples. Please also provide links to the relevant websites and other sources.

DPI, as the lead entity for implementation of Element 1 of the SWAP, established in February 2016 a working group of communications professionals from interested UN system partners (including DESA, DPI, FAO, IFAD, OHCHR, PAHO/WHO, UNDP, UNESCO, UN Global Compact and UN Women) to develop and implement a communications and outreach strategy on the rights of indigenous peoples.

The inter-agency working group, chaired by DPI, has developed a communications strategy and a set of key messages, as well as an online platform to share materials (on Trello: <http://bit.ly/29Q97gH>).

DPI also produced an illustrated version of the SWAP, designed by the department's Graphic Design Unit, in English and Spanish, available here:

English: <http://bit.ly/1ruOgrs>

Spanish: <http://bit.ly/2gEQIQK>

DPI provided broad coverage of the 15th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in eight languages (English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Portuguese, Kiswahili), through the UN News Centre, UN Radio, UN Television, UN Webcast, UN Photo, UNifeed, UN Meetings Coverage, and social media. DPI also helped organize 45 interviews with indigenous participants and four press conferences.

During the reporting period, the Meetings Coverage Section issued a total of 36 press releases (15 in French and 21 in English), including summary coverage of all the meetings of 15th session of the Permanent Forum, as well as statements and remarks on the subject by the Secretary-General.

Also, in 2016, UN Webcast made a total of 281 webcast videos on indigenous issues available on the UN Web TV website (<http://webtv.un.org/search?term=Indigenous>). Some 160 video clips on events covered by UNTV were produced and catalogued for on-demand distribution to international media. Out of those, 32 clips were viewable on the Audio-Visual Library website.

Approximately 287 photos covering events related to indigenous peoples were produced, including a gallery with 47 photos (<http://bit.ly/2gEJ5UM>), which were published on the UN Photo's website and widely distributed on social media platforms. The remaining photos were made available through the Photo Library.

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For the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, on 9 August, DPI organized a press conference, issued a press release in English, French and Spanish, and produced a News Centre story in six languages and UN Radio stories in eight languages.

DPI's Web Services Section maintains the website for the International Day of the World's Indigenous People (<http://www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday>). The website is regularly updated in all six official UN languages, utilizing the new UN web design, and is fully accessible and mobile-compatible.

UNTV produced a *21st Century* feature-story on the preservation of indigenous languages, filmed with the Mapuche in Chile and aired across broadcast and web-based platforms in August 2016 (<http://bit.ly/2gX4swM>). The story was also screened at a special event on the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples at UN Headquarters. In addition, a UN feature on violence against indigenous women in Canada aired in December 2016, including excerpts from an interview with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, updated a research guide on indigenous peoples (<http://research.un.org/en/indigenous>) on the occasion of the International Day, and created a presentation and a physical display on indigenous issues, highlighting resources, UN documents and public information materials.

The next issue of *UN Chronicle*, to be published in early 2017, will focus on progress on human rights in the 50 years since the adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The magazine will include an article by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The UN intranet, iSeek, also published three stories related to indigenous issues.

Around the world, UN information centres (UNICs) organized events and activities to raise awareness for indigenous peoples.

On International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, UNIC Bogotá held activities on the right to education in nine locations, as well as an event bringing together indigenous peoples to discuss the Sustainable Development Goals, with a special focus on access to education. UNIC Lima invited a member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to a dialogue with 250 students from 10 schools, with a special focus on education. UNIC Accra arranged a visit by a youth group to a children's home in a rural community of indigenous peoples.

UNIC Colombo held a discussion with the indigenous Vedda people in a remote village to raise awareness of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. UNIC Jakarta organized events in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Indigenous Peoples Alliance of the Archipelago, including a parade showcasing

indigenous traditions, dress, music and arts; a one-day seminar on improving access to education for indigenous populations; and artistic performances by some of Indonesia's indigenous tribes.

2. Supporting the implementation of the UN Declaration, particularly at the country level

- i.* Please provide information on the measures that have been taken by your agency, fund or programme to support national partners in reform and implementation of legal frameworks, policies, strategies and plans to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples including through joint programming. Please also include information on indigenous women in your responses.

UNICs continue to reach out to the media and educational institutions; engage in partnerships with governments, local civil society organizations and the private sector; and maintain libraries and electronic information resources.

