

# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## **Africa Regional Dialogue**

Conference Room 4, UNHQ

Wednesday, 26 April

4:30 - 6pm

In person only

The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for Africa with representatives of Indigenous Peoples and Member States during its 22<sup>nd</sup> session. UN agencies, funds and programmes, regional and national Human Rights institutions, academia and non-governmental organisations 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:

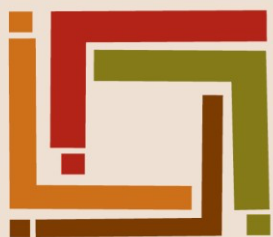
1. Identify specific issues or challenges for Indigenous Peoples in the region, and share lessons learned from Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN agencies and other stakeholders.
2. Provide a space for Indigenous Peoples, Member States and UN systems to exchange information and perspectives in an informal and constructive setting, to facilitate consensus building.
3. 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:

- Indigenous Peoples and climate change-related disasters: droughts, flooding etc.
- The economic impact of rising inflation on Indigenous Peoples
- Regional conflicts and the displacement of Indigenous Peoples
- Indigenous Peoples and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights





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The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks from Mr. Vital Bambanze and will be moderated by Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Members of the Permanent Forum. 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. Members of the Permanent Forum will provide closing remarks.

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 requested to register for the session and limit their interventions to 3 minutes each.

## **Tentative program:**

1. Welcome remarks by Mr. Vital Bambanze, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2. Remarks by speakers:
  - a. José Francisco Calí Tzay, United Nation Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
  - b. Binota Moy Dhamai, Chair of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
  - c. Terence Hay-Edie (UNDP)
3. Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN Agencies, and representatives of academia. Moderated by Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Vice-chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
4. Concluding remarks by Mr. Darío José Mejía Montalvo, Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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