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We are now in the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (2005-2015), proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2004.

The goal of the Second Decade, with the theme "Partnership for action and dignity", is the "further strengthening of international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous peoples in such areas as culture, education, health, human rights, the environment and social and economic development, by means of action-oriented programmes and specific projects, increased technical assistance and relevant standard-setting activities".

Mr. Sha Zukang, who is the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, serves as the Coordinator for the Second Decade.

The Programme of Action of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, launched at the fifth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2006, has five clear objectives.



OBJECTIVES of the **SECOND DECADE**

Promote non-discrimination and inclusion of indigenous peoples in international, regional and national processes.

Promote full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in decisions affecting them.

Redefine development from a vision of equity and in a culturally appropriate way—development with identity.

Adopt targeted policies, programmes, projects and budgets for indigenous peoples' development.

Develop strong monitoring mechanisms and accountability at the international, regional and national levels in relation to existing legal, policy and operational frameworks protecting indigenous peoples.

PROGRAMME of ACTION

The Programme of Action of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People invites States, the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples' organizations, other non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other parts of civil society to strive for its implementation. Each section of the Programme contains recommendations for action at the international, regional and national levels.

The UN system is also promoting indigenous issues through the framework of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (General Assembly resolution 61/295), through major conferences and summits, including on the implementation of Agenda 21, and within the framework of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life" (2005-2015), and the World Programme for Human Rights Education.

The implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) aims to reduce poverty and hunger, and to tackle ill-health, gender inequality, lack of education, lack of access to clean water, and environmental degradation, by 2015. The Programme of Action is an important vehicle for achieving the MDGs from an indigenous perspective.

The Programme of Action is a rich compilation of action-oriented activities addressing the areas of culture, education, health, human rights, the environment, and social and economic development. It also outlines how to promote and monitor its effectiveness.



“Governments; United Nations agencies, funds and programmes; other intergovernmental organizations; indigenous and other non-governmental organizations; and civil society actors are invited to adopt plans of concrete activities with specific benchmarks to implement the goal, objectives and programme of action of the Second Decade. Gender should be mainstreamed in such activities.”

The full text of the Programme of Action of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People is available online at <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/second.html>



THE TRUST FUND

for the SECOND DECADE

The Trust Fund for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People has been established to promote, support and implement the objectives of the Decade.

Indigenous organizations or organizations working for indigenous peoples may apply for small financial grants from the Trust Fund for projects in the areas of culture, education, health, human rights, the environment, and social and economic development.

The Trust Fund provides small grants projects with a budget of up to US\$ 10,000 covering a one-year period.

Advisory Group for the Trust Fund

The Advisory Group for the Trust Fund consists of the members of the Bureau of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. It meets annually, usually a week before the Permanent Forum session, to review and approve project applications received by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum. In the review process, the Advisory Group divides the grants among the seven sociocultural regions (Africa; the Arctic; Asia; Central and South America and the Caribbean; Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia; North America; and the Pacific) so that funded projects are equally distributed among the regions on a per capita basis.

The final decision concerning the selection of projects for funding are endorsed by the Coordinator for the Second International Decade, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

Who may apply for project grants?

- Indigenous peoples' organizations, and non-governmental organizations and academic institutions working for indigenous peoples
- National committees for the Second International Decade

Project funding areas

Activities covered include culture, education, health, human rights, the environment, and social and economic development as well as activities that promote the Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

Project proposal format

Project proposals must include the following components:

- Name and address of organization, including telephone/fax numbers, e-mail address, and name and title of contact person
- Project title and summary
- Organizational history, mission and vision (including bylaws)
- Background and analysis of the issues to be addressed
- Proposed project objectives, beneficiary population, and implementation plan
- Annual project budget (with a brief narrative explanation for each line item and an overall organizational budget)
- Other potential sources of support

Deadline and process for reviewing projects

Project proposals must be sent to the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues **prior to November of each year** (please visit our website for the exact date). No exceptions will be made for proposals submitted after the deadline.

Project proposals should be submitted by e-mail at indigenousfund@un.org or by mail to:

**Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum
on Indigenous Issues
Division for Social Policy and Development
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Room DC2-1770
2 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017
U.S.A.**

As previously stated, the proposals will be assessed in April or May of each year and applicants will receive notices thereafter. When submitting a project proposal, please be aware that it is important to include a contact address and a valid e-mail address in the event that the Secretariat of the Forum needs to verify information in accordance with the grant guidelines.

All applicants must submit an Information Sheet in addition to a project proposal. Before submitting your proposal, please be sure to read the Funding Guidelines available at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/trust_fund_guidelines07.doc

Completed applications may be submitted in English, French, Russian or Spanish, and should be dated and signed by the executive director of the organization, or a member of the executive body/board of the organization.

For more information, contact:

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"Let us recall the goal of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (2005-2015), set by the General Assembly: 'the further strengthening of international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous peoples . . .'. I would like us all to reflect on what an exciting, hopeful time this is in our work with and in the service of indigenous peoples. We have the opportunity now, after so many years of efforts, to promote and transform into reality the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, so that indigenous peoples participate fully and without discrimination in the broader societies in which they live—for the benefit not just of themselves but of humankind as a whole."

*Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for
Economic and Social Affairs, 22 October 2007*



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