

# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## North America Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 4, UNHQ, New York

Thursday, 27 April

3pm – 4:15pm

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

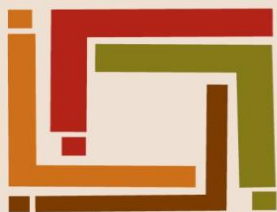
- Identify specific issues or challenges for Indigenous Peoples in the region, and share lessons learned from Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN agencies and other stakeholders
- Provide a space for Indigenous Peoples, Member States and UN systems to exchange information and perspectives in an informal 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 implement Indigenous knowledge and enhance participation in formulating health policy as a determinant of Indigenous Peoples' human health.
- Acts of reconciliation to remediate ongoing intergenerational traumas affecting Indigenous Peoples' communities.





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- Identifying existing barriers Indigenous women and other Indigenous minorities face to ensure no voices are missing in decision-making processes.

The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks from Mr. Geoffrey Roth, Member of the Permanent Forum and will be moderated by Mr. Keith M. Harper, 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 North America. Member of the Permanent Forum, Ms. Aluki Kotierk 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 Mr. Geoffrey Roth, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2. Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN Agencies, and representatives of academia. Moderated by Mr. Keith M. Harper, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
3. Concluding remarks by Ms. Aluki Kotierk, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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