

UN PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES (UNPFII)

24th Session

April-May, 2025

Information Guide



Outline

This document is intended to provide an overview of the 24th UNPFII session to all Indigenous delegates. It summarizes the most relevant general information on the Permanent Forum and provides specific practical information about the current session and Docip's services. Additionally, a list of useful documents and contacts may be found at the end of the factsheet.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Mandate

The **UNPFII** is an **advisory body to the Economic and Social Council** with a specific mandate on Indigenous issues related to **economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights**. It is one of three UN bodies dedicated to Indigenous Peoples, the other two being the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

According to its mandate, the Permanent Forum:

- ❑ **Provides expert advice and recommendations** on Indigenous issues to the Council, as well as to programmes, funds and agencies of the United Nations, through the Council.
- ❑ Raises awareness and promotes the integration and coordination of **activities related to Indigenous issues within the UN system**.
- ❑ Prepares and **shares information** on Indigenous issues.

It is a special forum used by **Indigenous delegates to network**, and to meet key actors such as other organizations, United Nations agencies, donors, representatives of Member States, NGOs, etc. The sessions also provide an opportunity to raise awareness, to inform and to share concerns with all the different actors on Indigenous Peoples' issues.

The first meeting of the Permanent Forum was held in **May 2002**. The Permanent Forum has since held **annual two-week sessions in New York**. In 2018, Forum members made changes to the structure of the UNPFII.

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Members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 2023-2025

- The Permanent Forum is composed of **sixteen independent experts**, acting in their personal capacity, who serve for a term of three years as Members and may be re-elected or re-appointed for one additional term.
- **Eight** of the Members are **nominated by governments** and **eight** are nominated **directly by Indigenous organizations** in their regions.
- The Members nominated by Indigenous organizations are appointed by the President of ECOSOC and represent the **seven socio-cultural regions** determined to give broad representation to the world's Indigenous Peoples.
- The 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**—with one additional rotating seat among the three first listed above.

Indigenous members nominated and appointed by President of ECOSOC (8):

Mr. Geoffrey Roth (United States)
Ms. Valentina Vyacheslavovna Sovkina (Russian Federation)
Ms. Hanieh Moghani (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Ms. Naw Ei Ei Min (Myanmar)
Mr. Darío José Mejía Montalvo (Colombia)
Ms. Hannah McGlade (Australia)
Ms. Aluki Kotierk (Canada)
Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim (Chad)

State-nominated and elected by ECOSOC (8):

Ms. Anne Chantal Nama (Cameroon)
Ms. Nan Li (China)
Mr. Valts Ernštreits (Republic of Latvia)
Mr. Suleiman Mamutov (Ukraine)
Mr. Rodrigo Eduardo Paillalef Monnard (Chile)
Mr. Diego A. Tituaña Matango (Ecuador)
Ms. Brenda Gunn (Canada)

If you wish to get in touch with them, please contact the UNPFII Secretariat at:

indigenous_un@un.org



The 24th session of the Permanent Forum

The 24th session of the UNPFII will be held from **Monday, 21 April, to Friday, 2 May, 2025** at the **United Nations Headquarters in New York, entrance on 1st Avenue at E. 47th Street.**

The theme of this session is **“Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within United Nations Member States and the United Nations system, including identifying good practices and addressing challenges”.**

This session will address the implementation of the six mandated areas of the PFII with reference to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP): **1) Economic and Social Development, 2) Culture, 3) Environment, 4) Education 5) Health and 6) Human Rights.**

In addition to the six mandated areas, the Forum will also address cross-cutting topics such as: **The rights of Indigenous Women, financing of Indigenous Peoples’ work across the multilateral system, critical minerals and Indigenous Peoples,** among others.

