

THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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The Arctic Regional Dialogue

Thursday 25 April
11:30 - 13:00

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for The Arctic during its 23rd session to meet with representatives of Indigenous Peoples and Member States. UN agencies, funds and 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:

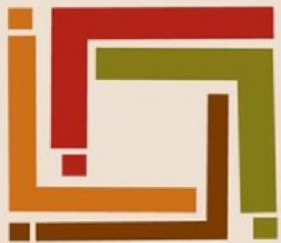
- Identify specific issues or challenges for Indigenous Peoples in the region and share lessons learned from Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN agencies, and other stakeholders
- Provide a space for Indigenous Peoples, Member States, and UN systems to exchange information and perspectives in an informal 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:

- Enhancing Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination in the context of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and emphasizing the voices of Indigenous youth,
- Establishing and promoting guidelines on Indigenous Peoples' right to autonomy and self-government.
- Financing of Indigenous Peoples' decision-making bodies and organisations, including in the context of biodiversity management, environmental protection and climate change mitigation and adaptation.





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- Promotion of the CEDAW General recommendation no. 39 on the rights of Indigenous women and girls.
- Encouraging planning and implementation of action plans for the promotion and protection of Arctic Indigenous languages and monitoring progress in the context of the International Decade on Indigenous Languages.
- Building upon observations of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples official visits to the Arctic including Denmark and Greenland (February 1-10, 2023) and Canada (March 1-10, 2023)

The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks and will be moderated by a Member of the Permanent Forum of the Arctic region. 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 of the Arctic.

Interventions from States and Indigenous Peoples should be brief and preferably one specific issue so that the discussions can be conducted in an interactive manner. Participants are encouraged to end their interventions with questions so as to facilitate an inter-active dialogue.

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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Venue:

