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## **Addressee: ILO, World Bank, FAO, UN agencies**

**Paragraph #9 Session #21 (2022)**

### **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum recommends that the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other relevant United Nations system agencies, in cooperation with the Permanent Forum, study and summarize practices regarding the implementation of free, prior and informed consent globally, that they widely disseminate successful experiences and that they present their findings to the Permanent Forum at its twenty - fourth session, to be held in 2025.

### **Comments**

#### **Response to recommendation:**

#### **Status: Ongoing**

ILO:

- A number of ILO activities relate to various recommendations by the UNPFII related to climate change and the environment. vi As part of the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development (23-25 May 2022), the ILO, together with the Indigenous Major Group for Sustainable Development and the Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples, facilitated an online roundtable session on indigenous peoples, climate change and the role of decent work for a just and peaceful transition. During the session, the discussants highlighted a number of

areas for future strategic action, including effective and meaningful participation in decision-making, strengthened and comprehensive support to indigenous peoples in the context of climate change mitigation and adaptation...(p. 3 para. 4)

FAO:

- FPIC is the cornerstone of FAO's Policy on Indigenous Peoples, and it is made operational by the FAO Manual on FPIC. FPIC is reflected in FAO's Environmental and Social Management Guidelines and in the Programme and Project Review Committee.
- FAO is currently implementing ongoing projects worth USD 6.8 billion, of which 31%, with an estimated value of over USD 2,1 billion, are projects involving Indigenous Peoples.
- The FAO - IFAD joint initiative "GeoTech4Tenure" is developing a module that will ensure the application of FPIC principles and the protection of Indigenous Peoples rights over lands, territories and natural resources in combination with geotechnologies for securing tenure rights.
- In 2023, PSUI review 39 projects of the Programme and Project Review Committee (PPRC) to ensure that FPIC was appropriately integrated. This effort entailed several meetings with project developers to provide guidance and support.
- FAO is recruiting a FPIC dedicated officer to coordinate the implementation of the FPIC pillar of work at FAO and to provide technical support/analysis and advice to various assessments, studies and initiatives of projects and programmes involving FPIC policies/procedures and Indigenous Peoples.
- At the 21st Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), the FAO Indigenous Peoples Unit organized the event FPIC for Climate Action: Acknowledging Indigenous Peoples as guardians for biodiversity to discuss the current challenges and good practices in the implementation of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) processes in climate action projects. (p. 22)

OHCHR:

- The Office further contributed to the Secretary-General report on The Impacts of Climate Change on the Human Rights of People in Vulnerable Situations. The report examines the adverse impact of climate change on the full and effective enjoyment of human rights of indigenous peoples. It provides examples of good practices and concludes with concrete recommendations to States, including ensuring that all climate mitigation and adaptation measures that have an impact on the rights of Indigenous Peoples are implemented with their free, prior

and informed consent.

## **Area of Work**

Human rights