

Questionnaire to the UN system agencies, funds and programmes and intergovernmental organizations

The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was established by Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Resolution 2000/22. The Permanent Forum is mandated to provide expert advice and recommendations on indigenous issues to ECOSOC and through the Council to United Nations agencies, funds and programmes; to raise awareness and promote the integration and coordination of activities related to indigenous issues with the UN system; and prepare and disseminate information on indigenous issues.

The Indigenous Peoples Development Branch/Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues invites UN system agencies, funds and programmes and other inter-governmental organizations to complete the attached questionnaire on any action taken or planned in response to the Permanent Forum's recommendations and other relevant issues, including the system-wide action plan on rights of indigenous peoples/SWAP and the 2030 Development Agenda.

The responses will be compiled into two separate reports for the 2021 session of the Permanent Forum: (a) System Wide Action Plan on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Implementation by the United Nations System; and (b) Update on the Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda.

All responses will be placed on the DESA/DISD website on Indigenous Peoples at: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/>

If you have any objections for your response to be made available on our website, please inform our office accordingly.

Please submit your completed questionnaire by **8 December 2020** to:

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The Twentieth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is scheduled to take place at United Nations Headquarters from **19 - 30 April 2021**.

Provisional Agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Discussion on the theme: “Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16”
4. Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights) with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.
5. Dialogues:
 - a. Dialogue with indigenous peoples;
 - b. Dialogue with Member States;
 - c. Dialogue with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes;
 - d. Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
 - e. Regional dialogues;
 - f. Thematic dialogues.
6. Follow-up to the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
7. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues.
8. Provisional agenda for the twentieth-first session of the Permanent Forum.
9. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its twentieth session.

Questionnaire

Please provide information on the following:

A. Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

With respect to the implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum addressed specifically to your agency, fund and/or programme:

- i. Please provide information on measures taken or planned to implement the recommendations of the Permanent Forum.

The Permanent Forum invited the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) to collaborate closely with bodies outside of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on matters relating to climate change and indigenous peoples, in accordance with its mandate” (Report on the 18th session of the UNPFII, para 87).¹

Considerable progress has been made on the operationalization of the LCIPP since its establishment in Paris.²

First, the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties recommended that the processes under the platform, including its operationalization, take into account, inter alia, the interests and views of local communities and indigenous peoples. Furthermore, it recommended that principles proposed by indigenous peoples organizations be taken into account.

These include the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples; equal status of indigenous peoples and Parties, including in leadership roles; self-selection of indigenous peoples representatives in accordance with indigenous peoples’ own procedures; and adequate funding from the secretariat and voluntary contributions to enable the functions of the platform.³

Second, the FWG was established to further operationalize the platform and facilitate the implementation of its functions. In so doing, it implements the workplan activities in collaboration with other bodies under and outside of the Convention to enhance the coherence and impact of the LCIPP.⁴

Seven indigenous peoples representatives serve as members of the fourteen-member FWG, with equal leadership status. One co-chair and one vice co-chair are also

¹ E/2019/43-E/C.19/2019/10

² Through decision 1/CP.21, para 35

³ Decision 2/CP.23 paragraph 8.

⁴ Per decision 2/CP.24

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indigenous. In the current composition, 5 of the 7 indigenous peoples representative members are women.

The FWG meets twice a year, and its meetings are open to Parties and observers under the Convention,⁵ including representatives of other bodies.

Third, Parties welcomed the initial two-year workplan (2020-2021) of the LCIPP.⁶ The workplan includes a dedicated activity to map existing policies and practices for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in climate change related bodies and processes under *and outside* of the Convention. The LCIPP workplan also includes a mapping effort, focusing on existing funding within the United Nations system, and to identify additional funding opportunities for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities from all regions related to climate change. The implementation of these activities is ongoing. Views from Parties, indigenous peoples organizations, observers and other stakeholders have been invited through calls for submissions.⁷

Fourth, the UNFCCC secretariat, with the support of the FWG and the web portal subcommittee, has developed a dedicated LCIPP web portal to make the work of the LCIPP widely accessible.⁸

Fifth, a partnership-building dialogue on LCIPP-relevant work outside of the Convention was convened in June 2019. The open dialogue brought together Party representatives, UN entities, civil society organizations and other stakeholders to share their work and mandates, pertaining to the [three functions](#) of the LCIPP.⁹ The dialogue also highlighted potential collaborative opportunities to enhance the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities in climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts in a holistic and integrated manner.

