



## **Addressee: UN-Women**

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### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum welcomes the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) strategy of inclusion and visibility of indigenous women, which responds to the system-wide action plan on the rights of indigenous peoples and the recommendation of the Forum (E/2014/43/Corr.1-E/C.19/2014/11/Corr.1, para. 35) on including the priorities of indigenous women in global, regional and national programmes. The Forum encourages Member States to allocate sufficient funding for the implementation of the strategy. The Forum encourages UN-Women to emphasize enhancing the participation and capacities of indigenous young women and girls and to report on progress made to the Forum at its eighteenth session.

### **Comments**

As part of its strategy to reach the most marginalized, UN Women's Fund for Gender Equality (FGE) has prioritized supporting women's organizations managed by or working for Indigenous women. Since its creation in 2009, the FGE has awarded grants to 20 projects offering direct assistance to Indigenous women, representing 17% of its global portfolio. In 2018, the FGE funded eight projects aimed at improving Indigenous women's economic and political rights in Benin, Bolivia, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Samoa and Tanzania, which reached over 24,000 direct beneficiaries. As part of its work, UN Women has taken measures to enhance the participation and capacities of Indigenous young women and girls. For example, UN Women Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean sponsored young Indigenous women from across the region to be part of the

Indigenous women's leadership postgraduate training, organized by the Financial Inclusion Initiative for Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC), the National Corporation for Indigenous Development (CONADI) and the University of Tarapacá which emphasized Indigenous women's political participation and the eradication of all forms of violence against them.

## **Area of Work**

Indigenous Women and Girls