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# **Addressee: Inter Agency Support Group**

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## **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum welcomes the work of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues regarding the implementation of the call to action on the theme "Building an inclusive, sustainable, and resilient future with Indigenous peoples", in an effort to revitalize the system-wide action plan on the rights of indigenous peoples. In particular, the Permanent Forum also notes the work being carried out with and by resident coordinators to raise awareness among United Nations country teams. It encourages the Inter-Agency Support Group to continue its work on strengthening the implementation of indigenous peoples' rights frameworks at the national level and on guaranteeing the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples at the country level.

## **Comments**

### **UNESCO**

UNESCO assisted the IASG task teams to enable roundtables with UN Resident Coordinators on opportunities and challenges to implement indigenous rights and development agendas at national level through UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, UN Country Teams and Common Country Analyses. - page 14.

## **WFP**

WFP is committed to engage in the implementation of the Call to Action as an active partner in the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues and in areas where it aligns with its mandate. In 2022 WFP worked with its sister organizations on three thematic roundtable discussions with Resident Coordinators on Indigenous human rights defenders, traditional knowledge and Indigenous participation in UNCT-led work at the country level.

[WFP Questionnaire to the UN system agencies, funds and programmes and intergovernmental organizations](#)

## **OHCHR**

OHCHR, at Headquarters and in the field, carried out a number of activities to implement the six components of the System-Wide Action Plan on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The work of the Office focused on raising awareness of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, developing the capacities of States, indigenous peoples, and UN Country teams, including through support to national legislation and policies on indigenous peoples, and advancing the participation of indigenous peoples in United Nations processes. The Indigenous Fellowship Programme also makes an important contribution to building up community capacity to defend human rights and is a concrete means for promoting understanding of the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The programme, which has been redesigned in the context of the pandemic, has enabled the deployment of 19 Senior indigenous fellows in OHCHR Country and Regional Offices as well as UN Resident Coordinator Offices in 2022 - including in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Kenya and Uganda. - page 4.

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**PAHO**

Important work is being conducted by PAHO/WHO at country level on a variety of health topics related to the health of indigenous peoples ensuring their participation. These areas include maternal health, communicable diseases (TB, HIV, neglected diseases) and non-communicable diseases and disaster risk reduction. PAHO has provided technical cooperation in the review of laws and plans addressing the health of indigenous peoples with their participation. In the field of maternal health, for instance, knowledge dialogues between indigenous peoples and health personnel have been conducted in several countries of the region to address maternal health priorities. – page 7.

[PAHO Report to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 22<sup>nd</sup> Session, 2023](#)

**WHO**

WHO re-joined the Inter-Agency Support Group in 2022 for expanding the work on indigenous peoples and health across the three level of the organization and for advancing the implementation of the elements of the SWAP on Indigenous issues.

WHO has advanced the work in this area in 2021 and 2022, which covers leadership, awareness raising and partnerships; normative activities; capacity building; and country work. It includes integrating human rights, equity, gender-responsive and intercultural approaches to guide public health policies and ensure that communities experiencing racial discrimination have access to

comprehensive, culturally appropriate and quality health services and the platform to engage in decision-making on health that affects their lives. – page 8.

[WHO Contributions to the Report of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Twenty-Second Session, 2023](#)

## **Area of Work**

Methods of Work