



# **United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

## **Report on the Seventh session**

**(21 April-2 May 2008)**

**Recommendations Specifically Pertaining to  
Indigenous Women and the Girl Child, adopted by  
the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

**Recommendations adopted under the Special theme: Climate change, bio-cultural diversity and livelihoods: the stewardship role of indigenous peoples and new challenges**

**Recommendations of the Permanent Forum**

8. The Permanent Forum notes that the clean development mechanism, the Clean Energy Investment Framework, the Nairobi Framework, the Nairobi Work Programme and the Global Environment Facility adaptation funds are good examples of the kind of partnership that will become increasingly important. These mechanisms must respond to the needs of indigenous peoples and include them as partners in designing and implementing programmes that are responsive to local problems and to the goals and visions of indigenous women and men.

10. The principles of common but differentiated responsibilities, equity, social justice and sustainable development and development with identity should remain the key principles underpinning the negotiations, policies and programmes on climate change. The human rights-based approach to development and the ecosystem approach should guide the design and implementation of local, national, regional and global climate policies and projects. The crucial role of indigenous women and indigenous youth in developing mitigation and adaptation measures should also be ensured.

**Participation**

30. The Permanent Forum recommends that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and relevant parties develop mechanisms for indigenous peoples' participation, as appropriate, in all aspects of the international dialogue on climate change, particularly the forthcoming negotiations for the next Kyoto Protocol commitment period, including by establishing a working group on local adaptation measures and traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples. The Forum encourages dialogue and cooperation among indigenous peoples, particularly indigenous women and youth, States, conservation and development organizations and donors in order to strengthen the participation of indigenous peoples in dialogue on climate change.

**Adaptation and mitigation**

38. The Permanent Forum calls on all States that have not yet done so to implement the 2005 Kyoto Protocol, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other international initiatives that address climate change and biocultural diversity in conjunction with indigenous peoples, including indigenous women, in a full and effective way. The Annex I countries should implement their commitments to the Kyoto Protocol by doing all they can to shift their economic systems towards low-carbon systems, instead of relying mainly on the purchase of emission credits to offset their emissions. The fast-industrializing developing countries should also undertake serious efforts to cut their emissions and develop

low-carbon energy systems.

## **Implementation of the recommendations of the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum and on the Millennium Development Goals**

### **Environment**

84. The Permanent Forum recommends that the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity explore ways of ensuring that traditional knowledge issues and indigenous peoples' rights are fully addressed in the development of an international regime on access- and benefit-sharing, welcomes the proposal of an indigenous expert meeting on traditional knowledge issues related to the international regime and requests the participation of some Forum members, and regional representation of indigenous experts, including indigenous female representatives.

### **Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People**

105. The Permanent Forum takes note of the recent declaration of the International Indigenous Women's Forum, at its session held in Lima from 13 to 16 April 2008, and recommends that United Nations agencies, donors and States show their support and cooperation for the next session of the International Indigenous Women's Forum, to be held in Colombia in 2011.

### **Urban indigenous peoples and migration**

108. The Permanent Forum urges the United Nations Population Fund, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and other regional mechanisms, in collaboration with indigenous peoples, to conduct studies on indigenous peoples, urbanization and migration, with an emphasis on indigenous women and youth

### **Future work of the Permanent Forum**

121. The Permanent Forum invites the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food and the Special Rapporteur on the right to development to attend the eighth session of the Forum.