



Expert Workshop on the review of the mandate of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

4-5 April 2016

Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Modalities

Objectives of the workshop

- To assess the work of the Expert Mechanism since its establishment, including good practices, challenges, gaps and lessons learned.
- To collect, discuss and propose recommendations by representatives of Member States, indigenous peoples and other participants on how the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples can more effectively promote respect for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including by better assisting Member States to monitor, evaluate and improve the achievement of the ends of the Declaration.

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Scope of participation

- The workshop will be open to the participation of a broad range of stakeholders, including representatives of Member States, indigenous peoples and organizations, academic institutions and NGOs (along the lines of paragraph 9 of Human Rights Council Resolution 6/36 establishing the Expert Mechanism).
- Representatives of States and of indigenous peoples as well as other participants will participate on an equal footing.

Organization of each session

- As reflected in the agenda, the workshop will be divided into four three-hour sessions.
- Each session will begin with short remarks by invited experts.
- The moderator will then facilitate a discussion on the theme of the session.
- The approach to the agenda will be flexible so as to maximize the use of time. For example, if discussion on a theme is exhausted, the moderator may move on to the following item on the agenda.

Order of speakers and speaking time

- Speaking order will be at the discretion of the moderator. There will not be a formal speakers' list. Those interested in intervening will be asked to raise hands/nameplates.
- Interventions will be limited to 3 minutes, with possible changes to speaking time at the discretion of the moderator.
- The final 15 minutes of each session will be set aside for final comments from the invited experts and wrap up by the moderator.
- Participants are asked to be concise in their interventions, which should focus on proposals for changes to EMRIP's mandate.
- Emphasis will be on discussion. Participants are asked to avoid reading lengthy written statements.
- Written submissions made prior to the workshop will be made available, and participants are encouraged to refer to them in their interventions.

Next steps in the EMRIP mandate review process

- OHCHR will prepare a report of the workshop, focusing on specific recommendations for changes to EMRIP's mandate made during the workshop.
- This report will be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its 32nd session (June 2016).
- The 9th session of the Expert Mechanism (11-15 July 2016) will provide a further opportunity for all stakeholders to discuss the mandate review.
- The Human Rights Council is expected to address the EMRIP's mandate review in connection with its 33rd session in September 2016.