

Questionnaire to the UN system and other intergovernmental organizations

The report of the 13th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues provides a number of recommendations within its mandated areas, some of which are addressed to the UN system and other intergovernmental organizations.

The secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues invites the UN system and other intergovernmental organizations to complete the attached questionnaire on any action taken or planned in response to the Permanent Forum's recommendations. All questionnaire responses will be placed on the Permanent Forum's website and also compiled into one report for the Forum's fourteenth session.

Please submit your completed questionnaire by **1 January 2015** to:

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The full questionnaire can be downloaded from this site :

<http://undesadspd.org/IndigenousPeoples/UNPFIIISessions/Fourteenth/Questionnaire.aspx>

The provisional agenda for the Permanent Forum's fourteenth session in 2015 includes:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Follow-up on the recommendations of the Permanent Forum:
 - (a) Outcome of the high-level plenary meeting also known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples;
 - (b) Post-2015 development agenda;
 - (c) Youth, self-harm and suicide.
4. Half-day discussion on the Pacific region.
5. Half-day discussion on the expert group meeting on the theme "Dialogue on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People".
6. Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds.
7. Human rights:
 - (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of 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.
8. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues.
9. Draft agenda for the fifteenth session of the Permanent Forum.
10. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its fourteenth session.

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At its fourteenth session in 2015, the Permanent Forum will review the following: (a) Outcome of the high-level plenary also known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples; (b) Post-2015 Development Agenda; (c) Youth, self-harm and suicide.

1. Please provide information on how your agency is working with these important issues in the seven socio-cultural regions of the Permanent Forum¹. Where possible, please include information on the situation of indigenous women in your responses.

Relevant work carried out or planned at the OECD

Various strands of OECD work are relevant for issues faced by Indigenous people.

Issues for indigenous peoples have been raised in the context of OECD work on regional and rural development as well as water governance. Examples of publications looking at the conditions, needs and rights of indigenous peoples include:

- Forthcoming, OECD (2016) *OECD Territorial Reviews: Peru 2016*, OECD Publishing, Paris.
- OECD (2015), *Stakeholder Engagement for Inclusive Water Governance*, OECD Studies on Water, OECD Publishing, Paris.
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264231122-en>
- OECD (2014), *OECD Territorial Reviews: Colombia 2014*, OECD Publishing, Paris.
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264224551-en>
- OECD (2010), *OECD Rural Policy Reviews: Québec, Canada 2010*, OECD Publishing, Paris.
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264082151-en>

The OECD has recently started a project on improving the educational outcomes of indigenous students across six Canadian provinces and territories, in collaboration with the OECD. The project was initiated by Alberta at the International Summit on the Teaching Profession held in Banff at the end of March 2015. Alberta has asked the OECD Secretariat to work with interested Canadian provinces and territories to create an evidence base on “what works” in lifting the educational achievements of indigenous students. The evidence base will focus on students: their participation, engagement and educational achievements; as well as on the policies and practices that support success. New Zealand has agreed to act as a comparator country for this Canadian review, and Australia may also contribute its experiences. The initial project will operate throughout 2016, with a decision at the end of that time on what further work will be undertaken.

The OECD is also conducting work on access to justice of vulnerable groups including indigenous people, and the issue was discussed in the Second OECD Roundtable on Access to Justice. Justice

¹ UNPFII’s seven socio-cultural regions are Africa; Asia; Central and South America and the Caribbean; the Arctic; Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia; North America; and the Pacific.

services for indigenous peoples are an important issue for several OECD member and key partner countries.

A recent review of policies to activate jobseekers in Australia has also focussed on the specific needs of Indigenous Australian. [10.1787/9789264185920-en](#)

OECD work on climate change is also very relevant for Indigenous groups who live in the most affected countries.

2. With respect to the implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum addressed specifically to your agency:

(i) What are some of the obstacles your agency has encountered in implementing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum, including those addressed specifically to your agency?

(ii) What are some of the factors that facilitate your agency's implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum, including those addressed specifically to your agency?

3. Given the Forum's recommendation for the adoption of policies on indigenous peoples' issues, please specify whether your agency has:

(i) A policy or other similar tool on indigenous peoples' issues;
[Please see the policy recommendations in the documents referenced above](#)

(ii) Recent programmes on indigenous peoples' issues;
[There are no specific programmes on these issues, but indigenous peoples' issues are mainstreamed in to the OECD's relevant programme of work.](#)

(iii) Budgetary allocations for indigenous peoples' issues;

(iv) Projects/activities on indigenous peoples' issues,

In order to facilitate the quantification of data by the Forum, please indicate the number of programmes and projects/activities devoted to indigenous peoples issues in the past year.

4. Does your agency have regular or ad hoc capacity-building programmes on indigenous peoples' issues for staff, or a plan for capacity-building activities in this area, at headquarters or in the field?

5. Does your agency have a focal point on indigenous peoples' issues? If so, please provide the name and contact information of this person.

6. Please provide a list of conferences and other meetings organized or supported by your agency on indigenous peoples' issues for 2014 and 2015.

[Please see the information provided in answer to question 1](#)