Questionnaire to Governments

The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was established by the Economic and Social Council by resolution 2000/22. It is mandated to provide expert advice and recommendations on indigenous issues to the Economic and Social Council, and through the Council to the UN agencies, funds and programmes; raise awareness and promotes the integration and coordination of activities related to indigenous issues within the UN system; and prepare and disseminate information on indigenous issues.

The report of the 2016 session of the Permanent Forum includes a number of recommendations within its mandated areas, some of which are addressed to Member States (attached). Please see report at:  https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/unpfii-sessions-2/unpfii-fifteenth-session.html

The secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues invites Governments to complete the attached questionnaire on any action taken or planned in response to the Permanent Forum’s recommendations and other relevant issues. The responses will be compiled into one report for the sixteenth session of the Permanent Forum which will take place from 24 April to 5 May 2017. The full report will be shared on the UN’s website at https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples

Please submit your completed questionnaire by 2 December 2016 to:

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1. Briefly state what recommendations from the Fifteenth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)¹ or recommendations from previous sessions (not included in your previous reports) have been addressed by your Government.

2. What are the main challenges your country faces in implementing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum? Describe any measures taken or contemplated to address these challenges?

3. What are the main factors that facilitate your Government’s implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum?

4. What are the main achievements of your country in strengthening the rights of indigenous peoples? Please provide details to support this assessment.

5. Describe any measures taken or planned in terms of policies and mechanisms to maintain and build on these gains.

6. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted in 2007. To mark the ten year anniversary, and assess gains and achievements, the theme of the Permanent Forum’s annual session in 2017 will be: Tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: measures taken to implement the Declaration. Please provide further information on the following:

   a) What are the main constitutional, legislative and/or legal developments taken or planned to promote and/or implement the UN Declaration?

   b) Has your Government involved indigenous peoples in implementing the UN Declaration, and if so, how?

   c) What is the approximate total amount or percentage of the national budget allocated to actions that specifically target indigenous peoples?

   d) Are there any action/programme/project by the Government, a local authority, an international or regional organization, an NGO or a civil society organization that benefits indigenous peoples in your country and can be identified as a best practice?

7. At its 2017 session, the Permanent Forum will review its recommendations on:
   (a) empowerment of indigenous women; and (b) indigenous youth.
   Please provide information on actions taken to address the situation of indigenous women (recommendation 39 of the PFII report) and indigenous youth (recommendations 32 and 34).

8. Regarding indicators of progress and data collection:

¹ The following paragraphs of the Report on the Fifteenth Session of the Permanent Forum (E/2016/43) contain recommendations addressed to Member States: 9,10,16,18.19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, 40, 44, 45, 47, 51, 52, 55, 57, 60, 63, 64, 67, 71, and 74.
a) Has your Government developed national indicators for monitoring progress on indigenous peoples’ issues?

b) Which specific Department or Government organization is responsible for the national census and data collection?

c) Does the national census or other official surveys include a question that identifies indigenous peoples? If so, please give more details on the question used?

d) What is the official number of persons identifying themselves as indigenous living in your country?

9. The outcome document of the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (A/RES/69/2) invites the UN system to support the implementation, upon request, of national action plans, strategies or other measures to achieve the ends of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (paragraph 32).

a) Has your country adopted a national action plan, strategy or other measures to achieve the ends of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples? Please describe.

b) How did indigenous peoples participate in the process to prepare a national action or strategy or any other implementing measure?

c) Please provide information on how the UN system (at all levels) could best support your Government’s efforts to achieve the ends of the UN Declaration.

10. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will continue to address indigenous issues in the follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Please provide information on the following:

a) Has your country submitted a voluntary national review to the UN High Level Political Forum in 2016? Did this include information on indigenous peoples?

b) Does it plan to do so in 2017? How does the voluntary national review /plan to address indigenous issues?

c) Does your government disaggregate data to capture progress on indigenous peoples?

d) The table below refers to some Sustainable Development Indicators that are also pertinent for the implementation of the UN Declaration. Please provide the following data for both the total population and indigenous peoples in your country.
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<th>2030 Agenda SDG/ Target</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>(a) Total population</th>
<th>(b) Indigenous peoples</th>
<th>Increase or decrease in gaps between (a) and (b) in the last year</th>
<th>Measures to close any gaps (please mention key policies and/or programs)?</th>
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<td>1.2.1 Proportion of population living below the national poverty line, by sex and age</td>
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<td>4.1.1.c/4.5.1 Percentage of children and young people at the end of lower secondary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in i) reading and ii) mathematics, by sex</td>
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<td>10.3.1/16.b.1 Percentage of the population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed within the last 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights</td>
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