

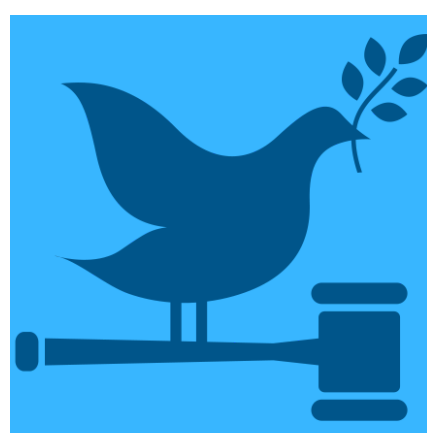


PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Special Theme: Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16

PARTNERS FOR PEACE

Indigenous Peoples are important partners in peacebuilding and addressing radicalization. The Permanent Forum supports rethinking international efforts to ensure peace, security and peacebuilding and calls upon the Security Council to consider Indigenous Peoples as partners in these efforts.

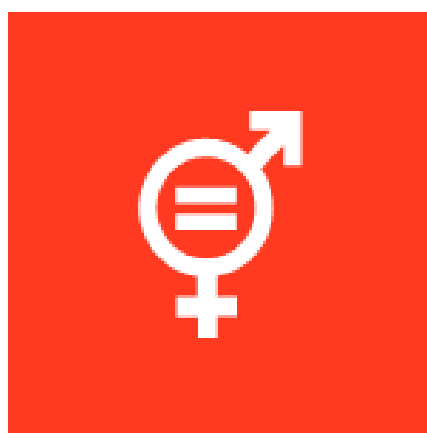


PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING

Many governments already recognize indigenous peoples' representative institutions. However, many do not and at the international level, there is no such recognition. Indigenous Peoples have the right to participate in decision making that affects them.

VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIGENOUS WOMEN

Governments must address persistent violence against indigenous women, that is perpetrated with impunity in all regions of the world. The killings and harassment of indigenous human rights defenders is also of great concern and continues year after year despite international condemnation.



BUILDING BACK BETTER

The concept of building back better offers opportunities to include traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples in safeguarding and conserving the environment, addressing lack of educational infrastructure and involving indigenous youth. It is essential to reverse harmful development projects that have caused repeated violations of indigenous peoples' rights and expropriation of their lands.

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

The International Decade of the World's Indigenous Languages (2022-2032) is a unique opportunity to support the revitalization of indigenous languages, many of which are critically endangered. It is vital to ensure worldwide engagement of Indigenous Peoples and States in the Decade and to also involve the private sector and philanthropic entities.

