

**Side event at the 18th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on
Indigenous Issues (UNPFII18)**

LAUNCHING OF



**– A Platform for dissemination and monitoring of UN Permanent Forum
recommendations**

Date: Friday April 26th, 2019

Time: 9:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Venue: Conference Room 6 (CR-6), United Nations Headquarters

Language: Spanish and English

Yanapaq.info¹ is a platform and informational tool aimed at promoting access to information about the recommendations of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

At the indigenous movement, we have learned that information means power and that being informed on our rights is the first step to exercise them. It is crucial that indigenous organizations have access to friendly information about international agreements and recommendations that can be used to strengthen their political arguments and proposals at the national and local levels and to encourage dialogue with the States and United Nations agencies. In that sense, it is essential to learn about the Permanent Forum recommendations, which is one of the main international bodies dealing with indigenous peoples' rights in the United Nations System.

The 1427 Permanent Forum recommendations make up an important source of information about the indigenous movement's claims and proposals that have been backed up by the United Nations. However, a recent study carried out by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and CHIRAPAQ Centre for Indigenous Cultures of Peru² shows that knowledge about the Permanent Forum recommendations is low. There is a low level of response from States to the recommendations and their connection to the development of initiatives in different countries is low as well. Also, it has been found that there is a lack of direct connection between the recommendations and other international instruments and commitments.

In this context and having the 18th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as the framework event, the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations and CHIRAPAQ Centre for Indigenous Cultures of Peru are glad to share Yanapaq.info platform, an initiative encouraged by the expert member Tarcila Rivera Zea with the purpose of enhancing the impact of the Permanent Forum recommendations through making information accessible.

Indigenous organizations, as well as other stakeholders involved in designing, implementing, reviewing and monitoring policies and programs that support indigenous peoples' rights, such

¹The website and database: <http://www.yanapaq.info/> y <http://yanapaq.info/recomendaciones/> (in construction)

² United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA/CHIRAPAQ Centre for Indigenous Cultures of Peru. Recommendations of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues regarding Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights & Gender-Based Violence. Progress and Challenges. 2018.

as States, United Nations agencies, the academia and non-governmental organizations, can use Yanapaq.info to easily find recommendations on subjects that are relevant to their priorities, for instance, forests, migration or intercultural health. They will also be able to make visible the connection of the recommendations to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Objectives of the event

1. Introduce Yanapaq.info and its purpose and share a general assessment of the UN Permanent Forum recommendations and its connections to the Sustainable Development Goals.
2. Make proposals to foster dissemination, strategic use, effective implementation and participatory monitoring of the recommendations and other instruments relevant indigenous peoples' rights, strengthening the articulated work among indigenous organizations, the States, United Nations agencies, the academia, NGOs and other informational platforms of monitoring of indigenous peoples' rights.

Agenda

Time

9:45	Opening Remarks <i>Ambassador Gustavo Meza-Cuadra, Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations</i>
9:50	Presentation of Yanapaq.info and overview of Permanent Forum recommendations <i>CHIRAPAQ Centre for Indigenous Cultures of Peru</i>
10:05	<u>Discussion Panel:</u> Strengthening articulation to foster dissemination, implementation and monitoring of Permanent Forum recommendations, and other instruments on indigenous peoples' rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elsa Stamatopoulou – Director, Indigenous Peoples' Rights Program, University of Columbia• Emilie Filmer-Wilson – Human Rights Adviser, UNFPA• Joan Carling – Co-convenor of the Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development• Rémi Orsier – Director, DOCIP• Tania Pariona – Indigenous Member of Parliament, Peru
10:50	Input, comments and questions from the audience
11:10	Next steps and closing remarks

Moderator: Tarcila Rivera Zea, Expert Member of the Permanent Forum

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