During both weeks Indigenous delegates, Member States and UN entities may read their **statements** after having registered on the speakers’ list for each item, or they may choose to participate in **interactive dialogues**. During the second week, members of the Forum hold **closed dialogues** with UN agencies, States and Indigenous Peoples, as well as an interactive dialogue between the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP). This year, **public sessions are scheduled throughout the week as there will no longer be any regional dialogues.**

Provisional Agenda of the 24th Session of the Permanent Forum¹

1. **Election** of officers.
2. **Adoption** of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Discussion on the theme **“Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within United Nations Member States and the United Nations system, including identifying good practices and addressing challenges”.**
4. **Discussion** on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
5. **Dialogues:**
 - (a) Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples;
 - (b) Dialogue with Member States;
 - (c) Dialogue with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes;
 - (d) Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; annual review of progress on the implementation of general recommendation No. 39 (2022);
 - (e) **Interregional**, intergenerational and global dialogue;
 - (f) **Dialogue** on Indigenous platforms established within United Nations entities;
 - (g) **Thematic dialogue** on the financing of Indigenous Peoples’ work and participation across the multilateral and regional system.
6. **Future work** of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council, the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and emerging issues.
7. **Provisional agenda** of the twenty-fifth session of the Permanent Forum.
8. **Adoption of the report** of the Permanent Forum on its twenty-fourth session.

¹ The official agenda of UNPFII is available at: [E/C.19/2025/L.1](https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/e-c19-2025-l1)

Indigenous Peoples' Caucus meetings: participation is strongly recommended

The Caucus presents a unique opportunity for Indigenous delegates to meet and exchange information and experiences. During the Caucus sessions, joint statements, positions and recommendations are put together concerning agenda items of the Permanent Forum session or on other topics.

➤ The **Global Caucus Meeting of Indigenous Peoples** will take place before the 24th Session of the PFII, on **April 19 & 20**, 2025 from **8:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the following address:

**Church Center for the United Nations, 2nd
Floor**
777 UN Plaza, at the corner of First Avenue and
E. 44th Street
(the entrance is on 44th Street)

***Docip will provide interpretation services in English, Spanish, French and Russian.**

➤ The **Indigenous Women's Caucus** will take place on **Friday April 18, 2025** from **8:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the **Flolo Holistic Venue, 39 W 56th St, Penthouse, New York, NY**. Docip will provide interpretation into **English and Spanish**

➤ The **Global Indigenous Youth Caucus** will take place **Sunday April 20, 2025** from **9:00 am to 5:00 pm** at the **Taipei Economic and Cultural Office**.

- **Daily meetings** will take place at 8:00 am throughout the Forum at the Quaker United Nations Office
Docip will provide interpretation in **English, Spanish, French and Russian**.

The discussions held during the Caucus meetings are confidential.

Invitations and Provisional Agenda:

Global Indigenous Peoples Caucus: <https://aila.ngo/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-GIPC-AGENDA-EN.pdf>

Global Indigenous Women's Caucus: <https://aila.ngo/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-GIWC-Agenda-EN.pdf>

Craft Fair: <https://aila.ngo/announcing-the-2025-indigenous-craft-fair/>

B. PRACTICAL GUIDE

1. What does the Permanent Forum DO?

- It makes **recommendations and prepares reports** for the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and for the United Nations system.
- It **raises awareness** and promotes the integration and coordination of **Indigenous issues** within the UN system.
- It **prepares and shares information** on Indigenous themes.

2. What does the Permanent Forum NOT DO?

The Permanent Forum **does not provide quick and immediate** answers to specific questions.

****Please note****

The Permanent Forum is not a complaint mechanism. Human rights situations/violations in a specific country, region or community can be mentioned during an agenda item, but your speech should include one or more recommendations.

3. How do I PARTICIPATE in the Permanent Forum?

For **practical information** concerning pre-registration, visas, accreditation, accommodations, obtaining badges, and grants to cover travel costs, please see:

<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/indigenous-peoples/unpfii/24th-session>

4. How do I register to organize SIDE EVENTS?

Official side events (workshops, panel presentations or roundtable discussions) on the UN premises take place between **1:15 pm and 2:45 pm** or during closed sessions. They can be organized by Indigenous delegations, international organizations, NGOs, etc.

The list of **official side events** will be available on the UNPFII website. A translated list in English, Spanish, French and Russian will be available on our UNPFII agenda <https://www.docip.org/en/unpfii24-prog> and at our technical secretariat office.

It is necessary for organizers to register side events well in advance (**February 14- March 12, 2025**) and to stay informed about the programme of events through the Permanent Forum's website <https://shorturl.at/7pxeZ> or through [Docip's website/newsletter](#).

