

THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia Regional Dialogue

Thursday 25 April
10:00 – 11:15

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia, and Transcaucasia 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 welcome to attend.

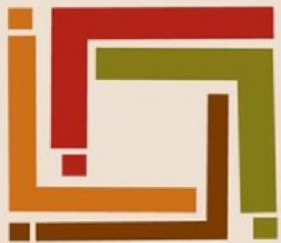
The regional dialogues aim to discuss issues of relevance in the region's countries and identify how to sharpen the focus and impact of the Permanent Forum's analysis and recommendations. The objectives of these dialogues include the following:

- Identify specific issues and challenges for Indigenous Peoples in the region and share lessons learned from Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN agencies, and other stakeholders.
- To facilitate consensus building, provide a space for Indigenous Peoples, Member States, and the UN system to exchange information and perspectives in an informal and constructive setting.
- Identify strategic measures that can be taken to advance the rights of Indigenous Peoples at all levels and highlight specific thematic areas and 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
- Assessing the status and fostering discussions on the enhancement of Indigenous Peoples' participation in decision-making processes at all levels
- Exploring the role and influence of indigenous peoples in the transition towards a greener economy
- Developing strategies for the protection and revitalization of indigenous languages as an integral part of cultural identity and rights
- The impact of conflicts on the rights and well-being of Indigenous Peoples: identifying protection measures

The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks and will be moderated by Members of the Permanent Forum of the Central and Eastern European, the Russian Federation, Central Asian and Transcaucasian region (Valentina Vyacheslavovna Sovkina, Suleiman Mamutov).

After the opening remarks, participants will be invited to reflect on the guiding themes and discuss the significant issues Indigenous Peoples encounter within the regional and national contexts of Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia, and Transcaucasia.

Interventions from States and Indigenous Peoples should be brief and address a specific issue so that the discussions can be conducted interactively. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and not read pre-written statements.

Tentative program:

1. Welcome remarks Valentina Vyacheslavovna Sovkina, Member of the Permanent Forum
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 Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Member of the Permanent Forum
- Assessing the status and fostering discussions on the enhancement of Indigenous Peoples' participation in decision-making processes at all levels – Suleiman Mamutov, Member of the Permanent Forum
- Exploring the role and influence of indigenous peoples in the transition towards a greener economy – Valentina Vyacheslavovna Sovkina, Member of the Permanent Forum
- Developing strategies for the protection and revitalization of indigenous languages as an integral part of cultural identity and rights – Valentina Vyacheslavovna Sovkina, Member of the Permanent Forum
- The impact of conflicts on the rights and well-being of Indigenous Peoples: identifying protection measures – Hanieh Moghani, Member of the Permanent Forum

3. Concluding remarks by Suleiman Mamutov, Member of the Permanent Forum

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Venue: