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**Paragraph #52 Session #16 (2017)**

### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum recommends that ILO, in collaboration with UNFPA and other relevant United Nations agencies, prepare a study on access to the labour market by and labour conditions of indigenous women and youth and the challenges, barriers and stereotypes that may affect their professional development, for submission to the Forum at its eighteenth session.

### **Comments**

SOURCE: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/upload...> The ILO welcomes the above-mentioned UNPFII Recommendations 3 and 4 and is exploring, together with other UN agencies, possible follow-up. The ILO fully shares the concerns of the UNPFII with regard to the need for a specific focus on access to decent work of indigenous women and youth as key strategy for securing 3 their rights and economic empowerment. Indeed, the ILO has increasingly been engaging with indigenous peoples' issues through the lens of intersectionality. This includes a specific focus on indigenous women and indigenous persons with disabilities, including in relation to ILO Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111). In 2017, the ILO has further expanded its work on economic, social and cultural rights of indigenous women and men, including several studies and deliverables specifically focusing on indigenous women and their economic empowerment. Interventions have focused on both concrete support on the ground as well as action-oriented research and knowledge development. Several of these activities were implemented with the support of the Swedish International Development

Agency (SIDA), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the European Union. In addition to building national capacity to enhance access to decent work opportunities, research and knowledge development has focused on the situation of indigenous women workers with regard to the informal economy (including domestic work, construction sector etc.), rural economy, migration and conditions of work, as well as climate change. These and other on-going or future studies can feed into future reports for submission to the UNPFII as mentioned in Recommendations 3 and 4 above. A Study on Working Conditions of Tea Plantation Workers in Bangladesh, 13 July 2017, available at:

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## **Area of Work**

Indigenous Women and Girls