- ii. The theme of the 2021 PFII session is “Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16”. Please include information on any publications, projects, report or activities that are of relevance to this theme.

⁵ To view recent and upcoming meetings of the FWG, please visit <https://unfccc.int/LCIPP-FWG> (per Decision 2/CP.24, para 29)

⁶ Through the conclusion of the 51st session of Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, para 46 (To view the full workplan, please see Annex I of the FWG 1 report at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/SBSTA2019_04E.pdf)

⁷ To view and contribute towards implementing the LCIPP initial two-year workplan activities, please visit <https://unfccc.int/topics/local-communities-and-indigenous-peoples-platform/the-big-picture/lcipp/initial-workplan-2020-2021-of-the-local-communities-and-indigenous-peoples-platform#eq-7>

⁸ Decision 2/CP.24, para 21 (see: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/10a1.pdf>)

⁹ See: <https://unfccc.int/LCIPP-activities#eq-2>

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B. System Wide Action Plan to achieve the ends of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Executive summary:

Please provide an overview of actions taken or planned to implement the System-Wide Action Plan on the Rights of Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This summary will form the basis of the compilation report of UN activities to implement the SWAP and the Declaration. [Word limit: 600]

As requested in the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (A/RES/69/2), a system-wide action plan (SWAP) to ensure a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted in November 2015 and launched by the Secretary-General at the UN Permanent Forum in May 2016.

In August 2020, the United Nations Executive Committee agreed on the need for accelerated and collective action to strengthen the implementation of UN System Wide Action Plan (SWAP) on indigenous peoples. In November 2020, the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination issued a Call to Action: Building an Inclusive, Sustainable and Resilient Future with Indigenous Peoples, to ensure collaborative and coherent UN system action to support the rights and well-being of indigenous peoples with focus on furthering the implementation of the SWAP.

The Permanent Forum will follow up on progress made in the implementation of the system-wide action plan during its 2021 session. For ease of reference, the questions have been framed under the six key elements of the SWAP-Indigenous Peoples as follows:

1. Raising awareness of the UN Declaration

Please provide information on activities that raise awareness of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including key messages, advocacy and other media and outreach initiatives. Please provide information on publications, films, audio material, maps, or other materials that feature or focus on the UN Declaration and on indigenous peoples. Please also provide links to relevant websites and other sources, including contact details of focal points.

2. Supporting the implementation of the UN Declaration, particularly at the country level

The role of the new Resident Coordinators and UN Country Team framework is an integral component of the UN's commitment to support the rights of those at risk of being left behind, including indigenous peoples.

The Chief Executives Board committed to redouble efforts to help Resident Coordinators and UNCTs ensure more systematic participation of indigenous peoples in United Nations country processes.

Please provide information on actions taken or planned by your agency/ fund/ programme/ entity on the following:

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- i. Any activities or support provided to indigenous peoples both during the COVID-19 pandemic and after, to ensure their inclusion in addressing the impacts of the pandemic, as well as in building back better.
- ii. Measures taken or planned to support national partners in reform and implementation of legal frameworks, policies, strategies and plans to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including any joint programming initiatives.
- iii. Support provided to Member States to mainstream the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ILO Convention No. 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, where ratified, in national development plans and in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and Common Country Analysis.
- iv. Support for consultative mechanisms and platforms of dialogue including under the leadership of the Resident Coordinators.
- v. Support provided to Resident Coordinators, UNCTs, SRSGs, UN field operations or Special Envoys in their engagement with indigenous peoples.

