



THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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Dialogue with Member States

Conference Room 4

Monday, 23 April 2018

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

The Dialogue with Member States provides an opportunity for the Permanent Forum and States to discuss priority and key issues and how the Forum members can advise and assist in addressing such matters. It was well received last year – the first time such dialogue was held.

This year, the Dialogue will continue to focus upon the Outcome Document of the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (WCIP). The Outcome Document contains commitment from States to take, in consultation and cooperation with indigenous peoples, appropriate measures at the national level, including legislative, policy and administrative measures, to achieve the ends of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to promote awareness of it among all sectors of society, including members of legislatures, the judiciary and the civil service.

In the Dialogue, the Permanent Forum encourages the States to present statements on actions taken or challenges faced to implement the Outcome Document or other specific issues. For example:

- *How can the awareness of members of legislatures, the judiciary and the civil service be raised?*
- *How can the right to self-determination be fully recognised and respected?*
- *What rulings have been made by courts to give definition and substance to indigenous peoples' right to free, prior and informed consent?*
- *How does partnership under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) apply to the indigenous peoples?*

This exchange can support the Permanent Forum to implementing its mandate to provide expert advice and recommendations and information on indigenous issues. At the same time, examples of good practices can assist other States to take actions promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

During the closed meeting, States are invited to deliver prepared statements and engage in an interactive dialogue with the Permanent Forum members. States are requested to limit prepared statements to 3 minutes.

