



# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## Pacific Regional Dialogue

Conference Room 6

Thursday, 27 April

11:30am – 1pm

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold a Regional Dialogue for the Pacific 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 welcomed 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:

- Promoting the role of Indigenous Women in the preservation and intergenerational transmission of Indigenous knowledge systems for Indigenous human health.
- Advancing Indigenous traditional practices for planetary and territorial health including the management and conservation of the sea and freshwater accessibility.
- Integrating Indigeneity as a determinant of health across sectors to remove barriers to enable and support access to healthcare systems.





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The dialogue will begin with introductory remarks from Hannah McGlade, Vice-Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the Pacific, who will also moderate. 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 Pacific. Hannah McGlade, Vice-Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 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 Hannah McGlade, Vice-Chair 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 Hannah McGlade, Vice-Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

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