

THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Asia Regional Dialogue

Thursday 25 April
Conference Room 11
11:30 -13:00

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for Asia 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.

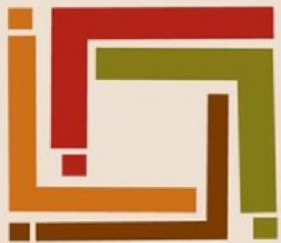
The aim of the regional dialogues is to discuss issues of relevance in the countries of the region and identify how to sharpen the focus and impact of the Permanent Forum's analysis and recommendations. The objectives of these dialogues include the following:

- Identify specific issues or challenges for Indigenous Peoples in the region and share good practices and 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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- 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
- Concrete actions or proposals to translate global goals into local improvements in achieving 2030 Agenda
- Identifying gaps and improving measures in translating global goals of climate emergency into local action on Indigenous resilience with an emphasis on Indigenous women in achieving the Paris agreement
- The implementation of UNDRIP: Towards recognition of Indigenous Peoples and their rights
- Regional conflicts and displacement of Indigenous Peoples

The Asia Regional Dialogue will include Permanent Forum Members Hanieh Moghani, Ali Hajilari, Naw Ei Ei Min, and Li Nan. It will begin with introductory remarks by Hanieh Moghani, and will be moderated by Naw Ei Ei Min. 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 Asia.

Interventions from States and Indigenous Peoples should be brief and address a specific issue so that discussions can be conducted in an interactive manner. Participants are requested to register for the session and limit their interventions to 3 minutes each. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and not read pre-written statements.

Tentative programme:

1. Welcome remarks by Hanieh Moghani, Member of the Permanent Forum
2. Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN Agencies, and representatives of academia. Moderated by Naw Ei Ei Min, Member of the Permanent Forum
3. Concluding remarks by Li Nan, Member of the Permanent Forum



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