



# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Agenda item 5(g) Thematic dialogues, including on the financing of Indigenous Peoples' work and participation in the context of, inter alia, development, climate, environment and biodiversity  
Wednesday 17 April, 10am – 1pm.

## BACKGROUND NOTE

The lack of respect for Indigenous Peoples' rights is continuing to result in negative political, economic and social outcomes and contributing to conflicts stemming from reduced access to natural resources. Climate change and unrestrained extractive industry activities are exacerbating the situation further.

Indigenous Peoples, make up around 5 per cent of the world's population. However, they protect and conserve around 80 per cent of the remaining biodiversity on the planet and contribute to the conservation of 25 per cent of the world's carbon sinks.

Member States have pledged to address these issues through various multilateral agreements. For example, at COP 26 in Glasgow, the Forest Tenure Funders Group made a Pledge to provide 1.7 billion USD to strengthen forest tenure rights and guardianship of Indigenous Peoples and local communities over five years. In addition, the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) pledged to dedicate 20 percent of its resources to support Indigenous-led initiatives to protect and conserve biodiversity. However, studies are revealing that very little of the private or public funding is directly received by Indigenous Peoples' organizations. Funds that are earmarked for Indigenous Peoples tend to be routed through large intermediaries that are familiar to funders and as a result, tracking those funds to the final beneficiary is extremely difficult.

Permanent Forum Member Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim's study *Financing the future: the financial needs of Indigenous Peoples to support their actions for biodiversity, climate and the protection of Mother Earth* ([E/C.19/2024/7](#)) highlights the obstacles Indigenous Peoples face in accessing funding to support their climate action activities, discusses current funding mechanisms and the measures funders need to take to facilitate direct access by Indigenous Peoples' organizations to the funds and change the narrative and approaches to ensure that they are full partners and not simply beneficiaries.

Format:

This session will highlight responses from key actors to these issues and will open with a keynote speaker (5-7 minutes), followed by the presentation of the above-mentioned report by Forum Member (5-7 minutes). The Chairperson will then give the floor to invited speakers from their allocated seat for 3-minute interventions. The Chairperson will then follow the speaker list.





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## Run of show

Keynote speaker: Climate Emergency Collaboration Group (CECG)

Introduction of Study on Financing the future: an overview of the finance needs and actions involving Indigenous Peoples in the protection of Mother Earth by Forum Member Hindou Omarou Ibrahim

Followed by speakers from (3 minutes)

- Norad (Norway)
- Green Climate Fund
- Charapa Consult
- Senior Advisor to the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion, COP28
- Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ([A/HRC/54/31 Green Financing – A just transition to protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples](#))
- World Bank
- Global Environment Facility
- Christensen Fund
- UNESCO

Speakers list

