

THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Pacific Regional Dialogue

Thursday 25 April

15:00 - 16:15

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for the Pacific during its 23rd session to meet with representatives of Indigenous Peoples and Member States. UN agencies, funds, programmes, regional and national Human Rights Institutions, and academia are also welcome to attend.

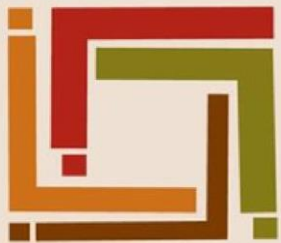
The aim of the regional dialogues is to discuss issues of relevance in the countries of the region and identify how to sharpen the focus and impact of the Permanent Forum's analysis and recommendations. The objectives of these dialogues include the following:

- Identify specific issues or challenges for Indigenous Peoples in the region and share lessons learned from Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN agencies, and other stakeholders
- Provide a space for Indigenous Peoples, Member States, and UN systems to exchange information and perspectives in an informal and constructive setting to facilitate consensus building
- Identify strategic measures that can be taken to advance the rights of Indigenous Peoples at all levels and highlight specific thematic areas and/or emerging issues that the Permanent Forum may wish to focus on at future sessions

Guiding Themes:

In preparation for the Dialogue, participants are invited to consider the following guiding themes:





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- Race, discrimination, and violence against Indigenous youth
- Human and environmental rights defenders - experiences and challenges: highlighting the voices of Indigenous youth
- Constitutional recognition and self-determination

The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks and will be moderated by Hannah McGlade , Member of the Permanent Forum of the Pacific. After the opening remarks, participants will be invited to reflect on the guiding themes and discuss the major issues encountered by Indigenous Peoples within the regional and national contexts the Pacific.

Interventions from States and Indigenous Peoples should be brief and address a specific issue so that the discussions can be conducted in an interactive manner.

Participants are encouraged to ask questions and not read pre-written statements.

Tentative program:

1. Welcome remarks by the region's Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2. Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN Agencies, and representatives of academia
3. Concluding remarks by the region's Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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