

# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## Africa Regional Dialogue

Wednesday 24 April

Venue: Conference Room 4

16:30 - 18:00

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for Africa 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; identify good practices and good examples in certain countries
- 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



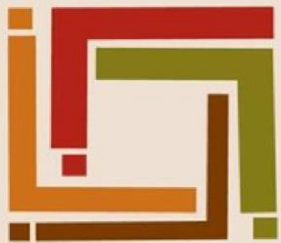
**Guiding Themes:**

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
- The role of young people, especially girls, in the protection of Indigenous Peoples' rights: transmission of traditional knowledge through Indigenous languages
- The link between self-determination and independence in Africa and the rights of Indigenous Peoples
- How to ensure Indigenous Peoples are able to participate in decision-making and policy design processes, including access to finance and implementation.

The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks and will be moderated by Members of the Permanent Forum of the African region (Bornface Museke Mate, Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Vital Bambanze). 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 Africa.

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.



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## Tentative program:

1. Welcome remarks by Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, 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.
  - 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 – moderated by Rodrigo Paillalef Monnard, Member of the Permanent Forum
  - The role of young people, especially girls, in the protection of Indigenous Peoples' rights: transmission of traditional knowledge through Indigenous languages – moderated by Suleiman Mamutov, Member of the Permanent Forum
  - The link between self-determination and independence in Africa and the rights of Indigenous Peoples – moderated by Vital Bambanze, Member of the Permanent Forum
  - How to ensure Indigenous Peoples are able to participate in decision-making and policy design processes, including access to finance and implementation – moderated by Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Member of the Permanent Forum
3. Concluding remarks by Vital Bambanze, Member of the Permanent Forum

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