

**Indigenous Peoples Preparatory Meeting**  
**Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 16<sup>th</sup> Session**  
**Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July, 2023**

World Council of Churches  
Rte. des Morillons 1, 1218 Le Grand Saconnex  
Bus Stop: "Grand Saconnex, Crêts Morillon" (Bus lines 5, 8 and F)

**SATURDAY**

10 am – 1 pm	Orientation/Training on EMRIP for new participants: Background on the development of EMRIP, its mandate, how it evolved and examples of how to use it. Sponsored by the International Indian Treaty Council and Indigenous World Association.
1 pm – 2 pm	Lunch provided for Training participants
2 pm – 4 pm	Caucus Meeting

**SUNDAY**

10 am – 11 am	Caucus Meeting
11 am – 12:30 pm	Meeting with Experts
12:30pm – 2 pm	Lunch (sandwiches provided at a reasonable price)
2 pm – 4 pm	Indigenous Peoples Preparatory Meeting

**Draft Agenda**

1. Opening Thanksgiving
2. Selection of Chairpersons
3. Finalizing agenda
4. Strategies to address the Agenda of the Expert Mechanism
  - Item 3: Study and advice on the impact of militarization on the rights of Indigenous Peoples.
  - Item 4: Coordination meeting of United Nations Indigenous Peoples mechanisms (closed meeting).
  - Item 5: Interactive Dialogue with the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development
  - Item 6: Country engagement.
  - Item 7: International Decade of Indigenous Languages.
  - Item 8: Panel discussions on the right of Indigenous Peoples to engage freely in all their traditional and other economic activities, with a focus on fishing practices; and on the impact of the legacies of colonialism on the rights of LGBTQIA+ members of Indigenous Peoples.
  - Item 9: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
  - Item 10: Intersessional activities and follow-up to thematic studies and advice.
  - Item 11: Enhancing the participation of Indigenous Peoples' in the United Nations
  - Item 12: Future work of the Expert Mechanism, including thematic studies.
  - Item 13: Proposals to be submitted to the Human Rights Council for its consideration and approval.
5. Presentation by Secretariat and members of the EMRIP (Sunday, 11am - 12:30pm)
6. Announcements, side events
7. Other issues
  - a. Indigenous Opening Thanksgiving
  - b. Indigenous Closing Thanksgiving
  - c. Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Cayuga Chief Deskaheh approaching the League of Nations in 1923.
8. Closing

*\*Interpretation will be provided both days in Spanish, English, French and Russian by DOCIP.*