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## Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

### Twentieth session

New York, 19–30 April 2021

Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

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### Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

## Proposed organization of work

### Note by the secretariat

The proposed organization of work for the twentieth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was prepared by the Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch of the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in its capacity as secretariat of the Forum in consultation with the members of the Forum. The provisions contained in the present document constitute extraordinary measures arising from the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and their impact on the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, and would accordingly be approved by the Permanent Forum on an exceptional basis, on the understanding that they would not constitute a precedent for its work at future sessions.



<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Programme</i>
<b>First week</b>		
<b>Monday, 19 April</b>		
3–5 p.m.		Opening of the session
(in-person formal meeting) <sup>1</sup>	Item 1	Election of officers
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Item 3	Discussion on the theme “Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the international expert group meeting on the theme “Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16”</li> <li>• Study on the theme “Indigenous peoples’ autonomies: experiences and perspectives”</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, 20 April</b>		
9–11 a.m.	Item 3	Discussion on the theme “Peace, justice and strong institutions: the role of indigenous peoples in implementing Sustainable Development Goal 16” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study on the theme “Climate change and indigenous peoples”</li> </ul>
(virtual informal meeting)	<i>(continued)</i>	[Panel discussion]
<b>Wednesday, 21 April</b>		
9–11 a.m.	Item 7	Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues considered by the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues, specifically challenges related to pandemics and responses to them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the international expert group meeting on the theme “Indigenous peoples and pandemics”</li> <li>• Study on the rights of indigenous peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean in the context of the exceptional measures adopted during the pandemic</li> </ul>
(virtual informal meeting)		[Speakers’ list]
<b>Thursday, 22 April</b>		
9–11 a.m.	Item 5 (d)	Human rights dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
(virtual informal meeting)		[Speakers’ list]
<b>Friday, 23 April</b>		
9–11 a.m.	Item 6	Follow up to the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Study on the theme “Representative institutions and models of self-governance of indigenous peoples in Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation,</li> </ul>
(virtual informal meeting)		

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With remote participation by a limited number of Forum members.

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Programme</i>
		Central Asia and Transcaucasia: ways of enhanced participation” [Speakers’ list]
<b>Second week</b>		
<b>Monday, 26 April</b>		
9–11 a.m. (virtual informal meeting)		Closed meeting of the Permanent Forum
<b>Tuesday, 27 April</b>		
9–11 a.m. (virtual informal meeting)	Item 4	Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples [Speakers’ list]
	Item 5 (f)	Thematic dialogues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022–2032</li> </ul> [Panel discussion]
<b>Wednesday, 28 April</b>		
9–11 a.m. (virtual informal meeting)	Item 5 (c)	Dialogue with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes
<b>Thursday, 29 April</b>		
9–11 a.m. (virtual informal meeting)	Item 4 ( <i>continued</i> )	Discussion on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum (economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health and human rights), with reference to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples [Speakers’ list]
<b>Friday, 30 April</b>		
9–11 a.m. (virtual informal meeting)		Closed meeting of the Permanent Forum
3–5 p.m. (in-person formal meeting) <sup>1</sup>	Item 8	Provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Permanent Forum
	Item 9	Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its twentieth session Closing of the session