



THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Arctic & Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 6

Tuesday, 24 April 2018

10 AM – 1 PM

The Permanent Forum will hold Regional Dialogue for Arctic & Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia regions with representatives of indigenous peoples and Member States. UN agencies, regional and National Human Rights Institutions and academics are also welcome to attend.

The Regional Dialogue will mainly discuss on the following issues, among others:

1. What has been the progress on the implementation of the recommendation of the Permanent Forum, that “the Arctic Council adopt, at its ministerial meeting in 2015, a comprehensive long-term strategy for resource extraction in the Arctic region in order to end present uncontrolled, unmanaged and unsustainable industrial practices, including an ethical code of conduct committing private entities operating in the Arctic to not engage in practices harmful to the environment and to respect human rights, particularly those of Arctic indigenous peoples”?
2. In view of the forthcoming 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages, what are the preparatory actions undertaken and plans formulated for promotion and protection of indigenous languages in the region, including the potential to organize a regional gathering of indigenous peoples, States, academics and other stakeholders?
3. What are the obstacles to adoption of the Nordic Sami Convention agreed by Finland, Norway and Sweden for the rights of indigenous Sami people?

The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks from the Permanent Forum members, who will also moderate the following informal and interactive dialogue. Interventions from States and indigenous peoples need to be brief and address a specific issue so that the discussions can be conducted in genuinely interactive manner. Speakers are requested to limit their interventions to 3 minutes each.

For overall objectives of the regional dialogues, see the link <https://goo.gl/ZgP6cq>

See Recommendations database of the Permanent Forum at the link <https://goo.gl/K5U4fg>

