

## Questionnaire

1. Please provide the name of your organization and the country where it is based.

Comitê Intertribal- memória e ciência indígena (ITC). It is an Indigenous association founded in 1991 and based in Brasilia, Brazil.

ITC founded in 1991 organized together with the UN the indigenous participation in the Rio 92 with the Declaration of Kari-Oca and in 2012 organized the Rio +20, a conference on information technology and indigenous rights; and the COP 8 on the protection of traditional knowledge and biodiversity. In 2015 it held, with the participation of 24 countries, the I World Indigenous Peoples Games supported by United Nations.

2. What are the main objectives and goals of your organization?

The ITC's mission is to defend the rights of indigenous peoples, such as the demarcation of lands and territories, the cultural dignity, the environmental and the interculturalism. In all activities the ITC seeks to encourage indigenous participation as the great chiefs, spiritual leaders, youth, men and women.

3. Which indigenous groups does your organization represent and what is the total number of indigenous peoples within these groups?

Traditionally no indigenous people represent another. It is the respect for ethnic identity and sovereignty that ITC values. In this way the ITC works together with about 40 Brazilian ethnic groups.

4. Has your Organization participated in any sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues? If yes, please indicate the year(s).

Yes, ITC is one of the indigenous organizations that participated in many forums and meetings on the Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the creation of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Several ITC members participated in numerous sessions of the UNPFII, and in 2014 and 2015, the ITC promoted the launch the I World Indigenous Peoples Games during the sessions.

5. In what ways does the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues support indigenous peoples in your organization?

The ITC, as a Brazilian indigenous organization, has not received any institutional or financial support in its activities.

6. At its fifteenth session in 2016, the Permanent Forum's theme will be **Indigenous Peoples: conflict, peace and resolution**. Please provide information as to whether your organization is working on issues related to conflict, peace and resolution for indigenous peoples. Where possible, please include information on the situation of indigenous women in your responses.

Nowadays in Brazil the indigenous people are suffering a crisis period in many areas as social, health, land demarcation, racial prejudice and education. So, our organization works

with the goal of disseminate, inform and conscious the non-indigenous peoples about the indigenous cultures, traditions and costumes. This way we organize indigenous events like national and international indigenous games, side events in international environmental events and indigenous culture festivals.

Brazil is an ultra-diverse country with over than 300 peoples and ethnic societies. Nowadays 14% of the Brazilian territory is recognized as a indigenous land/territory, however the official recognition only comes through the federal government, generating major conflicts of interest involving the Brazilian parliament, the judiciary and the opposed to the land demarcation and to indigenous interest.

7. In the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (A/RES/69/2), member States committed themselves to “taking, in consultation and cooperation with indigenous peoples, appropriate measures at the national level, including legislative, policy and administrative measures, to achieve the ends of the Declaration...” (paragraph 7) on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and that the action plan be developed in consultation with Member States, Indigenous Peoples and the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues.

In relation to the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, please outline the following:

(i) Has your organization been involved in any state-led measures to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples? Please provide details on the level of your participation.

It is important that indigenous peoples and their organizations, along with their governments seek to join the international commitments are full field.

Several seminars and meetings have been held with important indigenous recommendations, but it is not enough for implement all the indigenous rights. One big question that remains unclear is the formula adopted for "free consultation".

(ii) What are the major successes as well as the remaining obstacles for the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for the people that organization represents?

In Brazil is the adoption of the Declaration as an international reference document. The obstacle in its application goes beyond the legal field. It became a political debate.

(iii) Is your organization involved in the collection and dissemination of disaggregated data or culturally relevant data on indigenous peoples?

Yes, annually, from 2000, one of the forms of participation of the ITC has been promoting Culture as a form of recreation and identity rescue, and promote a visual and plastic spectacle to draw the attention of society in general to the indigenous cause.

8. How does your organization implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the community level?

This action is one of the new challenges for the Indian joint. Brazilian communities are essentially traditional and they do not dominate the national language as the Portuguese language.

9. Does your organization provide regular or ad hoc capacity-building programs on indigenous peoples' rights for staff and members of the community, or planned capacity-building activities in this area?

Eventually, due to the geographical conditions of the country, but we always act in the promotion of debates on indigenous causes during political events such as the Indigenous social forum.

10. Does the United Nations support your organization's work on indigenous peoples' issues?

Yes, in our last event we worked with the support of the United Nations Development Programme.

11. Please provide information of conferences and other meetings organized or supported by your Organization for 2016 and 2017.

In 2016 ITC will hold the XIII Indigenous Peoples Games and in 2017 we will be one of the organizers of the II World Indigenous Peoples Games. These are activities with political and traditional content, where sports activities carry an ancestral identity.