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## 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Regional Dialogue: North America Wednesday 25 April, 10am–1pm CR 6

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will meet with representatives of indigenous peoples and Member States from the North American region on Wednesday 25 April 2018. UN Agencies, regional and national Human Rights Institutions and academics are welcome to attend.

The aim of the regional dialogue is to discuss issues of relevance in the region and identify how to sharpen the focus and impact of the Permanent Forum's analysis and recommendations. The objective of this dialogue includes the following:

- To identify specific strategic measures that can be taken to:
  - Promote the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples at the national level;
  - Advance the rights of indigenous peoples at the regional and international levels;
- 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?
- To provide a space for indigenous peoples, Member States and UN system to exchange information and perspectives in an informal and constructive setting to facilitate consensus building; and
- To identify specific thematic areas and/or emerging issues that the Permanent Forum may wish to focus on at future sessions.

