

United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

*17th session
Geneva 8-12 July 2024*

PRACTICAL NOTE ON PARTICIPATION

1. Participation in the session

The session will take place from 8 to 12 July 2024 at room XIX, Palais des Nations-United Nations Headquarters in Geneva.

In order to access the premises participants must register before 1st July 2024 at <https://indico.un.org/event/1005526/>.

All participants should register through the online platform Indico (including representatives in possession of a grounds pass issued by the Security and Safety Section of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) or United Nations Headquarters in New York (UNHQ)).

Member States should accredit through Indico all their representatives coming from the capital or duty stations other than Geneva and for whom a badge needs to be issued. Member States should inform the Secretariat of the names of all the people in the delegation, with their title and function, and duly fill in the accreditation form for each person (please see registration instructions).

Joint statements are encouraged to facilitate the participation of a greater number of participants. If you are delivering such a statement, kindly inform the Secretariat of the list of organizations on behalf of which you will take the floor.

All participants wishing to take the floor during the different Items must register in the list of speakers. Online registration for the list of speakers will be opened for a week before the beginning of the session, from 1 until 5 July 2024 (09h00-18h00 Geneva time). The online [The online registration link is available at https://events.ohchr.org](https://events.ohchr.org)

Additionally, in-person registration will be available before the beginning of each meeting. Time slots to sign up for the speakers' list will be posted at the entrance of room XIX and next to the registration desk (close to the podium on the right).

The speaking time will be limited to 3 minutes for all participants.

The speakers will rotate among Member States, accredited Indigenous Peoples' Organizations, National Human Rights Institutions, UN agencies and any other stakeholders at the discretion of the Chair. Each Speaker can speak once per agenda item, limited to 3 minutes.

To facilitate the work of the interpreters and the accurate capture of recommendations made by the speaker, all speakers are encouraged to send transcripts of their statements to ohchr-expertmechanism@un.org and to speeches@un.org. Statements must be in a Word document, and clearly indicate which organization is making the submission, and the name of the Item under which they are making the statement.

Interpretation will be available for the entire session of the session in all six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). Interventions may be delivered in any of these languages.

2. Constructive and respectful dialogue

All participants are encouraged to contribute to EMRIP in a spirit of constructive, multi-stakeholder dialogue, keeping a focus on the theme of the discussion; and are strongly encouraged to include concrete recommendations in their statements.

EMRIP experts chairing the items will use their discretion in managing interventions from the floor in order to enable different stakeholders to participate in the dialogue and to ensure a balanced debate.

All session meetings will be broadcasted and archived on the [United Nations Web TV](#).

3. Side Events

Several side events take place in the morning 09h00-10h00 and at lunch time 13h00-15h00, and during closed meetings of the EMRIP session, each within a **one (1) hour** timeframe. They are organized by Indigenous Peoples Organizations accredited to the EMRIP, NGOs, Member States, UN entities, intergovernmental organizations, and others. The Secretariat is not responsible for the side events organized during the session. Indigenous Peoples organizations, States and NGOs hosting a parallel event are responsible for the content of the event and the conduct of the participants.

Indigenous Peoples organizations, States and NGO side-events are public meetings and may therefore be attended by all Permanent Missions, NGOs and other civil society representatives, UN staff and other participants with access to Palais des Nations.

Please note that due to the renovation of the Palais des Nations, limited rooms will be available to be allocated for side events and **space and timeslots will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.**

UNOG staff will not be providing technical or other assistance during the following slots: 09h00-10h00 and 13h00-15h00. Any side-events during these periods can only be accommodated on a fully self-service basis, and in rooms where the sound amplification can be placed on automatic mode. No hybrid or virtual side event is applicable.

Requests for the side event, including the title of the side event, the concept note, and the list of tentative speakers shall be sent between 15 May and 7 June 2024. No requests for side events will be accepted after this date. The online registration link for the Side Event is available at <https://events.ohchr.org>

4. Media and Outreach

Journalists without UN credentials who wish to attend the EMRIP session with professional equipment should submit an online application on the Web site of the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit: <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/news-media/journalists>. They will need to upload a letter of assignment on official letterhead from a bona fide media organization, signed by publisher, assignment editor or bureau chief, saying that the journalist is assigned to cover the 17th EMRIP session. Approved applicants will receive an email confirmation with instructions for picking up the credentials.

Individuals with NGO accreditation will not be issued press credentials. Letters of assignment from NGOs will not be accepted for press credentials.

<https://www.ungeneva.org/en/news-media/journalists>

Without media accreditation by UN Geneva, media, including Indigenous community media will not be able to bring professional cameras and equipment into the United Nations.

5. Reprisals

Addressing and preventing acts of intimidation and reprisals against individuals and groups seeking to cooperate with the United Nations on human rights has been a long-standing priority for the UN.

Intimidations and reprisals can take on different forms; For examples of acts of intimidation and reprisals, please see [About acts of intimidation and reprisals and human rights | OHCHR](#).

The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) strongly condemns any form of intimidation or reprisals against individuals and groups who participate in the session or cooperate with the United Nations in the field of human rights. The safety and dignity of all participants, including Indigenous representatives, NGOs, and other stakeholders, shall be fully respected. EMRIP is committed to maintaining an environment of respect, dialogue, and understanding.

Everyone has the right to unhindered access to and communication with international bodies, including EMRIP. Any act of intimidation or reprisals for cooperation with EMRIP and participation at official session of the EMRIP, can be reported orally to the Secretariat of EMRIP or in writing: ohchr-expertmechanism@un.org and to OHCHR reprisals team at: ohchr-reprisals@un.org.

The identity of the individual or group reporting will be kept confidential.