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The Permanent Forum recommends that the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Union for Conservation of Nature actively engage with indigenous organizations, relevant United Nations entities, non-governmental organizations and other actors to develop a set of actions and commitments in relation to conservation and human rights in the context of the post-2020 biodiversity framework and the next World Conservation Congress.

Comments

CBD: The ad hoc open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (the Working Group), which deals with matters of relevance to indigenous peoples, such as traditional knowledge, meets every two years. At its next (i.e. 11th) meeting, sometime in the Fall of 2019 (to be confirmed), the Working Group will consider these recommendations, as well as other recommendations which may arise from the UNPFII at its 18th session in 2019. Efforts by the Convention to explore the issue of biodiversity and human rights commenced in 2016 with the Interactive dialogue on “Living in Harmony with Nature” at the plenary of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which was held in Cancun, Mexico, on 13 December 2016. A second dialogue on scenarios for Living in Harmony with Nature by 2050 was held on 20 November 2018 at the CBD COP 14 and featured a representative of indigenous peoples, a youth representative, a scientist and a representative of the government of China. The summary of both dialogues are annexed to the reports of the respective meetings as advice to Parties and other governments.

As well as the two plenary dialogues, both the “Múuch'tambal” Summit on Indigenous Experience: Traditional Knowledge, biological and cultural diversity, held in Cancun, Mexico, 9-11 December 2016, during CBD COP 13 and the Nature and Culture Summit - Biological and Cultural Diversity for Biodiversity and Human Resilience and for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement, held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 22-24 November 2018, during CBD COP 14 provided further opportunities to explore the nexus between biodiversity, conservation and human rights.

Area of Work

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