



# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## Agenda Item 5 (c)

### Dialogue with UN agencies, funds and programmes

Tuesday 23 April 2024, 3-6 PM (EST)

**N.B.** Preparatory meetings of the IASG on Indigenous Issues will take place from 9am – 10am on April 16, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23 in Room S-1520 (UNHQ Secretariat building, boardroom, level 15).

#### **Background**

Every year, during the session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Forum members and UN agencies, funds and programmes hold an interactive dialogue. The main objectives of the meeting are to strengthen discourse and cooperation, follow up on issues of common interest and discuss possible synergies for common work.

In November 2020, the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the highest-level coordination forum of the UN system adopted a Call to Action: Building and Inclusive Sustainable and Resilient Future with Indigenous Peoples<sup>1</sup>. This Call to Action aims to galvanize system-wide action to support the implementation of the system-wide action plan (SWAP-Indigenous peoples) and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Since its adoption, members of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues (IASG) have focused on supporting the UN system organizations in implementing the CEB's Call to Action. The IASG has focused on three specific areas of action: protection of Indigenous human rights defenders, engagement with the Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams and participation of indigenous peoples in UN processes. This meeting will allow for the IASG to update the Forum Members on its work on the implementation of the Call to Action.

Further, UN entities report annually to the Permanent Forum on their activities to implement the SWAP-Indigenous peoples, as well as the recommendations issued by the Forum.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://unsceb.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/CEB-Call-to-Action-Indigenous-2020-WEB%20%281%29.pdf>





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## Proposed programme

1. Welcome remarks by Ali Hajilari, Suleiman Mamutov and Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Members of the PFII (moderators of the session) [10 mins]
2. Overview of programme by Lina Nykänen-Rettaroli  
Senior Technical Lead on Human Rights / Unit Head, Office of the Director General and Co-Chair of the IASG, WHO [5 mins]
3. Overview of Financing for Indigenous Peoples IASG working group by Terence Hay-Edie, Programme Advisor, GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP [30]
4. Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum and UN agencies, funds and programmes and other entities concerning:
  - a. Rome Statement by the three Indigenous UN Mechanisms: Indigenous Peoples and local communities [45 mins] – Coordinated by WHO
  - b. Indigenous Youth [45 mins] – Coordinated by FAO
5. Summary of the discussion and concluding remarks by Ali Hajilari, Suleiman Mamutov and Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Members of the PFII. [15 mins]

