

Questionnaire for written contributions to the Expert Workshop on the Review of the Mandate of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Introduction

In September 2015, the Human Rights Council adopted resolution 30/11, which requested the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene a two-day expert workshop open to the participation of States, indigenous peoples and other stakeholders, including by inviting the submission of written contributions, to review the mandate of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) and to propose recommendations on how it can more effectively promote respect for the Declaration, including by better assisting Member States to monitor, evaluate and improve the achievement of the ends of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as outlined in paragraph 28 of the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, and invited indigenous peoples to participate fully and effectively in this process. The resolution also requested OHCHR to prepare a report on the workshop, including the recommendations made, to be submitted to the Human Rights Council prior to its thirty-second session.

The questionnaire below is designed to guide written contributions from States, indigenous peoples and other stakeholders to the Expert Workshop on the review of the Expert Mechanism. It will also be made available online at:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/EMRIP/Pages/Reviewofthemandate.aspx>

Unless otherwise requested, responses written contributions will be posted on the website of the Office of the High commissioner for Human Rights.

Questionnaire to States, indigenous peoples and other stakeholders

1. What are the most valuable aspects of the current mandate of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?
2. How can the Expert Mechanism's role in assisting States to monitor, evaluate and improve the achievement of the ends of the Declaration be strengthened?
3. Do you have any suggestions to strengthen the Expert Mechanism's collaboration with other bodies and mechanisms working on the rights of indigenous peoples?
4. Do you envision a role for the Expert Mechanism in supporting States in the implementation of Universal Periodic Review, treaty body and special procedures recommendations relating to the rights of indigenous peoples?
5. How could a new mandate for the Expert Mechanism contribute to greater engagement between States and indigenous peoples to overcome obstacles to the implementation of indigenous peoples' rights?
6. Do you have any comments or suggestions concerning the composition and working methods of the Expert Mechanism?

Please submit your responses by 14 March 2016 via e-mail to expertmechanism@ohchr.org.