Questionnaire

1. In its report of the fourteenth session in 2015 (E/2015/43-E/C.19/2015/10), the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues made the following recommendation:

Consistent with article 10 of the United Nations Declaration, the Permanent Forum calls upon Member States and human rights institutions to consider examining, in conjunction with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and other mandate holders, the forced relocation of indigenous communities.

Please provide any information on how your human rights institution is examining or working on issues related to the forced relocation of indigenous peoples.

The Commission examines or works on issues related to forced relocation of indigenous peoples through:

- Conducting public enquiry and investigation on forceful evictions of the pastoralists communities and recommend to the respective authorities for remedies
- Investigations of complaints on the violations of human rights and contravention of administrative justice related to the affairs of indigenous communities
- Monitoring the observance of human rights standards and principles of good governance during the eviction process
- Advise the government on involvement of the public when relocation is necessary by taking into consideration Free, Prior and Informed Consent

2. At its fifteenth session in 2016, the Permanent Forum’s theme will be Indigenous Peoples: conflict, peace and resolution. Please provide information on how your human rights institution 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.

The role of CHRAGG in issues related to conflict, peace and resolution for indigenous peoples include:

- Awareness creation on respecting human rights and observance of principles of good governance as means of peace restoration and conflict prevention
- Sensitizing the indigenous communities on the importance of observing and respecting government policies, laws and regulations and adhere to the development programmes
- Collaborate with CSOs and other key stakeholders in conducting conflict resolutions meetings and sessions for example Resolving Land Disputes between the pastoralists and farmers

3. Has your human rights institution participated in any sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues? If so, what year(s)? Are you considering doing so in the future?

CHRAGG has not participated in any sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues but is considering to participate in future forums subject to availability of resources or support from development partners

World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (A/RES/69/2)

4. On 22 and 23 September 2014, the United Nations convened a World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. In the outcome document, the UN General Assembly welcomed “the increasingly important role of national and regional human rights institutions in contributing to the achievement of the ends of the Declaration[on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples]”(paragraph 30).

Please provide any information on:

(i). Activities carried out by your human rights institution, making use of its mandate and functions under the Paris Principles to promote and protect indigenous peoples rights’ as affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Activities carried out by the Commission include:-
- Raising awareness to the public and government officials on existence and recognition of indigenous peoples rights through sensitization programmes
• Receiving and investigating allegations and complaints on violation of Indigenous Peoples rights and affairs
• Conducting enquiries and investigations on violation of human rights and contravention of principles of good governance related to indigenous peoples
• Lobby and advocacy for adoption and ratification of relevant international human rights instruments on indigenous peoples such as UNDRIP and ILO Convention169

(ii) Specific policies and programmes on indigenous peoples.
There are no specific policies and programmes on indigenous peoples but there other policies and programmes which in one way or another considers the rights and affairs of indigenous peoples.


The programmes include: - The National Strategy for Growth and Poverty Reduction (NSGPR), The UN Programme on Reducing Emissions from Forest Degradation (REDD+), and Draft Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF III) Indigenous Peoples Policy

(iii). Regular or adhoc capacity-building programmes on indigenous peoples’ rights for staff, or planned capacity-building activities in this area.
*The capacity-building programmes on indigenous peoples rights to staff conducted include:

• Training on building the capacity of the staff of the Commission on existence, recognition and implementation of the indigenous peoples rights in Tanzania, 21st – 25th July, 2015
• The sensitization workshop on existence, recognition and implementation of the indigenous peoples rights to CHRAGG staff and other stakeholders, 29th – 30th September, 2014
• The sensitization seminar on existence and recognition of indigenous peoples and their rights to Members of Parliament and some CHRAGG staff, 20th June, 2015
The sensitization seminar on existence, recognition and implementation of the indigenous peoples rights to Local Government Authorities Officials and some CHRAGG staff, 27th -28th July, 2015.

Three officers attended advanced short course on indigenous people’s rights held from 15th to 19th September, 2014, at University of Pretoria, South Africa

(iv). Conferences and other meetings organized or supported by your human rights institution on indigenous peoples’ issues for 2016 and 2017.

Conferences and meetings on indigenous peoples issues organized for 2016 and 2017

• Sensitization seminars on indigenous peoples rights to officials from government Ministries, Department and Agencies and representatives from CSO.
• Consultative Workshops on indigenous peoples rights to the Members of Parliament and Permanent Secretaries of the key Ministries
• Stakeholders meeting to launch and disseminate report of the CHRAGG/ PINGOS Forum Project on Existence, Recognition and Implementation of indigenous peoples rights

(v). Does your human rights institution have a focal point on indigenous peoples? If so, please provide the name and contact information of this person.

The Commission has a focal point on indigenous peoples and is planning to have special desk which will handle the issues and affairs of this marginalized community. His Name is Mr. Paul J. Sulle, Email: pajosu@yahoo.com, Cell +255 754 603 806

All the information on the UN Permanent Forum including its forthcoming fifteenth session will be posted on the following website: www.un.org/indigenous