



THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Item 5(b) Dialogue with Member States (Closed Meeting)

Conference Room 4

Thursday, 27 April 2023

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

The Dialogue with Member States provides an opportunity for the Permanent Forum and States to discuss priority and key issues and how the Forum members can advise and assist in addressing such matters.

This dialogue could also establish the channel to generate concrete and succinct recommendations for both sides. Further, this exercise will allow States to report on the implementation of recommendations, present reports, respond to criticism of their policies and interact with Forum members.

Indigenous Peoples are among the first to face the direct adverse consequences of climate change, due to their dependence upon, and close relationship with the environments and its resources. The global pandemic proved that Indigenous Peoples are often disproportionately affected by epidemics and other crises, and Indigenous women and girls are even more negatively affected due to gender, ethnicity and scarce economic resources. As States work to respond to the socioeconomic impact of the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, it is imperative that they also focus on tackling the root causes of social and health inequalities of Indigenous Peoples through Indigenous determinants of health.

Given that the special theme of the 2023 UNPFII session is *Indigenous Peoples, human health, planetary and territorial health and climate change: a rights-based approach*, please share with the Forum:

- Measures undertaken to address the recommendations made by the Forum as well as emerging issues related to health, climate change, the pandemic, among others;
- Measures taken or planned in terms of policies and mechanism to respond to the issues;
- Collection of disaggregated statistical data on Indigenous Peoples and the accessibility of collected information related to Indigenous determinants of health.





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The Forum would like to continue hearing from States on their implementation of the [Outcome Document of the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples](#) (WCIP). The Outcome Document contains commitments from States to consult and cooperate with Indigenous Peoples, appropriate measures at the national level, including legislative, policy and administrative measures, to achieve the ends of the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) and to promote awareness of it among all sectors of society, including members of legislatures, the judiciary and the civil service.

In this Dialogue, the Permanent Forum encourages States to present statements on actions taken or challenges faced to implement the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Issues to achieve the goals set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and/or response to the theme of this year's Forum.

This exchange can support the Permanent Forum in implementing its mandate to provide expert advice and recommendations and information on Indigenous Peoples' issues. At the same time, examples of good practices can assist other States to act in order to promote and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

During the closed meeting, States are invited to engage in an interactive dialogue with the Permanent Forum members. States are requested to limit their interventions to 3 minutes.

