



# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## Arctic Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 4

Thursday, 27 April

11:30am – 1pm

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for the Arctic to meet with representatives of Indigenous Peoples and Member States during the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Permanent Forum. UN agencies, funds and programmes and regional and national Human Rights Institutions and academia are also welcome to attend.

The aim of the regional dialogues is to discuss issues of relevance in the countries of the region and identify how to sharpen the focus and impact of the Permanent Forum's analysis and recommendations. The objectives of these dialogues include the following:

- Identify specific issues or challenges for Indigenous Peoples in the region, and share lessons learned from Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN agencies and other stakeholders
- Provide a space for Indigenous Peoples, Member States and UN systems to exchange information and perspectives in an informal and constructive setting, to facilitate consensus building
- Identify strategic measures that can be taken to advance the rights of Indigenous Peoples at all levels, and highlight specific thematic areas and/or emerging issues that the Permanent Forum may wish to focus on at future sessions

### Guiding Themes

In preparation for the Dialogue, participants are invited to consider the following guiding themes:

- Implementation of legal and political agreements in the context of Indigenous Peoples' land rights, health and well-being
- Mobility and transborder connections as factors in Indigenous self-governance and self-determination
- Connecting Indigenous Peoples' human health to the revitalization and strengthening of Indigenous languages in support of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032
- Impacts of climate change mitigation and green energy projects on Indigenous Peoples' planetary and territorial health





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The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks from a Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and will be moderated by a Forum Member. After the opening remarks, participants will be invited to reflect on the guiding themes and discuss the major issues encountered by Indigenous Peoples within the regional and national contexts of the Arctic. A Member of the Permanent Forum will provide closing remarks.

Interventions from States and Indigenous Peoples should be brief and address a specific issue so that the discussions can be conducted in an interactive manner.

## **Tentative program:**

1. Welcome remarks by a Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2. Interactive discussion between Members of the Permanent Forum, Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN Agencies, and representatives of academia.
3. Concluding remarks by a Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

*Recommendations database of the Permanent Forum:* <https://unpfii.desa.un.org/>

Venue: Conference Room 4, UNHQ

Interpretation in the 6 official languages of the UN will be available.

