

Mandate, Priorities and Plans of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples



Special Rapporteur on the
rights of indigenous peoples
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Background: Special Rapporteurs

Titles of mandate holders:

- Special Rapporteurs
- Independent Experts
- Working groups

Nature of mandates:

- Thematic mandates (37 total)
- Country mandates (14 total)

Typical human rights violation



Thematic mandates

Civil and political rights: e.g. assembly, expression, torture, arbitrary detention. Extrajudicial killings, etc.

Economic, social, cultural rights: e.g. education, health, development, poverty, food, housing, violence vs. women, etc.

Other: e.g. human rights defenders, environment, indigenous peoples, minorities, trafficking, violence against women



SR on the rights of indigenous peoples

- Created in 2001
- Mandate holders: Rodolfo Stavenhagen (2001-2008), James Anaya (2008-2014), Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (2014-2017)
- Main instruments
 - UN Declaration on rights of indigenous peoples
 - ILO Convention No. 169
 - Other relevant UN treaties
 - Regional human rights instruments

Mandates from Human Rights Council

- Addresses specific cases of alleged violations of the rights of indigenous peoples through communications with Governments and others
- Reports on the overall human rights situations in selected countries (country visits)
- Examines ways and means of overcoming obstacles to full protection of IP rights, how to prevent and remedy HR violations of IPs
- Conducts or contributes to thematic studies on topics of special importance

Mandates from Human Rights Council

- Provides technical assistance to governments, UN system and other actors.
- Identifies, exchanges and promotes best practices
- Cooperates/coordinates closely with other SRs and subsidiary bodies of the HRC (Treaty Bodies, EMRIP), the UNPFII, regional HROs
- Promotes the UNDRIP and international/regional instruments relevant to IPs

Mandates from Human Rights Council

- Pays special attention to the human rights and of indigenous children and women, and to take into account a gender perspective
- Considers relevant recommendations of world conferences, summits and other UN meetings, as well as recommendations, observations and conclusions of treaty bodies.
- Submits report on implementation of her mandate to the HRC and UNGA

Code of Conduct/ Methods of work/ Major work areas

- **Integrity, Independence, Impartiality**
- Communications – use of social media:
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- Country assessments
- Working visits – issue specific and does not need consent of governments
- Thematic reports
- Issue public statements on urgent cases

Code of Conduct, Methods of work, Major work areas

- Facilitate dialogues between indigenous peoples, governments, UN system, corporations
 - Maintain linkages with indigenous peoples' formations, NGOs, academia
- ADVOCACY, ANALYSIS, ADVISE

VISION AND KEY PRIORITIES



VISION

- Indigenous peoples' rights are better protected, respected and fulfilled.
- Realization of indigenous peoples' self-determined economic, social, cultural development
- Enhanced dialogues between IPs and governments, multilateral bodies, corporations

KEY PRIORITIES

- Focus on IPs' collective economic, social, cultural and environmental rights: Obstacles and barriers to the realization of these
- Priority regions for country visits – Asia, Africa
- Thematic reports – indicative list; Safeguard policies of multilateral financial institutions/ environmental treaties; effects of trade and investment agreements on IPs; Conflicts;
- Violence against indigenous women and girls

KEY PRIORITIES

- Sustained engagement with indigenous peoples, governments, UN system (including IASG, country teams), regional/national HR institutions;
- Collaborate with other SRs, UNPFII, EMRIP
- Mobilize external support – support team for SR
- Influence debates and policies on indigenous peoples, monitor developments in WCIP (World Conference on Indigenous Peoples), SDG, Post-2015 Development Agenda, Business and HR

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