

# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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**Concept Note** 

23rd Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) Item 5 (f): Dialogue on Indigenous platforms established within United Nations entities. Friday, 19 April 2024 | Conference Room 4 | 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

#### Introduction:

Since the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), there has been a significant move towards establishing Indigenous platforms within United Nations entities. This development marks a crucial step forward in recognizing the unique role and contributions of Indigenous Peoples in global decision-making forums.

These platforms often include both States and Indigenous Peoples, fostering a collaborative environment conducive to dialogue and co-creation of policies and recommendations. Such collaboration aims to respect and uphold the rights of Indigenous Peoples under international law and the principles outlined in the UNDRIP.

This session is designed to highlight the urgent challenges that require immediate attention, while also exploring the role and impact of these platforms in advocating for Indigenous Peoples' rights within their processes and constituencies.

In fulfilling its mandate and Article 42 of the UNDRIP, the Permanent Forum is committed to promoting, respecting, and ensuring the full application of the Declaration's provisions, and following up on its effectiveness.

#### Format:

The interactive dialogue is structured into three segments, each featuring three/two speakers. Speakers are allocated 5 minutes each, culminating in a 15-minute session per segment. The sequence of speakers will alternate among representatives from a UN mechanism, a UN entity, and an Indigenous Peoples organization actively involved in the process.

At the end of each segment, a member of the Permanent Forum will pose a question to the participants, who are then invited to respond. Following the conclusion of all segments, the Chairperson will open the floor for all participants to engage further in the dialogue.

Order of speakers:



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First segment:

- Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Parties of the Convention, Indigenous Peoples).
- Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity

Second segment:

- Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- The International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change at UNFCCC

Third segment:

- The Green Climate Fund Secretariat
- The Voluntary Fund on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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