

Final UN Consultations on Participation: April 26 and May 3

Friends,

The final two consultations on how to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representative intuitions (governments) at the United Nations will take place April 26 (3pm-6pm) and May 3 (10am-1pm).

Please see the [attached letter](#) from the President and his advisers announcing the consultations. We have yet to see the updated draft resolution text with input from the previous consultation held February 28 at UN Headquarters in New York. We will circulate that when it becomes available, probably next week. In the meantime, I am attaching our [briefing paper](#) on the issue for your consideration.

The April 26 and May 3 consultations will be held in parallel with the [Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues](#) (April 24-May 5), which includes in its agenda on Friday, April 28, discussion on the follow-up to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. There will also be a special high-level event on April 25 to commemorate the ten-year anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The complete agenda for the Forum is [attached](#). Registration is now closed.

For those who have registered for the Forum, the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples has announced another round of funding for indigenous delegates. Their application is [attached](#) and can also be used for those wishing to participate in the [Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) (July 10-14) in Geneva, Switzerland. Registration for the Expert Mechanism will need to be completed separately on their website.

Center staff will be in attendance at the April 26 and May 3 consultations. Please let us know if you will be attending and if you are interested in coordinating efforts.

Thank you,

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