**Questionnaire to Indigenous Peoples’ Organizations**

The secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues invites Indigenous Peoples’ Organizations to complete the attached questionnaire on any action taken or planned related to indigenous peoples’ rights, policies and the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Questionnaire responses will be placed on the Permanent Forum’s website and also compiled into one report for the Forum’s fifteenth session.

Please submit your completed questionnaire by **1 January 2016** to:

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The fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues shall be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 9 to 20 May 2016.

The provisional agenda for the Permanent Forum’s fifteenth session includes:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Follow-up to the recommendations of the Permanent Forum.
5. Discussion on the theme “Indigenous peoples: conflict, peace and resolution”.
7. Dialogue with Member States.
9. Coordination among the three United Nations mechanisms pertaining to indigenous peoples:
   (a) Coordination among the three United Nations mechanisms pertaining to indigenous peoples;
   (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
10. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues.
11. Provisional agenda for the sixteenth session.
12. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its fifteenth session.
Questionnaire

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

   National Indian Youth Council, Inc.; United States of America

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

   Mission of the organization: “To improve the economic, educational and social welfare of American Indians. Our Vision is to bring inspiration, empowerment and innovation to every American Indian to achieve excellence with confidence and honor. Our values are Integrity and Respect for People.”

   Focus areas: Education, Healthcare, Homelessness and Youth.

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

   NIYC represent's the Native American across the USA, especially the voices of Urban Indians who often have little or no voice in the USA.

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


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

   To decrease poverty, homelessness; to better education and healthcare, increase awareness prevention, cultural identity and preserving language.

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.

   In February of 2015 Representatives from NIYC met with the Indian Office of HUD in Washington DC, to explain the plight of homeless Native Americans. We specifically talked about our homeless Vet's in the cities across America. We did this in an effort to reduce conflict between our homeless families, veterans and US policy makers. We were seeking aid in finding homes for Native Peoples.

   To better the lives of Native Americans through advocacy. In July 2015, NIYC Representatives went to the Expert Mechanism in Geneva to present testimony on dangerous Pipelines that threaten Native lands and all lands in the US. Serious ruptures have occurred putting water, land and people at risk.
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.

Advocating for all rights of Native American people, to better poverty levels, adequate health care and providing education on awareness and prevention, better education to prepare our youth for the future.

(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?

Successes are the employment and training, partnerships with similar organizations to unite as one strong voice for our native community. The obstacles are small funding opportunities and receiving support to advocate for the education and implementation of UNDRIP.

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

Yes, through the NIYC, Inc. participant information we can gauge the level of need for Indigenous peoples in the Albuquerque, Gallup and Farmington areas. NIYC, Inc. has also collected information on the participants of Native youth through the Spirit of Hoops Basketball Camp (with over 250 youth participating) and will continue to collect Native youth information for the area of New Mexico reaching out to national contacts.

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

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is provided as an educational piece to the staff of NIYC, Inc. It is also given as an educational piece to the participants of the NIYC programs in the Albuquerque, Farmington and Gallup field area offices.
9. Does your organization provide regular or ad hoc capacity-building programmes on indigenous peoples’ rights for staff and members of the community, or planned capacity-building activities in this area?

   Yes, NIYC, Inc. is constantly supporting capacity-building for individuals within the Albuquerque, Gallup and Farmington areas to gain employability skills and pathways to careers to strengthen the family and their communities. Participants are also offered an opportunity to complete their GED, technical training or degree completion for employability skills.

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

   Yes.

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

   Global-Ties: Hosting a quarterly meeting with an international group to exchange dialogue on NGO’s and civic activism, March 2016. The group consisted one person from Azerbaijan, Ghana, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, India, Morocco, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, and Tajikistan.

   Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Western Regional Conference, April 2016


   NIYC, Inc. Youth Leadership Conference, June 2016

   NIYC, Inc. Summer Youth Basketball Camp, June 2016

   NIYC, Inc. Field Area Office Open Houses, April, September and October 2016

   Urban Indian Summit hosted by Native American Voter’s Alliance

   Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women

   Native American Advisory Committee

   Tribal Liaison: Stop Homelessness Task Force

   First Nations Homeless Outreach Program

   Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board

   United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc.

   Center for Native American Youth

   Commission on the Status of Women, Women’s Empowerment | Sustainable Development