



# Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited  
2 May 2025

Original: English

## ADVANCED UNEDITED VERSION

### Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Twenty-fourth session

New York, 21 April–2 May 2025

### Draft report

*Rapporteur:* Mr. Suleiman Mamutov

### Chapter I

### Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

#### B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

#### Dialogue on Indigenous platforms established within United Nations entities (Item 5 (f))

1. There has been growing recognition of the need for formal UN mechanisms that ensure Indigenous Peoples' meaningful participation in global governance. These platforms must respect Indigenous Peoples' rights, governance, and decision-making bodies, systems and institutions. The Forum will continue to advise States, Indigenous Peoples and UN entities to strengthen Indigenous Peoples' roles in multilateral processes.
2. The Forum heard from: the UNFCCC Secretariat to the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP); the UNCCD Secretariat regarding the Indigenous Peoples Caucus; the Secretariat of the CBD regarding the newly established Permanent Subsidiary body on Article 8(j); the IFAD Secretariat regarding the Indigenous Peoples' Forum; and the Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems Coalition hosted by the WFP.
3. The Forum strongly encourages UN entities to engage directly with Indigenous Peoples where applicable, including at the national and local level, even in countries where Indigenous Peoples are not officially recognized. This approach aligns with the UNDRIP and the right to self-identification and can ensure that programs are inclusive, culturally appropriate, and responsive to Indigenous Peoples' needs.



4. The Forum urges all UN entities to institutionalize engagement with Indigenous Peoples in high-level events. The Permanent Forum also encourages the Conferences of Parties to the Rio Conventions to invite the Forum to participate in negotiations in its capacity as an advisory body within the UN system.
  5. The Forum urges Member States and the CBD Secretariat's permanent Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and its new Work Program to include Indigenous Peoples' leadership at all levels, including as a Co-chair, working group leads, expert groups, and Bureau members from the seven socio-cultural regions. The Forum reiterates its call on United Nations entities and the Parties to biodiversity and climate agreements to recognize the distinct identities and specific rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Forum encourages using accurate and differentiated terminology, and recommends avoiding the combined or interchangeable use of the terms "Indigenous Peoples" and "local communities" as a single category.
  6. The Forum calls on Mongolia, the FAO, and the UNCCD to ensure meaningful participation of representatives of Indigenous Pastoralists in the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralism (A/RES/76/253), and in all related events and processes. Adequate and sustained funding must be secured for Indigenous Peoples' participation.
  7. The Forum takes note with appreciation of WIPO's "Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, and Associated Traditional Knowledge" for the benefit Indigenous Peoples. It urges Member States to sign, ratify, and implement the Treaty, which contains measures to protect against biopiracy, includes Indigenous Peoples' full and effective participation in the treaty assembly, and acknowledges States' commitments to achieving the ends of the UNDRIP.
-