The UNPFII also publishes a list of **side events outside the UN** premises. There is no deadline to register for this list, but the organizers need to be registered at the session and the event must be thematically related to the session. You can register your event on the official session page: <https://shorturl.at/7pxeZ>

5. How do I participate in INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES?

- See the interactive dialogues' agenda items in the [Programme of Work](#):
- Interactive Dialogues are **open to everyone**. For certain agenda items there is no pre-established speakers' list. Observers can request the floor at the beginning of each session by raising their hand and pressing the microphone button. Interventions should be limited to three minutes or less.
- At the **beginning of each agenda item during plenary sessions**, the Chairperson will announce the **speaking procedures and time limits**. To participate in an interactive dialogue, listen to the information provided on how to sign up (for example, you may be asked to raise your hand or to press your microphone button or to go to a desk designated for this purpose). The Chairperson's staff may ask you for your name and organization.
- There are **no written statements for interactive dialogues**. You are **not supposed to read** a prepared statement, but to contribute freely to the discussion.

6. How do I SIGN UP to make an oral statement on an agenda item?

- During each session, the Permanent Forum discusses items that are on its **Agenda**. This session's agenda is available [here](#).
- To learn when the various agenda items will be discussed, please check the **Programme of Work** of the current session, available [here](#).

7. HOW do I make an oral statement?

- According to changes in the organization of work, there are now two speaking procedures:
 - 1) **In-advance speakers' list**
 - 2) **Interactive dialogues**
- For agenda items requiring in-advance speakers' list, all individuals registered to the Permanent Forum except those in academia may sign up for the speakers list in person in **Conference room E** (please check the time slots for registration, which are published several days before the Forum).
- **Confirm that you are registered** on the list. When the list of speakers for the chosen agenda item is posted in the meeting room, check that your name is listed there.
- Before making your statement, you may be asked to **provide copies of your statement** to the UN Secretariat so that the statement can be given to interpreters.
- Please, also **email your statement** to documentation@docip.org as **Docip** collects statements to publish on its database and website: <https://www.docip.org/doc-unpfii24>

➤ Finally, when your name is called by the Chairperson at the session, **raise your hand, turn on the microphone, state your name and the organization** on whose behalf your statement is delivered. Read your statement within the allotted time.

8. TIPS to make an oral statement

Important: If you are NOT in the room when the Chairperson calls your name, you will lose your speaking time. Please be seated in the conference room well in advance of your allotted time.

- **Collective/joint interventions with multiple co-signatories are encouraged.** It is therefore imperative to include the recommendations adopted at your Caucus meetings with other Indigenous delegates.
- The **purpose of the statement** is to make recommendations concerning the agenda item on which you speak.
- **The speaking time limit** is usually **3 minutes**, but it can be reduced by the Chairperson if there are too many speakers on the list for an item. **Confirm** beforehand how much time you have for your statement and plan accordingly. Remember that you must **speak clearly and slowly** so that your statement can be interpreted simultaneously.
- **Contents of the statement:** The statement should begin with the name of your organization and, if you wish, brief greetings. Then, explain the situation you are facing briefly and concretely, followed by 1 to 3 specific recommendations. Use information that has been verified since Member States could follow up on your statement. Note that participants may make a statement on behalf of the organization under which they are registered or jointly with other organizations.
- **Practice in advance** by reading your statement aloud to make sure that you are well within the time limit. Plan which parts you could delete in case the time limit must be reduced instead of trying to speed up the reading. You could also check with the Secretariat to see if it is possible to read a short version of your statement, but submit a longer written version of it for the record.
- Use **diplomatic and non-abusive** language.

9. Docip's support during the UNPFII

Docip offers the following services to all Indigenous delegates throughout the conference:

Docip's office at the UN building

For access to photocopiers, computers, printers, session documents and general information, go to Docip's office, located in **Conference Room B**, First Basement, Conference Building, UN Headquarters.

Docip's Technical Secretariat will
be open **21 April-2 May 2025**,
from **10 am to 6 pm**

Translation and Interpretation

In line with its primary mission, which is to ensure the full and effective participation of Indigenous representatives in United Nations conferences and at other events dealing with issues affecting them, Docip offers interpretation services in four languages: English (EN), Spanish (SP), French (FR) and Russian (RU). Docip adopts an equitable approach and provides rates of compensation for interpreters depending on the financial means of each organization.

