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# PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

**SPECIAL THEME:** IMPLEMENTING THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WITHIN UN MEMBER STATES AND THE UN SYSTEM, INCLUDING IDENTIFYING GOOD PRACTICES AND ADDRESSING CHALLENGES

## CLIMATE CRISIS

Indigenous Peoples, especially nomadic and semi-nomadic communities, must be recognized as key actors in climate and biodiversity governance, with full respect for their rights to land, territories, and resources.



## COMBAT VIOLENCE & DISCRIMINATION

Indigenous Peoples continue to face systemic violence, racism, and discrimination - especially women, youth, and persons with disabilities - requiring urgent action to uphold human rights and dignity.

## DATA SOVEREIGNTY

Indigenous Peoples are calling for control over how data about them is collected, stored, and used—ensuring it aligns with their values, protects their knowledge, and supports self-determination.



**4** QUALITY  
EDUCATION



## YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

There is a continuing need to empower Indigenous youth and ensure the transmission of traditional knowledge, languages, and cultural practices across generations to sustain identity and resilience.

## KEY DECISIONS AND FUTURE WORK

- Enhanced participation of Indigenous Peoples and encourage UN entities and partners to fund preparatory meetings.
- Urge the UN Secretary-General to appoint a special envoy or adviser, in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, to promote their rights and follow up on the 2014 World Conference outcome document.
- Requests Member States to ensure Indigenous Peoples' meaningful participation in preparatory processes for the UN Water Conferences of 2026 and 2028.
- Requests Member States to contribute to the Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues managed by DESA.
- Recommends UN entities ensure Indigenous Peoples' inclusion in AI and digital technology governance processes; offers assistance in identifying experts.

[25th Session \(20 April -1 May 2026\): Ensuring Indigenous Peoples' health, including within the context of conflict.](#)

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