

# THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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## NOTE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

15-26 April 2024

The UNPFII is one of three UN mechanisms specifically addressing Indigenous Peoples' issues, focusing on economic and social development, culture, education, environment, health, and human rights.

The theme of the 23rd session is "Enhancing Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination in the context of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: emphasizing the voices of Indigenous youth."

Travel arrangements, including visa procedures, are the responsibility of participating organizations. The United Nations will send a confirmation letter to pre-registered representatives to the email address registered in the INDICO system, which can be used for visa requests.

All official UN documents, including the Agenda and Program of Work, are available on our [website](#) in all UN languages.

### **In-person Registration**

Member States, the UN and other intergovernmental organizations, Indigenous Peoples' Organizations and academia accredited to the Permanent Forum and NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC can participate in the annual session of the Forum.

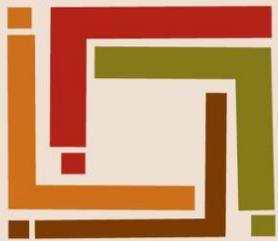
Registration for UNPFII 2024 was open from 19 February until 18 March 2024. We are unable to accept any late registrations. The focal point designated in the [integrated Civil Society Organizations \(iCSO\) System](#) had the responsibility to approve the individual registration of their delegates in the INDICO system.

Delegates approved by the Conference Focal Points of accredited Indigenous Peoples' Organizations and academia, and NGOs in consultative status to the ECOSOC should have received a confirmation letter to the email address registered in the INDICO system.

The focal points are kindly requested to make sure that their profile and contact information on iCSO is the most up to date information about their organizations.

### **Collection of UN Grounds Passes**

Pick-up Location: UN Pass and ID office, 320 E 45th St, New York, NY 10017



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Please note that in-person registration is only open to those who have already registered, been approved, and received a confirmation letter of their attendance via the INDICO system.

The registration desk with DESA staff will be open during the following times:

Sunday 14 April from 12 pm – 4 pm

Monday 15 April from 8 am to 1 pm

Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 April from 9 am to 1 pm

For other times, please present yourself at the UN Pass and ID offices, which is open from 9 am to 11 am Monday to Wednesday.

Representatives must bring their UNPFII 2024 Confirmation Letters as well as a valid passport issued by a Member State or an Observer State of the United Nations (or government-issued photo ID if coming from within the U.S.) in order to collect their grounds pass.

Please keep your Temporary Ground Pass with you at all times during the event, as it will be the ONLY pass valid for non-UN Ground Pass holders to enter the UN building and conference rooms.

## **Locations**

The session will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 15 to 26 April 2024 in Conference Room 4.

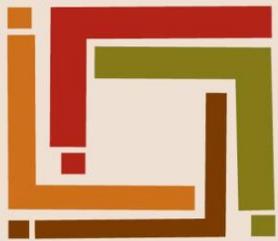
The opening of the twenty-third session of the Permanent Forum will take place at the General Assembly Hall on 15 April 2024 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can access the GA Hall from 10 a.m. using the ceremonial stairs or the elevator.

The Forum will adjourn so that delegates can attend the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples on 17 April, 3-6 pm, at the General Assembly Hall.

## **Lists of Speakers/Interactive Dialogues**

To speak at the Forum, participants can engage through two opportunities outlined in the Programme of Work: "Lists of Speakers" (for pre-registered observers) and "Interactive Dialogues" (open to everyone).

Lists of Speakers: Available to registered observers, all participants except Academia can register to speak on agenda items 3, 4, 5 (d), 5 (g), and 6. The speakers will rotate among Member States, accredited Indigenous Peoples' Organizations, and UN agencies. Each speaker can speak once per agenda item, limited to 3 minutes. Venue to be confirmed.



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Interactive Dialogues: For agenda items 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), 5(d), 5(e), and 5(f), there is no pre-established speaker list. Observers can request the floor at the beginning of each session by raising their hand and pressing the microphone button. Interventions could be limited to three minutes or shorter.

## Statements at Plenary Meetings

Participants who will deliver statements at the plenary meetings are requested to send a copy (in both PDF and Microsoft Word formats) to [estatements@un.org](mailto:estatements@un.org) no later than two hours in advance of the delivery of the statement. The name of the meeting and the speaker, as well as the agenda item, should be clearly indicated in the subject line of the email and the heading of the statement.

## Seating Arrangements

The first two rows are reserved for Forum Members. Indigenous Peoples Organizations, Indigenous Parliamentarians, UN entities, and UN Member States please sit under your nameplate.

During the opening meeting on the morning of 15 April, seating will also be available for Indigenous Peoples Organizations at the Hall of the General Assembly on a first-come first-served basis. Please be seated under the nameplate “Indigenous Peoples’ Organizations”.

## Side Events

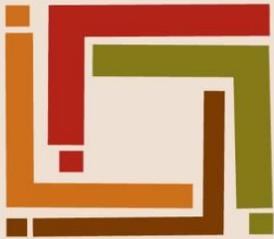
Side events organized by registered organizations will take place. Some side events will take place within the Conference building, while others will be held at external venues. Please refer to the list of side events published on our [website](#) for more information. Registration for side events was open from 19 February to 29 February.

In addition, other events are taking place at the Church Center of the United Nations, located at 777 United Nations Plaza (corner of East 44th Street and 1st Avenue). The Global Indigenous Women's Gathering is scheduled for 12 April; The Global Indigenous Peoples Caucus meeting for 13 and 14 April; and the Indigenous Craft Fair is anticipated to take place 17 April. Please check our [website](#) for event timings.

## Media

Accredited media can attend. Journalists without UN credentials must apply [online](#). Some sessions will be broadcast online, and there will be an Indigenous Media Zone.

The “**Indigenous Media Zone**” (IMZ), organized in coordination with the Department of Global Communication and Cultural Survival, aims to provide a space for Indigenous and mainstream media channels and platforms to cover the 23rd Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Non-Indigenous media are welcome to join.



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Located in the UN Correspondents Association Room (3rd floor, Secretariat building, S-310) from Monday to Thursday, 15-18 April, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. To access the UNCA room, please take the escalator from the 1B level.

To register for the IMZ and request a time slot for an interview, please [apply](#) from 9 March to 8 April.

## **Reprisals**

Given that the United Nations relies on the cooperation of the people whom it serves and that everyone, individually and in association with others, has the right to unhindered access to and communication with the Organization, the Permanent Forum urges Indigenous Peoples to report on threats, human rights abuses and reprisals for participating in the Forum to OHCHR at [reprisals@ohchr.org](mailto:reprisals@ohchr.org) and [indigenous\\_un@un.org](mailto:indigenous_un@un.org) [UNPFII 2019, rec.18].