- **Document translation request:** <https://near.tl/sm/y2SvLnQTo>
- **Interpretation request of caucus sessions and informal meetings:** services@docip.org
- **Interpretation request for your Side Event:** https://near.tl/sm/rJ9k_k2TL

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If you would like some assistance with proofreading your statement (spelling, grammar, linguistic clarity, etc.), please send your request to: translation@docip.org

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Docip provides legal and advocacy support to Indigenous delegates engaging with UN and EU mechanisms and procedures, including legislative processes, civil society consultations, and calls for proposals. Our services include:

- Guidance on legal and advocacy strategies,
- Facilitating access to key actors (UN agencies, Permanent Missions, experts, and organizations),
- Networking opportunities,
- Legal review of statements, communications, and reports,
- Raising awareness among EU decision-makers to prioritize Indigenous issues.

For legal and advocacy support, contact our Advocacy Officers at advice@docip.org or schedule an in-person meeting at our office.

Information Service

You can find timely information on the session, documents, side events, etc. on **Docip's website:** <https://www.docip.org/en/unpfii24>, **Facebook:** [@docip.org](https://www.facebook.com/docip.org), **X:** [@docip_en](https://twitter.com/docip_en), **LinkedIn:** [@docip](https://www.linkedin.com/company/docip)

For more information contact us at: info@docip.org

Documentation Centre

Docip collects all the statements delivered by Indigenous delegates during the UNPFII which are then are published on our website: <https://www.docip.org/doc-unpfii24>

Please, remember to send a copy of your statement to documentation@docip.org to be published in Docip's database alongside all other statements made by Indigenous delegates during the UNPFII.

10. Advice for effective participation in the Permanent Forum

- **Plan** the handling of all the administrative procedures and formalities (such as visas, registration and logistics) required to participate in the Permanent Forum **several months in advance**.
- **Study the agenda**, the programme of work and other documents related to the session.
- **Thoroughly prepare** your oral interventions.
- **Participate actively** in the Indigenous Caucus meetings at all levels (global, regional and thematic) and in as many side events, sessions, and networking opportunities as possible with other Indigenous delegates, NGOs, and key actors on Indigenous themes (experts, UN agencies, donors, Member States' representatives, etc.).
- Finally, **check the content of prior session reports** to ensure that your recommendation has been taken into account. The reports are published a few months after the sessions.

11. How do I get in touch with the Special Rapporteur and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples during sessions of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the EMRIP?

The **Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples** has the mandate to **cooperate with the other two main UN bodies** working on the rights and issues of Indigenous Peoples, namely **the Permanent Forum and the Expert Mechanism**.

The SRIP and the EMRIP will be present during UNPFII and EMRIP annual sessions. To **meet with the Special Rapporteur and EMRIP experts** during these sessions, you have to:

- be registered to the session,
- make a timely request to meet, providing your contact information, and
- provide her/him with written information regarding matters that fall within her/his mandate, including allegations of human rights violations.

Priority will be given to delegates who have sent their request and their information to indigenous_un@un.org within the time limit indicated on the OHCHR website, information that is also shared by Docip.

For more information on the Special Rapporteur and how to share information with her/him, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/1LsykvP> and <http://bit.ly/2FAs4aU>.

For more information on the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/expert-01E>

For more information about the Permanent Forum, see:

<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/indigenous-peoples/unpfii>

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● Programme of Work UNPFII 24

