

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 Indigenous Peoples Development Branch/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, including the system-wide action plan on rights of indigenous peoples/SWAP and the 2030 Development Agenda.

The responses will be compiled into two separate reports for the 2021 session of the Permanent Forum: (a) System Wide Action Plan on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Implementation by the United Nations System; and (b) Update on the Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda.

All responses will be placed on the DESA/DISD website on Indigenous Peoples at: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/>

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

Please submit your completed questionnaire by **8 December 2020** to:

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The Twentieth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is scheduled to take place at United Nations Headquarters from **19 - 30 April 2021**.

Provisional Agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Discussion on the theme: “Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16”
4. Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights) with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.
5. Dialogues:
 - a. Dialogue with indigenous peoples;
 - b. Dialogue with Member States;
 - c. Dialogue with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes;
 - d. Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
 - e. Regional dialogues;
 - f. Thematic dialogues.
6. Follow-up to the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
7. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues.
8. Provisional agenda for the twentieth-first session of the Permanent Forum.
9. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its twentieth session.

Questionnaire

Please provide information on the following:

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:

- i. Please provide information on measures taken or planned to implement the recommendations of the Permanent Forum.

N/A

- ii. The theme of the 2021 PFII session is “Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16”. Please include information on any publications, projects, report or activities that are of relevance to this theme.

The wealth of UN-Habitat’s normative work on indigenous people aims, among others, at highlighting their role – including both challenges and opportunities - in the planning and implementation of national housing and urban policies. UN-Habitat’s work on indigenous people is particularly relevant for the realisation of **SDG Targets 16.7** (Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels) and **16.b** (Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development). Relevant efforts in this respect include:

[Urban Indigenous Peoples and Migration: A Review of Policies, Programmes and Practice](#) (UN-Habitat – OHCHR 2010). The report investigates and provides recommendations on, among others, the issue of meaningful participation of indigenous people in policy formulation at both the national and local governments levels, in the context of migration. Additionally, the report brings forward standards and recommendations on inclusive policy formulation for international organisations, indigenous peoples organisations and research institutes.

[Housing Indigenous Peoples in Cities: Urban Policy Guides for Indigenous Peoples](#) (UN-Habitat 2008). After a review of the status of the right to adequate housing for indigenous peoples, the report brings provides recommendations on how to implement effective urban housing policies for indigenous people, including recommended actions under the seven criteria of housing adequacy (legal security of tenure, affordability, habitability, availability of services, materials, facilities and infrastructure, accessibility, location, cultural adequacy).

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

Executive summary:

Please provide an overview of actions taken or planned to implement the System-Wide Action Plan on the Rights of Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This summary will form the basis of the

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compilation report of UN activities to implement the SWAP and the Declaration. [Word limit: 600]

With respect to SWAP element n. 1, UN Habitat:

- Organised a **Roundtable on Indigenous People at the 10th World Urban Forum in Abu Dhabi (February 2020)** to inform the 2020 Abu Dhabi Declared Actions “Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation”. The event raised awareness about challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the context of urban and housing policies. The Roundtable explored innovative solutions to transform the narrative around the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in cities. It incorporated innovative and dynamic voices in the areas of opportunities for inclusion and access to adequate standard of living for indigenous peoples, including Indigenous Peoples’ representatives, NGOs, national and local governments, start-ups and the private sector. The recording of the Roundtable is available [here](#).
- Issued the [UN-Habitat’s Key Messages in occasion of the 2018 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#) (2018).

With respect to SWAP element n. 3, UN Habitat integrated indigenous people issues in its Strategic Plan 2020-2023. Advancing indigenous land rights is a key component for the realisation of Outcome 2 (Increased and secure access to land, and adequate and affordable housing), Domain of Change 1 (Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban–rural continuum) of the Strategic Plan.¹

As requested in the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (A/RES/69/2), 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 adopted in November 2015 and launched by the Secretary-General at the UN Permanent Forum in May 2016.

In August 2020, the United Nations Executive Committee agreed on the need for accelerated and collective action to strengthen the implementation of UN System Wide Action Plan (SWAP) on indigenous peoples. In November 2020, the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination issued a Call to Action: Building an Inclusive, Sustainable and Resilient Future with Indigenous Peoples, to ensure collaborative and coherent UN system action to support the rights and well-being of indigenous peoples with focus on furthering the implementation of the SWAP.

