

THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Asia Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 6

Thursday, 27 April

10am – 11:15am

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for Asia to meet with representatives of Indigenous Peoples and Member States during the 22nd session of the Permanent Forum. UN agencies, funds and programmes and regional and national Human Rights Institutions and academia are also welcomed 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:

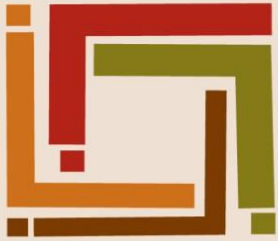
- Identify specific issues or challenges for Indigenous Peoples in the region, and share good practices and lessons learned from Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN agencies and other stakeholders
- Provide a space for Indigenous Peoples, Member States and UN systems to exchange information and perspectives 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:

- Opportunities to advance human rights instruments and standards including UNDRIP and FPIC to secure the fulfilment of Indigenous Peoples' rights.
- Ensuring the application of the Right to Food for Indigenous Peoples' human and territorial health including Indigenous Peoples' rights to land and other natural resources.
- The role of Indigenous Knowledge to support and achieve the 2030 Agenda, in particular Goal 13 on Climate Action.
- Enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples





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The dialogue will begin with welcome remarks from Nan Li, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and will be moderated by Naw Ei Ei Min, Member 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 Asia. Member of the Permanent Forum, Hanieh Moghani, 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.

Tentative program:

1. Welcome remarks by Nan Li, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2. Remarks by speaker:
Mr. Gam Awungshi Shimray, Secretary General, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact
3. Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Peoples, Member States and UN Agencies. Moderated by Naw Ei Ei Min, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
4. Concluding remarks by Hanieh Moghani, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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