	Morning slots (New York time)	Item	Afternoon slots	Item
Monday 21 April	10:00 – 13:00 GA Hall	<i>Opening of the session (GA Hall)</i> <i>Item 1 Election of officers</i> <i>Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</i>	15:00 – 18:00 CR-4	<i>Item 5 (e) Interregional, intergenerational and global dialogue on “The rights of Indigenous women”</i> <i>[Interactive high-level dialogue]</i>
Tuesday 22 April	10:00 – 13:00 CR-4	<i>10:00 – 11:45 Item 5 (e) (continued) Interregional, intergenerational and global dialogue on “The rights of Indigenous women”</i> <i>[Interactive high-level dialogue]</i> <i>11:45 – 13:00 Item 3 Discussion on the theme “Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within United Nations Member States and the United Nations system, including identifying good practices and addressing challenges”</i> <i>[Speakers’ list]</i>	15:00 – 18:00 CR-4	<i>Item 3 (continued) Discussion on the theme “Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within United Nations Member States and the United Nations system, including identifying good practices and addressing challenges”</i> <i>[Speakers’ list]</i>
Wednesday 23 April	10:00-13:00 CR-4	<i>Item 5 (g) Thematic dialogue on the financing of Indigenous Peoples’ work and participation across the multilateral and regional system</i> <i>Panel focus on critical minerals and Indigenous Peoples</i> <i>[Speakers’ list]</i>	15:00-18:00 CR-4	<i>Item 5 (g) (continued) Thematic dialogue on the financing of Indigenous Peoples’ work and participation across the multilateral and regional system</i> <i>Panel focus on financing and Indigenous Peoples</i> <i>[Speakers’ list]</i>
Thursday 24 April	10:00 – 13:00 CR-4	<i>Item 5 (a) Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples (closed meeting)</i> <i>[Interactive dialogue]</i>		
Friday 25 April	10:00 – 13:00 CR-4	<i>Item 4 Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture,</i>	15:00 – 18:00 CR-4	<i>Item 4 (continued) Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health</i>

		<i>environment, education, health and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i> <i>[Speakers' list]</i>		<i>and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i> <i>[Speakers' list]</i>
Monday 28 April	10:00 – 13:00 CR-4	<i>Item 5 (d) Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; annual review of progress on the implementation of general recommendation No. 39 (2022)</i> <i>[Interactive dialogue]</i>	15:00 – 18:00 CR-4	<i>Item 5 (d) (continued) Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; annual review of progress on the implementation of general recommendation No. 39 (2022)</i> <i>[Speakers' list]</i>
Tuesday 29 April	10:00 – 13:00 CR-4	<i>Item 5 (f) Dialogue on Indigenous platforms established within United Nations entities</i> <i>[Interactive dialogue]</i>		
Wednesday 30 April	10:00 – 13:00 CR-4	<i>Item 5 (c) Dialogue with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes (closed meeting)</i> <i>[Interactive dialogue]</i>	15:00-18:00 CR-4	<i>Item 6 Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council, the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and emerging issues</i> <i>[Speakers' list]</i>
Thursday 1 May	15:00 – 18:00	<i>Item 5 (b) Dialogue with Member States (closed meeting)</i> <i>[Interactive dialogue]</i>		
Friday 2 May	15:00 – 18:00	<i>Item 7 Provisional agenda for the 25th session of the Permanent Forum</i> <i>Item 8 Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its twenty-third session</i> <i>Closing of the Session</i>		

● Relevant Background Documents

Here you can find a list of important and relevant documents **related to Indigenous rights** that can be useful to your work during the UNPFII.

The UNDRIP

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted by the General Assembly on Thursday, 13 September 2007.

Today, UNDRIP is the most comprehensive international instrument on the rights of Indigenous Peoples. It establishes a universal framework of minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the Indigenous Peoples of the world, and it elaborates on existing human rights standards as they apply to their specific situation.

You can find the declaration here:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html>

The outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

In 2014, the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples took place in New York in order to share perspectives and best practices on the realization of the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including pursuing the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The two-day conference included three roundtables and a panel discussion. The roundtable was held on the following topics:

- UN system action for the Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Implementing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the national and local level
- Indigenous Peoples' lands, territories and resources

The panel's topic was: Indigenous priorities for the post-2015 sustainable development agenda.

The World Conference produced an outcome document, which is available here:

<https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/69/2>

For more information visit the official website of the World conference:

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/indigenous/#&panel1-1> or <http://bit.ly/info-worldconference>.

The UN summary of the two days is available here: <http://bit.ly/summary-2days>

System-wide action Plan (SWAP)

At the [2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples](#), the General Assembly requested the development of a system-wide action plan for a coherent approach to achieving the ends of UNDRIP.

The SWAP covers six elements:

- 1) Raise awareness on UNDRIP
- 2) Support the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, particularly at the country level
- 3) Support the realization of Indigenous Peoples' rights in the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- 4) Map existing standards and guidelines, capacities, training materials and resources within the United Nations system, international financial institutions and the members of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues for the effective implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- 5) Develop the capacities of States, Indigenous Peoples, civil society and United Nations personnel
- 6) Advance the participation of Indigenous Peoples in United Nations processes

For more details, visit: <http://bit.ly/info-SWAP>

The complete System-wide action plan (in all UN languages) can be found here: <http://bit.ly/Syste-wide-action-plan>

The ILO Convention 169

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is responsible for the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169), the only international treaty open for ratification that deals exclusively with the rights of Indigenous Peoples. As of 2025, the treaty has been ratified by 24 countries.

