

THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

24th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 21 April -2 May 2025

NOTE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) is one of three UN mechanisms specifically addressing Indigenous Peoples' issues, focusing on economic and social development, culture, education, environment, health, and human rights.

The theme of the 24th session is *"Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within UN Member States and the UN System: Identifying Good Practices and Addressing Challenges."*

Travel arrangements, including visa procedures, are the responsibility of participating organizations. The United Nations will send a confirmation letter to pre-registered participants to the email address registered in the INDICO system, which may be used to support visa applications.

All official UN documents, including the Programme of Work and session documents, are available on our [website](#) in all six UN languages.

In-person Registration

Member States, the UN and other intergovernmental organizations, Indigenous Peoples' Organizations and academia accredited to the Permanent Forum and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC can participate in the annual session of the Forum as observers.

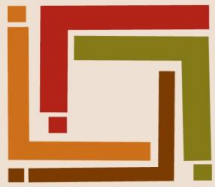
Registration for UNPFII 2024 is open from 24 February until 21 March 2025. Please note that late registrations will not be accepted. The designated focal point in [the Integrated Civil Society Organizations \(iCSO\) System](#) is responsible for approving the individual registrations of their delegates in the INDICO system. Additionally, focal points are kindly requested to ensure that their profile and contact information in the iCSO system are up to date to reflect the most current information about their organizations.

Collection of UN Grounds Passes

Pick-up Location: UN Pass and ID office, 320 E 45th St, New York, NY 10017

The registration desk with DESA staff will be open during the following times:

- Sunday 20 April from 12 pm – 4 pm



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- Monday 21 April from 8 am to 2 pm
- Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 April from 9 am to 2 pm

For all other times on April 28, 29 and 30, participants may collect their grounds passes at the UN Pass and ID Office, which is open **from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday through Wednesday.**

Please note that **in-person registration** is only available to individuals who have already registered, been approved, and received a confirmation letter of their attendance through the INDICO system. Participants must have been approved by the Conference Focal Points of accredited Indigenous Peoples' Organizations, academic institutions, or NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC.

To collect their grounds pass, participants must present:

- **The UNPFII 2025 Confirmation Letter** sent to the email address provided in the INDICO system.
- **A valid passport** issued by a UN Member State or Observer State, or a **government-issued photo ID** for those traveling from within the United States.

Participants are kindly reminded to keep their **Temporary Grounds Pass** with them at all times during the event, as it will serve as the only valid pass for those without a UN Grounds Pass to access the UN building and conference rooms.

Location

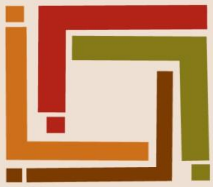
The twenty-fourth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from **21 April to 2 May 2025 in Conference Room 4.**

Opening Ceremony

The session will officially open on **Monday, 21 April 2025, from 11 am to 1 pm** in the General Assembly Hall. Access will be available from 10:00 a.m. via the ceremonial stairs or by elevator.

The opening will include a ceremonial welcome by Chief of the Onondaga Nation, Tadodaho Sid Hill, followed by statements from UN high officials, including the Secretary-General, H.E. António Guterres. The Minister of Environment of Colombia, H.E. Lena Yanina Estrada, will also address the Opening Ceremony.

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Seating for Indigenous Peoples' Organizations will be available in the General Assembly Hall on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be seated under the nameplate "**Indigenous Peoples' Organizations.**"

Lists of Speakers / Interactive Dialogues

To speak at the Forum, participants can engage through two opportunities outlined in the Programme of Work: "List of Speakers" (for pre-registered observers) and "Interactive Dialogues" (open to all pre-registered observers).

Interactive Dialogues: For agenda items 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), 5(d) morning meeting, 5(e), and 5(f), there is no pre-established speaker list. Observers can request the floor at the beginning of each session by raising their hand and pressing the microphone button. Interventions may be limited to three minutes or less.

Lists of Speakers: Available to registered observers, all participants except Academia can register to speak on agenda items 3, 4, 5 (d) afternoon meeting, 5 (g), and 6. The speakers will rotate among Member States, accredited Indigenous Peoples' Organizations, and UN agencies with ECOSOC accredited NGOs as time permits.

Please note:

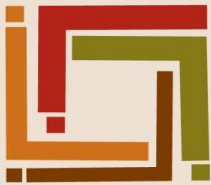
- Representatives must sign up for the speakers list in person. You cannot sign up on behalf of another person.
- The list of speakers will be printed out and posted in CR4 shortly before each agenda item is discussed.
- The order of speakers is at the sole discretion of the PFII Chair.
- Due to time constraints, not all speakers on the list may have the opportunity to speak.

