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24th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Agenda Item 3 *Implementing the UNDRIP within UN Member States and the UN System:
Identifying Good Practices and Addressing Challenges*

Conference Room 4 | Tuesday, 22 April 2025 | 11:45 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00

Introduction

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2007, provides a universal framework to promote the rights, dignity, and well-being of Indigenous Peoples worldwide. Despite significant progress in its implementation, significant challenges remain in fully realizing its provisions across UN Member States, UN entities, and all stakeholders, including the development of national action plans, legal and policy reforms, and the creation of institutional mechanisms in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples.

Additionally, in the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (A/RES/69/2) Member States committed to cooperating with Indigenous Peoples, through their own representative institutions, to develop and implement national action plans, strategies or other measures, where relevant, to achieve the ends of the Declaration (para 8).

The 2025 session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) will highlight good practices to address these challenges and provide a platform to assess the progress of the Declaration's implementation thus far. This session aims to foster dialogue among Indigenous Peoples representatives, Member States, Indigenous Peoples representatives, UN entities, and other stakeholders to advance the realization of Indigenous Peoples' rights globally.

This session will examine:

- **National Implementation Strategies:** Reviewing national action plans, legislative measures, and institutional frameworks or other measures supporting the Declaration's implementation.
- **Evaluation Framework:** Implementing mechanisms of evaluation to demonstrate implementation for the Declaration.
- **Indigenous Peoples' Participation:** Strengthening Indigenous Peoples' engagement in decision-making processes at sub-national, national, regional and international levels.





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- **UN System's Role:** Enhancing coordination across UN entities to mainstream Indigenous Peoples' rights within their mandates and operations.
- **Resource Mobilization:** Addressing financial and technical barriers to effective implementation.
- **Tracking progress:** Exploring successful or planned mechanisms in line with the Declaration's principles

Objectives

1. **Assess Progress:** Evaluate the extent to which the Declaration has been implemented within UN Member States and by the UN system.
2. **Highlight Good Practices:** Identify successful initiatives, policies, and mechanisms that have contributed to the realization of Indigenous Peoples' rights.
3. **Address Challenges:** Discuss key barriers to implementation, including gaps in legal frameworks, political will, and resource allocation.
4. **Strengthen Collaboration:** Promote partnerships between Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN agencies, and civil society to enhance the Declaration's implementation.
5. **Develop Recommendations:** Formulate concrete recommendations for UN Member States, UN bodies, and Indigenous Peoples to accelerate progress toward full implementation.

Discussion questions

- How have Member States implemented the UNDRIP successfully into national policies? What are the challenges for implementation and how can they be overcome?
- To what extent have member states and UN agencies integrated Indigenous Peoples' rights into its policies, structures, and operations, ensuring alignment with international standards like UNDRIP and prioritizing Indigenous self-determination through consistent institutional and operational practices?
- To what extent have member states and UN agencies integrated meaningful and comprehensive engagement of Indigenous leaders and Indigenous Peoples in their work?

Expected Outcomes





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- Identification of concrete examples of successful policies and programmes to implement UNDRIP, as well as challenges.
- Sharing experiences, strategies, and good practices.
- Enhanced dialogue and cooperation between Indigenous Peoples and relevant stakeholders.

Format

The session will start with a panel discussion of experts. Following the panel discussion the floor will be open to speakers registered on the speakers list. Available to registered observers, all participants except Academia can register to speak. The speakers will rotate among Member States, accredited Indigenous Peoples' Organizations, and UN agencies with ECOSOC accredited NGOs as time permits.

For more detailed information on the speakers list see:

<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/indigenous-peoples/unpfi/24th-session>

