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Preparatory Bibliography in Anticipation of the 18th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)

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The following references are aimed at providing Indigenous Peoples' Delegates with a substantive set of background resources, useful in preparing their participation at the EMRIP.

THEME(s): (1) International Decade of Indigenous Languages ([Concept note](#)), (2) The role of national and regional human rights institutions in achieving the ends of the Declaration ([Concept note](#)), (3) Data collection and disaggregation ([Study](#)), (4) Enhancing the participation of Indigenous Peoples in the United Nations ([Concept note](#))

Methodology: With a wide range of topics to choose from, this year's session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is sure to encourage a plethora of discussions among the various themes proposed. The following bibliography is structured so as to summarily delve into the topics selected for this year's session. As such we will begin by proposing (1) a list of essential texts, subsequently delving into the issues of (2) data collection and disaggregation, (3) the role of national and regional human rights institutions in achieving the ends of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and finally (4) the International Decade of Indigenous Languages. Happy reading!

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