Indigenous Peoples Preparatory Meeting
Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 16th 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
12:30 pm – 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 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.