3. Supporting indigenous peoples' rights in the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- i. Has your agency/organization taken any measures to incorporate indigenous issues into policy and programming to implement the 2030 Agenda in line with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?
- ii. Has your agency/organization/entity supported the participation of indigenous peoples in the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including at the national level? Please also include information on indigenous women, persons with disabilities, older persons and children and youth in your responses. Please describe how indigenous peoples have contributed to the preparation of the national plans/strategies for SDG implementation?

The LCIPP, through the implementation of its 3 functions, brings together people and their experiences to help address climate change mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner.¹⁰

- iii. Please provide information on reports or other documents in implementing the 2030 Agenda for indigenous peoples. Also include information on any measures taken or planned for the collection of statistical data on indigenous peoples, in particular related to the SDG indicators for target 1.4 (secure tenure rights to land), target 2.3 (income of small-scale food producers), target 4.5 (parity in access to education) and target 10.3/16.b (experience of discrimination).

¹⁰ To view and contribute towards the work of the LCIPP, please visit <https://unfccc.int/LCIPP>.

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4. Mapping of existing standards and guidelines, capacities, training materials and resources for the effective implementation of the UNDRIP

- i.* Please provide information on specific standards and guidelines on indigenous peoples adopted or planned by your agency/organization.
- ii.* Please provide information on any training materials prepared or planned related to the implementation of the UN Declaration.
- iii.* Please provide information on current resources and funds allocated to effectively implement the UN Declaration. Please also provide information on any joint initiatives with other UN agencies in the implementation of the UN Declaration.

5. Developing the capacities of States, indigenous peoples, civil society and UN personnel

Please provide information on:

- i.* Any capacity development initiatives that your organization is conducting for indigenous peoples, government officials and UN staff;
1. The LCIPP has 3 functions: knowledge, capacity for engagement, and climate change policies and actions. In accordance with its 2nd function, the LCIPP builds “the capacity of indigenous peoples and local communities to enable their engagement in the UNFCCC process as well as the capacity of Parties and other relevant stakeholders to engage with the platform and with local communities and indigenous peoples, including in the context of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and other climate change related processes”.¹¹

Under the function 2 “Capacity for Engagement”, the FWG is developing:

- An outreach/dissemination plan and thematic training materials,
- Recommendations on the engagement and input of indigenous peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process.

As part of the initial two-year workplan of the LCIPP, the FWG collaborates with indigenous peoples organizations and UN agencies. It plans to organize thematic training workshops to build capacity for engaging indigenous peoples, and local communities in the relevant work under and outside the UNFCCC process.¹²

Given the COVID-19 pandemic, a series of virtual webinars have been scheduled in 2020 and 2021 to complement the in-person training workshop planned to be held in conjunction with a UNFCCC session in 2021. The first session of the webinar series took place in

¹¹ Decision 2/CP.23, para 6

¹² See activity 4 – 6 of the LCIPP initial two-year workplan:
https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/SBSTA2019_04E.pdf

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November 2020 and focused on the contours of indigenous knowledge.¹³ The second took place in January 2021 and focused on the ethical and equitable engagement of Indigenous Knowledge in the context of climate change.

Please include information on the participation of indigenous women, children and youth as well as indigenous persons with disabilities in your response.

6. Advancing the participation of indigenous peoples at the UN

Please provide information on:

- i. Any support provided for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples at relevant UN processes, including at the country level;
- ii. Any consultative mechanisms, tools and other measures to obtain free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples in processes that affect them;
- iii. Any consultation mechanisms established by the UNCT or support to Member States in establishing institutions and mechanisms for consultation with indigenous peoples, as well as ensuring effective participation of indigenous youth and indigenous women, in the COVID-19 socio-economic response and recovery plans.

Thank you very much

¹³ To view the training webinar series and other LCIPP capacity building events, please visit <https://unfccc.int/topics/local-communities-and-indigenous-peoples-platform/the-big-picture/lcipp/events-meetings-and-workshops-lcipp>.