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Brief introduction on:

**SESSION # 1**

**THE STATE OF INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS  
RIGHTS**

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# Mandate areas within UN on Indigenous Peoples Rights

Indigenous peoples has three (3) mandate areas within UN:

## **1. UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

The Forum was established on 28 July 2000 by with the mandate to deal with indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights.

## More specifically, the Permanent Forum:

- provides expert advice and recommendations on indigenous issues to the Council, as well as to programmes, funds and agencies of the United Nations, through ECOSOC;
- raises awareness and promotes the integration and coordination of activities related to indigenous issues within the UN system;
- prepares and disseminates information on indigenous issues The Permanent Forum holds annual two-week sessions.

## 2. The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)

- EMRIP was established by the UN Human Rights Council, in 2007 as a subsidiary body of the Council.
- The Expert Mechanism is composed of seven independent experts on the rights of indigenous peoples.

### **Mandate**

The Expert Mechanism provides the Human Rights Council with expertise and advice on the rights of indigenous peoples as set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and assists Member States, upon request, in achieving the ends of the Declaration through the promotion, protection and fulfilment of the rights of indigenous peoples.

### **3. Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples – Established by the Human Rights Council in 2001**

#### **Mandate of the Rapporteur:**

- Promotes good practices, including new laws, government programs, and constructive agreements between indigenous peoples and states, to implement international standards concerning the rights of indigenous peoples.
- Reports on the overall human rights situations of indigenous peoples in selected countries.
- Addresses specific cases of alleged violations of the rights of indigenous peoples through communications with Governments and others.
- Conducts or contributes to thematic studies on topics of special importance regarding the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples.

# 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



# What to secure?

- Important to secure that Inuit and other indigenous peoples not be left behind and be actively involved in the process.
- The 2030 Agenda consist of 17 goals and 169 targets and are closely linked to human rights. 73 out of the 169 targets have substantial links to the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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