The ILO Convention 169:

http://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:12100:0::NO::P12100_ILO_CODE:C169

For general information, visit: <http://bit.ly/ILO-indigenouspeoples>

The 2030 Agenda

➤ The United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on 25 September 2015.

➤ The Agenda came into effect on 1 January 2016 with the intent of being carried out over the following 15 years. It is a broad and universal policy agenda, with 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 associated targets, which are described as integrated and indivisible.

➤ The report of the 16th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has a dedicated section with recommendations related to the 2030 Agenda:

<http://bit.ly/report-16thsession-agenda2030>

In contrast to the Millennium Development Goals, the Sustainable Development Goals explicitly include Indigenous Peoples. Two of the SDG targets make specific references to Indigenous Peoples, committing to double agricultural output of Indigenous small-scale farmers and to ensure equal access to education for Indigenous children. There is also a strong commitment in the 2030 Agenda to empower and engage Indigenous Peoples in implementing and reviewing progress in achieving the goals.

A short introduction paper to Indigenous Peoples' Rights and the 2030 Agenda is available to download here: [Briefing Paper on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and the 2030 Agenda](#).

For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/PermanentForum-Agenda2030>

The resolution on Participation of Indigenous Peoples at the UN

On 8 September 2017, the United Nations General Assembly adopted, without a vote, a resolution titled, "enhancing the participation of Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them."

Resolution: <http://undocs.org/A/RES/71/321>

For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/participationIP>

CEDAW General Recommendation 39 on the rights of Indigenous women and girls

In October 2022, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women issued General Recommendation 39 (CEDAW GR 39) on the Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls to provide guidance to States parties on legislative, policy, and other relevant measures to ensure the implementation of their obligations in relation to the rights of Indigenous women under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

General Recommendation 39 is the only form of international soft law that specifically protects the rights of Indigenous women and girls. It strengthens the normative framework of Indigenous Peoples' rights and represents a significant step forward in achieving gender equality.

Through this General Recommendation, the CEDAW Committee calls on States parties to take into consideration the challenging context in which Indigenous women and girls exercise and defend their human rights.

CEDAW General Recommendation 39 is available in different languages here:

https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolNo=CEDAW%2fC%2fGC%2f39&Lang=en

In its study on the Rights of Indigenous children, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recalled that Indigenous women and girls experience disproportionate rates of all types of violence, including sexual, domestic, gender and conflict-based violence, and those with disabilities are at even greater risk.

Concept note of the discussion available here:

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/2022-06/session15-concept-note-women-web.pdf>

The Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples also reported in 2015 that Indigenous women and girls are three times more likely than non-Indigenous women and girls to face sexual violence in their lifetime. These forms of violence are widespread and often persist with impunity across the life cycle.

Report of the Special Rapporteur available here:

<https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/g15/173/83/pdf/g1517383.pdf?token=pwKyO4h8pHmUjDKATK&fe=true>

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Preparatory Bibliography in anticipation of the 24th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, April 21-May 2, 2025

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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 UNPFII.

THEME: *Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within United Nations Member States and the United Nations system, including identifying good practices and addressing challenges*

Methodology: The theme of this year's session is narrower than previous years, offering the opportunity for in-depth thematic discussions on its various fields of applicability. With the program of work evolving away from regional dialogues in the second week, specific segments of the overarching topic may be explored, notably the rights of Indigenous Women, a panel focus on Indigenous Peoples and critical minerals as well as the Forum's more traditional session topics such as financing and Indigenous Peoples and the dialogue with the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Overall, this will be a session quite conducive towards stock-taking of advancements made towards integrating Indigenous Peoples into the UN system, both from a rights-based and an operational perspective. To prepare participants, this bibliography will first seek to present essential documents and resolutions framing Indigenous Peoples' rights before moving into thematic literature on the topics of **(1)** The Rights of Indigenous Women, **(2)** UNDRIP Implementation strategies and good practices, **(3)** Financing and Indigenous Peoples, and **(4)** Critical Minerals and Indigenous Peoples.

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