

Questionnaire to Governments

The report of the 9th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues provides a number of recommendations within its mandated areas, some of which are addressed to Member States.

The Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues invites Governments to complete the attached short questionnaire on any action taken or planned in response to the Permanent Forum's recommendations. All the questionnaire responses from Governments will be compiled into one report for the tenth session of the Permanent Forum.

Please submit your completed questionnaire at your earliest convenience but no later than **31 January 2011** to:

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The full questionnaire can also be completed online or downloaded in word format from <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/questionnaire.html>

Country:

Contact person: (please include name and contact details)

Question 1

Briefly state what recommendations from the Ninth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)¹ or recommendations from previous sessions (not addressed in previous reports) were addressed by your Government.

Q1

The recommendation to review legislation, policies and programmes for indigenous people.

Government set up a Task Force to review the impact of the Remote Area Development Programme on the livelihoods of remote area communities. Recommendations of the Task Force were approved by Cabinet in September 2010. The recommendations were based on the expressed aspirations of remote area dwellers who are mostly of the San/Basarwa ethnic groups.

Question 2

Please provide a brief account of some of your Governments' efforts regarding indigenous peoples and the Millennium Development Goals?

Q2

In the area of Poverty Reduction, Government has made it possible for the San/Basarwa and other remote area dwellers to access Programmes such as LIMID, ISPAAD and a livestock Scheme where some communal cattle farms have proved viable.

The remote area communities also benefit from Ipelegeng (Drought Relief Programme). Remote area dwellers also benefit from the Self-Help Housing Scheme as well as the Destitute Shelter Programme.

¹ The following paragraphs of the Report on the Ninth Session of the Permanent Forum (E/2010/43) contain recommendations addressed to Member States: 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 26, 32, 33, 41, 44, 46, 47, 51, 52, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 92, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 106, 110, 112, 113, 118, 119, 121, 123, 147, 148, 149, 155, 158, 160, 161, 163, 164, 165, 166.

Question 3

At its tenth session in 2011, UNPFII will review its recommendations in relation to (a) Economic and Social Development; (b) Environment; (c) Free, Prior and Informed Consent. Briefly state how your Government deals with these issues in regards to indigenous peoples?

Q3(a) Economic and Social Development

- Twenty out of the sixty four settlements where the San live have electricity supply. The SHAA Housing Scheme has benefited 43 people in the settlements
- The San freely express their culture through drama, choirs and traditional dance during cultural fairs.

Q3(b) Environment

Q3(c) Free, Prior and Informed Consent

Question 4

What are some of the obstacles your government has encountered in implementing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum?

Q4

Lack of funding for economic empowerment activities in remote areas. Limited human resources with requisite skills to work with indigenous people. The remoteness of areas where some San/Basarwa people live.

Question 5

What are some of the factors that facilitate your government's implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum?

Q5

- A strong supportive policy environment
- Political will be to empower marginalized communities such as minority ethnic groups and the poor.

Question 6

Please list specific laws and/or policies that address indigenous peoples' issues in your country?

Q6

- The Revised National Policy on Rural Development (2002)
- Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) (2007)
- Revised Remote Area Development (2008)
- Community Based Strategy for Rural Development (1997)
- Revised National Policy on Destitute Persons. (2000)
- National Settlement Policy

Question 7

Does your Government have a national institution (ministry, department, ombudsman, etc.) on indigenous peoples' issues?

YES

NO

If "Yes", please provide the names and contact details of the focal point on indigenous peoples' issues?

Q7

The Remote Area Development Programme Division within the Department of Social Services under the Ministry of Local Government.

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Question 8

Does your Government have any formal or ad hoc capacity-building programmes on indigenous peoples' issues for civil servants?

YES

NO

If "Yes", please provide a brief description of these programmes.

Q8

Question 9

Please list information on how your Government currently promotes and/or implements the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Q9

The San are at liberty to choose their own traditional leaders (Dikgosi)