



# **United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

**Report on the sixteenth session**

**(24 April to 5 May 2017)**

**Recommendations Specifically Pertaining to the  
2030 Agenda, adopted by the Permanent Forum  
on Indigenous Issues**

## **Draft decisions recommended by the Permanent Forum for adoption by the Council**

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

### **Draft decision I**

#### **International expert group meeting on the theme “Sustainable development in territories of indigenous peoples”**

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize a three-day international expert group meeting on the theme “Sustainable development in territories of indigenous peoples”.

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

### **Economic and social development**

28. Recalling article 32 of the Declaration, which recognizes that indigenous peoples have the right to “determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources”, the Permanent Forum urges the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank and the Nordic Investment Bank to develop and adopt policies on indigenous peoples on the basis of the Declaration, to ensure that the programmes and projects for which they provide support respect, promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

29. The Permanent Forum welcomes the progress made in the development of community-based tools to monitor the implementation of the Declaration, the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and encourages collaboration and contributions from Governments, the agencies of the United Nations system, indigenous peoples and civil society organizations to the Indigenous Navigator framework and other tools in order to strengthen community-based monitoring of global commitments made under the Declaration, the World Conference and the Sustainable Development Goals.

### **Dialogue with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system**

71. The Permanent Forum requests the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues and, specifically, those agencies working on land tenure and changes in land use, to step up cooperation in order to operationalize indicators on land tenure and changes in land use pertaining to the traditional territories (lands and waters) of indigenous peoples,

as a global multipurpose indicator in order to report on status and trends, in line with the Convention on Biological Diversity, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. All relevant funds, programmes and specialized agencies should update the Forum every year on the results of this work.

## **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

88. The Permanent Forum, as an expert body of the Economic and Social Council, regards the 2030 Agenda as a priority area and is committed to providing advice and assistance to the Council and the United Nations system on the implementation of the Agenda, including through active contributions and participation at the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

89. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators provide support for the inclusion and methodological development of core indicators for indigenous peoples in the global indicator framework,<sup>1</sup> in particular the inclusion of the indicator on the legal recognition of the land rights of indigenous peoples for the targets under Goals 1 and 2.

90. The Permanent Forum recognizes the importance of data disaggregation, as noted in target 17.18 of the 2030 Agenda, and in this regard, it is aware of the good practices promoted by the Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). The Forum recommends that ECLAC, in cooperation with UNFPA and others, redouble efforts to ensure data disaggregation for indigenous peoples and promote the inclusion of complementary indicators on indigenous peoples' rights in Governments' national reports for the Sustainable Development Goals and the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, adopted at the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Forum further recommends that ECLAC provide a guidance note and organize a mutual learning event, jointly with other regional commissions, in order to share best practices of data disaggregation on the basis of indigenous identifiers and self-identification, as used in the 2010 round of census in several countries in Latin America.

91. The Permanent Forum emphasizes that the recognition, protection and promotion of indigenous peoples' rights to lands, territories and resources will make a significant contribution to achieving not only Goals 1 and 2, but also all the Sustainable Development Goals. In this regard, the Forum urges Governments to take all measures necessary to protect indigenous peoples' rights to their territories and resources in the framework of the 2030 Agenda.

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<sup>1</sup> See [E/CN.3/2017/2](#).

92. The Permanent Forum calls upon Governments to establish permanent, open and inclusive mechanisms for consultation, participation and representation of indigenous peoples in local, regional, national and international processes and bodies relating to the Sustainable Development Goals. It also calls upon Governments to allocate adequate resources towards implementation of plans that include indigenous peoples, as well as to ensure data disaggregation on the basis of indigenous identifiers.

93. The Permanent Forum recommends that relevant countries among the 44 countries undergoing voluntary national reviews at the high-level political forum in 2017<sup>2</sup> include indigenous peoples in their reviews, reports and delegations. The Forum invites those Member States to report on good practices of including indigenous peoples' indicators in the voluntary national reviews to the Forum at its seventeenth session.

## **Future Work**

### **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

102. The Permanent Forum is committed to continue its strong engagement in follow-up to the 2030 Agenda implementation. The Forum will participate in, and provide substantive input to, the thematic reviews of the high-level political forum and provide expert advice to Member States and the United Nations system in the implementation of the agenda at all levels (see paras. 89-94 above).

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<sup>2</sup> The 44 countries that are undertaking voluntary national review in 2017 are Afghanistan, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Monaco, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Slovenia, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Uruguay and Zimbabwe ([www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org](http://www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org)).