¹ While produced prior to the adoption of the SWAP, UN Habitat has developed the following tools and guidelines that represent relevant tools for the implementation of SWAP element n. 4:

- [Securing Land Rights for Indigenous Peoples in Cities](#) (UN-Habitat 2011).
- [Urban Indigenous Peoples and Migration: A Review of Policies, Programmes and Practice](#) (UN-Habitat – OHCHR 2010).
- [Housing Indigenous Peoples in Cities: Urban Policy Guides for Indigenous Peoples](#) (UN-Habitat 2008).
- [Indigenous Peoples’ Right to Adequate Housing: A Global Overview - United Nations Housing Rights Programme, Report No. 7](#)

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The Permanent Forum will follow up on progress made in the implementation of the system-wide action plan during its 2021 session. 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 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 materials that feature or focus on the UN Declaration and on indigenous peoples. Please also provide links to relevant websites and other sources, including contact details of focal points.

- UN-Habitat organised a **Roundtable on Indigenous People at the 10th World Urban Forum in Abu Dhabi (February 2020)** to inform the 2020 Abu Dhabi Declared Actions “Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation”. The event raised awareness about challenges and opportunities in the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the context of urban and housing policies. The Roundtable explored innovative solutions to transform the narrative around the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in cities. It incorporated innovative and dynamic voices in the areas of opportunities for inclusion and access to adequate standard of living for indigenous peoples, including Indigenous Peoples’ representatives, NGOs, national and local governments, start-ups and the private sector. The recording of the Roundtable is available [here](#).
- See also [UN-Habitat’s Key Messages in occasion of the 2018 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#) (2018).

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

The role of the new Resident Coordinators and UN Country Team framework is an integral component of the UN’s commitment to support the rights of those at risk of being left behind, including indigenous peoples.

The Chief Executives Board committed to redouble efforts to help Resident Coordinators and UNCTs ensure more systematic participation of indigenous peoples in United Nations country processes.

Please provide information on actions taken or planned by your agency/ fund/ programme/ entity on the following:

- i. Any activities or support provided to indigenous peoples both during the COVID-19 pandemic and after, to ensure their inclusion in addressing the impacts of the pandemic, as well as in building back better.

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- ii. Measures taken or planned 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 any joint programming initiatives.

N/A

- iii. Support provided to Member States to mainstream the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO Convention No. 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, where ratified, in national development plans and in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and Common Country Analysis.

N/A

- iv. Support for consultative mechanisms and platforms of dialogue including under the leadership of the Resident Coordinators.

N/A

- v. Support provided to Resident Coordinators, UNCTs, SRSGs, UN field operations or Special Envoys in their engagement with indigenous peoples.

N/A

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

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

Indigenous people issues are integrated in [UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#). Advancing indigenous land rights is a key component for the realisation of Outcome 2 (Increased and secure access to land, and adequate and affordable housing), Domain of Change 1 (Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban–rural continuum) of the Strategic Plan.

- ii. Has your agency/organization/entity supported the participation of indigenous peoples in the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including at the national level? Please also include information on indigenous women, persons with disabilities, older persons and children and youth in your responses. Please describe how indigenous peoples have contributed to the preparation of the national plans/strategies for SDG implementation?

N/A

- iii. Please provide information on reports or other documents in implementing the 2030 Agenda for indigenous peoples. Also include information on any measures taken or planned for the collection of statistical data on indigenous peoples, in particular related to the SDG indicators for target 1.4 (secure tenure rights to land), target 2.3 (income of

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small-scale food producers), target 4.5 (parity in access to education) and target 10.3/16.b (experience of discrimination).

N/A

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

- i.* Please provide information on specific standards and guidelines on indigenous peoples adopted or planned by your agency/organization.

N/A

- ii.* Please provide information on any training materials prepared or planned related to the implementation of the UN Declaration.

N/A

- iii.* Please provide information on current resources and funds allocated to effectively implement the UN Declaration. Please also provide information on any joint initiatives with other UN agencies in the implementation of the UN Declaration.

N/A

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

Please provide information on:

- i.* Any capacity development initiatives that your organization is conducting for indigenous peoples, government officials and UN staff;

N/A

- ii.* Please include information on the participation of indigenous women, children and youth as well as indigenous persons with disabilities in your response.

N/A

6. Advancing the participation of indigenous peoples at the UN

Please provide information on:

- i.* Any support provided for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples at relevant UN processes, including at the country level;

N/A

- ii.* Any consultative mechanisms, tools and other measures to obtain free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples in processes that affect them;

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N/A

- iii. Any consultation mechanisms established by the UNCT or support to Member States in establishing institutions and mechanisms for consultation with indigenous peoples, as well as ensuring effective participation of indigenous youth and indigenous women, in the COVID-19 socio-economic response and recovery plans.

N/A

Thank you very much