

February 17, 2017

Friends,

Please see below the links for a **Feb. 16** letter from the President of the UN General Assembly announcing the schedule for the next consultation on participation, **Feb. 27-28**, along with the updated consultation paper (elements for discussion) for your consideration.

- [Letter from the PGA to indigenous peoples \(16 February 2017\)](#)
- [Elements for further discussion \(February 2017\)](#)
- [Letter to PGA from Advisers \(15 February 2017\)](#)

Schedule of the consultations:

**Monday 27 February**

10 AM - 1 PM            Bilaterals with Member States and Indigenous peoples  
3 PM - 6 PM            Bilaterals with Member States and Indigenous peoples

**Tuesday 28 February**

10 AM - 11:30 AM    Consultations: segment 1: Decision, current practices, venues of participation  
11:30 AM - 1 PM      Consultations: segment 2: Participation modalities  
3 PM - 4:30 PM      Consultations: segment 3: Selection mechanism  
4:30 PM - 6 PM      Consultations: segment 4: Selection criteria

For more information, please click on the link below:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/participation-of-indigenous-peoples-at-the-united-nations.html>

Best,

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Friends,

The next consultation on how to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions (governments) at the United Nations will take place on February 27-28, 2017 at UN Headquarters in New York City. Indigenous peoples' representatives and UN member states are invited to provide their views on how to enable such participation.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, February 22. Indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions that wish to participate at the consultation must register here:

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/news/2017/02/pgc-consultation-process-28-29-feb-2017-unhq/>

At this time, neither the agenda nor the updated document for the consultation is available, but I will share that as soon as it is published. The previous document incorporating views received at the December 14-15, 2016 consultation is [attached](#). Further information is available on the UN [website](#) and also on the Center's [website](#). For your consideration, please also find [attached](#) a short memo by the Center on the topic.

There will be one additional consultation sometime during the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (April 24-May 5). It is vitally important that tribal governments speak for themselves and present their views directly to the UN and member states during these upcoming consultations. The results of these consultations are set to be finalized by the General Assembly before September, 2017, and will shape how indigenous governments will be able to participate at the UN for many years to come.

We hope you are able to join us or send a representative to at least one of the consultations. Please let us know if you plan to attend and how we can be helpful.

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