UNIC Asunción helped coordinate a dialogue between the Adviser to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Paraguay, the Vice-Minister for Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Ministry of Women and the President of the Paraguayan Indigenous Institute, together with indigenous women from various communities to hear their views on issues such as land and territory, consultation, participation, citizenship and discrimination..

UNIC Canberra interviewed the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders on his findings, particularly the situation of indigenous human rights defenders and the challenges that they face for a segment that aired on UN Radio.

UNRIC Brussels established contacts in Greenland on sustainable development, climate change and indigenous issues.

- ii.* Please provide information on any support provided to Member States to mainstream the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO Convention No. 169 in national development plans and in the Common Country Assessment (CCA/United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs).
- iii.* Please provide information on any measures taken or planned to promote the establishment or strengthening of consultative mechanisms and platforms of dialogue under the leadership of the Resident Coordinators.

3. Supporting indigenous peoples' rights in the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will continue to address indigenous issues in the follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- i.* Has your agency/organization taken any measures to incorporate indigenous issues into programming to implement the 2030 Agenda in line with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?

DPI promotes indigenous peoples' issues as well as the SDGs, and seeks to highlight cross-cutting issues and linkages between the two. The indigenous side event to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July 2016, for instance, allowed DPI to highlight the importance of including indigenous peoples in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, through audio-visual material (<http://bit.ly/2aeHaBt>), media outreach and social media. DPI also promoted indigenous peoples in the context of the SDGs during the 2016 high-level segment of the General Assembly (<http://bit.ly/2dpPUZb>). DPI will continue to focus on those issues in its future communications activities.

- ii.* Have indigenous peoples participated in programs, projects or any other activities related to the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? Please also include information on indigenous women, persons with disabilities, older persons and children and youth in your responses.
- iii.* Please include information on reports or other documents prepared by your agency on progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda for indigenous peoples. Also include information on any measures taken or planned to gather or assist with the collection of statistical data on indigenous peoples, in particular as related to the SDG indicators for target 1.4 (secure tenure rights to land), target 2.3 (income of small-scale food producers), target 4.5 (parity in access to education) and target 10.3/16.b (experience of discrimination).

4. Mapping of existing standards and guidelines, capacities, training materials and resources for the effective implementation of the UNDRIP

- i.* Please provide information on any specific standards and guidelines on indigenous peoples adopted or planned by your agency/organization.
- ii.* Please provide information on any training materials prepared or planned related to the implementation of the UN Declaration.
- iii.* Please provide information on current resources and funds allocated to effectively implementing the UN Declaration. Please also provide information on any joint initiatives with other UN agencies in the implementation of the UN Declaration.

5. Developing the capacities of States, indigenous peoples, civil society and UN personnel

Please provide information on any capacity development initiatives that your organization is conducting for indigenous peoples, government officials and UN staff. Also include information on the participation of indigenous women, children and youth as well as indigenous persons with disabilities in your response.

With regular stories on iSeek, in English and French, on indigenous issues, DPI raises awareness of indigenous issues among staff members, including those away from UN Headquarters.

A research guide by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library assists delegates, staff and academia in learning about indigenous peoples (<http://research.un.org/en/indigenous>).

UNICs regularly receive outreach materials and key messages to publicize relevant issues at the national and regional level.

6. Advancing the participation of indigenous peoples in UN processes

Please provide information on any support provided for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples at relevant UN bodies. Please also provide information on any consultative mechanisms, tools and other measures to obtain free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples in processes that affect them.

The UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth addressed the Youth Session of 15th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on the topic on self-harm and suicide. On the sidelines of the Forum the Envoy addressed members of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus. The Envoy also encouraged members of the Caucus to engage in other UN processes and fora and offered the support of his Office to facilitate this. Members of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus have been invited to participate, for instance, in the annual ECOSOC Youth Forum, scheduled to take place on 30-31 January 2017, to ensure that the discussions at the Forum benefit from the perspectives and contributions of young indigenous people.

Ms. Nikki Fraser, an indigenous woman from Canada, was selected in 2016 as one of the 17 Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals, a flagship initiative of the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth to recognize youth leadership in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, for her commitment to advocating for the rights of indigenous peoples. Coming from the Tk'emlups Te Secwepemc community, Ms. Fraser advocates on behalf of missing and murdered indigenous women.

The below weblink includes further information as well as links to related audio-visual materials: <http://www.un.org/youthenvoy/2016/05/envoy-youth-addresses-un-permanent-forum-indigenous-issues-youth-session/>

