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The Permanent Forum reiterates its recommendations emanating from the Workshop on Data Collection and Disaggregation for Indigenous Peoples (see E/C.19/2004/2), in particular recommendations 16-22 and 24.

Comments

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) is continually working towards the development of appropriate methodology for new indicators in UNESCO's fields of competence and the improvement of existing indicators, including the identification of inequalities within nations and disaggregation by gender. UIS is currently updating the UNESCO 1986 framework on cultural statistics. The Institute aims to incorporate elements to reflect the recent UNESCO conventions on the diversity of cultural expressions and intangible heritage (2005 and 2003). Among the objectives is to achieve a better integration of "traditional" knowledge and to adequately reflect indigenous issues. A consultation involving international experts will begin in April 2007. Aware of the acute problem of the lack of data available on indigenous and minority communities, the Institute is currently taking steps towards developing guidelines for national statistics offices on how to help indigenous communities develop statistical instruments that reflect their cultural concepts. The proposed project involves an initial scoping study to collect information on best practices in adapting statistical inquiries to the needs of indigenous groups, concentrating on the countries/indigenous peoples who have

already benefited from these developments. It will be led by statistical experts from, or working with indigenous communities. UIS will seek members for an indigenous peoples' Steering Group to act as advisers and to provide leadership in the development of the project. The overall aim of the project in the medium term is to produce draft guidelines and compile existing data in time for inclusion in the World Report on Cultural Diversity for 2007. In this regard, UIS would appreciate receiving advice and support from the Permanent Forum. Furthermore, UIS consults closely with the Secretariat of the Convention on biological diversity and held a joint working meeting in late November 2006.

UNDP reports: "As a follow-up to the Forum's recommendation on the need for disaggregated data on indigenous peoples, the UNDP regional initiative piloted two data disaggregation projects. (a) A pilot project, implemented by the Tebtebba Foundation, addresses the lack of accurate information gathering vis-à-vis indigenous peoples. Working in close cooperation with the National Statistics Office of the Philippines in an effort to institutionalize disaggregation of data, the project has developed new tools for survey and census collection, which include both disaggregated data and specific indicators to reflect the development circumstances of indigenous peoples. Those tools will be shared with other offices and countries in the region. (b) In cooperation with the SPFI, the UNDP regional initiative provided support to Nepal Tamang Ghedung to disaggregate data using information collected during the 2001 population census and other relevant surveys in Nepal. The project assembled, compiled and disaggregated data from published and unpublished records, files, survey reports and documents of government bodies, departments, universities and census data in the Central Bureau of Statistics. The data was disaggregated on the basis of ethnicity, from the perspective of indigenous nationalities in Nepal, and includes statistics on demography, education, health, migration, economy, human development, human rights and the political status of caste and indigenous peoples/nationalities, including women and children."

Area of Work

Data Collection and Indicators