

# Implementing the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Outcome Document\*†‡

*Roadmap of Important Meetings in 2016-2017*



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Date	Meeting	Action
<b>March 14-24, 2016</b>	Commission on the Status of Women, 60 <sup>th</sup> Session – New York	Priority theme: “Women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development”; Review theme: “The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.” <a href="http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw60-2016">http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw60-2016</a>
<b>April 4-5, 2016 (TBC)</b>	Two-day Expert Workshop on the review of the mandate of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – Geneva	The Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights will convene a two-day expert workshop to review the mandate of the Expert Mechanism and to propose recommendations on how it can more effectively serve as an implementing and monitoring body for the UN Declaration. Indigenous peoples may participate in person or by submission of written statements. <a href="http://www.unhcr.org/refugees/48c64626.html">A/HRC/RES/30/11</a>
<b>2016 TBA</b>	President of the General Assembly Consultations – New York	The President of the General Assembly will conduct consultations with member states, indigenous peoples’ representatives and institutions, and UN mechanisms, on steps to enable the participation of indigenous peoples’ representatives and institutions in UN meetings. The President will prepare a compilation of views presented during the consultations. The General Assembly is to finalize and adopt the text during its 71 <sup>st</sup> session (September 2016-September 2017). <a href="http://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/unpfii-sessions-2/unpfii-fifteenth-session.html">A/70/486</a>
<b>May 9 – 20, 2016</b>	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 15 <sup>th</sup> Session – New York	Special theme: “Indigenous peoples: conflict, peace and resolution.” <a href="https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/unpfii-sessions-2/unpfii-fifteenth-session.html">https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/unpfii-sessions-2/unpfii-fifteenth-session.html</a> TBD: President of the General Assembly consultation with indigenous peoples, member states, and UN mechanisms on how to enable indigenous government participation in the UN.
<b>June, 2016</b>	Human Rights Council, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Session – Geneva	Council to consider the issue of violence against women and receive the report of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice on its country visit to the United States. Specific meeting dates to be determined.
<b>July, 2016</b>	Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 9 <sup>th</sup> Session – Geneva	Expert Mechanism to consider follow-up to the World Conference, including consideration of the report and recommendations of the Expert Workshop on the Review of the Expert Mechanism’s mandate. <a href="http://www.unhcr.org/refugees/48c64626.html">A/HRC/RES/30/11</a> . Specific meeting dates to be determined.

<b>September, 2016</b>	Human Rights Council, 33 <sup>rd</sup> Session – Geneva	Council to hold a half-day panel discussion on violence against indigenous women, its causes and consequences, <a href="#">A/HRC/RES/30/4</a> ; consider the report and recommendations of the Expert Workshop on the Review of EMRIP, <a href="#">A/HRC/RES/30/11</a> ; and adopt the annual resolution on human rights and indigenous peoples. Specific meeting dates to be determined.
<b>September 13, 2016</b>	General Assembly 71 <sup>st</sup> Session, opens – New York	<p>GA to convene a high-level event to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the UN Declaration to be held during the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the GA, in 2017. The event will take stock of the achievements of the preceding 10 years, assess remaining challenges for the rights of indigenous peoples, and consider the further follow-up to the Declaration (A/RES/69/159).</p> <p>GA to consider and decide the issue of participation of indigenous peoples’ representatives and institutions in the UN during its 71<sup>st</sup> session. <a href="#">A/70/486</a></p>

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\* World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Outcome Document, A/RES/69/2, operative para 19: “We invite the Human Rights Council to consider examining the causes and consequences of violence against indigenous women and girls, in consultation with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and other special procedures mandate holders within their respective mandates. We also invite the Commission on the Status of Women to consider the issue of the empowerment of indigenous women at a future session”.

† *Id.*, operative para 28: “We invite the Human Rights Council, taking into account the views of indigenous peoples, to review the mandates of its existing mechanisms, in particular the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, with a view to modifying and improving the Expert Mechanism so that it can more effectively promote respect for the Declaration, including by better assisting Member States to monitor, evaluate and improve the achievement of the ends of the Declaration”.

\* *Id.*, operative para 33: “We commit ourselves to considering, at the seventieth session of the General Assembly, ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples’ representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them...”