

RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES INTEREST GROUP NEWSLETTER

Call for Inputs

Call for Inputs: Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Conflict & Post-Conflict Situations—The UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is seeking submissions for a crucial study examining how conflict affects Indigenous communities worldwide.

Key Focus Areas:

- Impact of armed conflict, militarization, and structural violence on Indigenous rights
- Indigenous-led peacebuilding and conflict resolution
- Role of Indigenous women and youth in peace processes
- Climate change and resource extraction as sources of conflict
- Indigenous governance systems as tools for stability

Submission Details: Deadline: January 31, 2026

Format: Max 5 pages, Word document

Languages: English, French, Spanish, Russian

For more information: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/2026/call-inputs-study-rights-indigenous-peoples-conflict-and-post-conflict>

United Nations Events

The Office of the High Commissioner Human Rights will also host the **UN** Expert Seminar on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 3–5 December 2025. The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will dedicate this seminar to shaping its next annual study on the rights of Indigenous Peoples in conflict and post-conflict situations.

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Indigenous Rights Developments

Oct 6, 2025: UN Human Rights Council Resolution 60/13 on Human rights and Indigenous Peoples (contributed by Muhammad Farrel Abhyoso)—On October 6, 2025, during its sixtieth session, the UN Human Rights Council adopted Resolution 60/13 on the matter of “Human rights and Indigenous Peoples.” In the resolution, the Council noted that Indigenous Peoples continue to struggle with poor social and economic conditions, along with high rates of violence, incarceration, and disability. The Council noted the impact of climate change on Indigenous Peoples’ ways of life while also recognizing their resilience in facing the climate crisis. It acknowledged the High Commissioner for Human Rights’ report regarding the rights of Indigenous Peoples and instructed the High Commissioner to continue submitting an annual report on that topic. The UN’s ongoing liquidity crisis is a cause of concern, with its impact on the work of the Office of the High Commissioner, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Nevertheless, the Council urged States, Indigenous Peoples, and other relevant stakeholders to continue engaging with the Expert Mechanism, such as by participating in Expert Mechanism sessions and contributing to its studies and reports. The need to preserve Indigenous Peoples’ languages is also a focus of the resolution, with the Council noting that 2022-2032 is the International Decade of Indigenous Languages and encouraging that measures be taken to promote and preserve those languages. The Council also urged States as well as the private sector to facilitate Indigenous Peoples’ participation in the development of artificial intelligence, and emphasized the importance of empowering Indigenous women and girls, including those with disabilities politically, socially, and economically.

Selected Publications and Reports

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