Registration dates and times for the List of Speakers

Delegates who wish to address a specific agenda item must register for the List of Speakers one day before the agenda item is scheduled for discussion, **except for item 6**. Please see the calendar for agenda items and discussion dates.

- Registration Desk Location: Conference Room E
- Registration Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Please ensure you sign up within the designated timeframe, as late registrations will not be accepted.



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Monday 21 April, from 1:30 to 2:15 PM

Item 3: Discussion on the theme *“Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples within UN Member States and the United Nations system, including identifying good practices and addressing challenges”*

Item 3 is scheduled for Tuesday 22 April, 11:45 am – 1 pm and 3 pm – 6 pm

Tuesday, 22 April, from 1:30 to 2:15 PM

Item 5(g): Thematic dialogue on *the financing of Indigenous Peoples’ work and participation across the multilateral and regional system.*

Item 5(g) is scheduled for Wednesday 23 April from 10 am – 1 pm and 3 pm – 6 pm

Thursday, 24 April, from 1:30 to 2:15 PM

Item 4: Discussion on *the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum* (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Item 4 is scheduled for Friday 25 April from 10 am – 1 pm and 3 pm – 6 pm

Friday, 25 April, from 1:30 to 2:15 PM

Item 5 (d): *Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; annual review of progress on the implementation of general recommendation No. 39 (2022)*

Item 5(d) is scheduled for Monday 28 April from 10 am – 1 pm and 3 – 6 pm

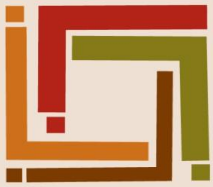
Wednesday, 30 April, from 1:30 to 2:15 PM

Item 6: *Future work* of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council, the *outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples* and emerging issues

Item 6 is scheduled for Wednesday 30 April from 4:45 pm – 6 pm

Statements at Plenary Meetings

Participants who will deliver statements at the plenary meetings are requested to send a copy (in both PDF and Microsoft Word formats) to estatements@un.org no later than two hours in advance of the delivery of the statement. The name of the meeting and the speaker, as well as the agenda item, should be clearly indicated in the subject line of the email and the heading of the statement.



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Seating Arrangements

- The first two rows are reserved for Forum Members.
- Indigenous Peoples Organizations, Indigenous Parliamentarians, UN entities, and UN Member States should sit behind their respective nameplates.

For seating details during the Opening Ceremony, please refer to the Opening Ceremony section.

Side Events

For more information, please refer to the list of side events published on our website. Approved side events will take place within the United Nations Headquarters Conference Building. Registration for side events was open from 24 February to 12 March 2025.

Side events will also be held at external venues; however, organizers of these events must still be accredited to the UNPFII.

Other Events

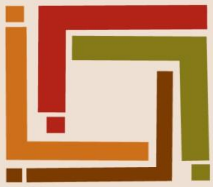
Cultural Event – Thursday, 24 April, 6:30 pm. – 9:30 pm., Sputnik Area, UN Headquarters, New York. Accredited participants of the 24th Session of the UNPFII, including Indigenous Peoples, Member States, and UN entities, are invited. Hosted by DESA/DISD/ the Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch, with support from various entities.

Additional Events – Organized by the American Indian Law Alliance at the Church Center of the United Nations (777 United Nations Plaza, corner of East 44th Street and 1st Avenue):

- **Global Indigenous Peoples Caucus Meeting** – Saturday, 19 April – Sunday, 20 April 2025, 9:00 am. – 3:00 pm.
- **Indigenous Peoples' Craft Fair** – Wednesday, 23 April 2025, 9:00 am. – 3:00 pm.

For inquiries regarding these events, please contact the organizers directly at Aila.united.nations@gmail.com.

For more details, please [website](#)



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Media

Accredited media can attend. Journalists and media professionals without UN credentials must apply [online](#). More information can be found on our [website](#).

Some sessions will be broadcast online, and there will be an Indigenous Media Zone.

The “Indigenous Media Zone” (IMZ), organized in coordination with the Department of Global Communication and Cultural Survival, aims to provide a space for Indigenous media channels and platforms to cover the 24th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Non-Indigenous media are also welcome to join.

Located in the UN Correspondents Association Room (3rd floor, Secretariat building, S-310) from Monday to Friday, 21-25 April, from 10 am to 6 pm. To access the UNCA room, please take the escalator from the 1B level.

To register for the IMZ and request a time slot for an interview, please apply from 24 March to 6 April. More information about the IMZ, as well as the link to apply, can be found on our [website](#).

Reprisals

Given that the United Nations relies on the cooperation of the people whom it serves and that everyone, individually and in association with others, has the right to unhindered access to and communication with the Organization, the Permanent Forum urges Indigenous Peoples to report on threats, human rights abuses and reprisals for participating in the Forum to OHCHR at reprisals@ohchr.org