



2022-2032 | INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF
Indigenous Languages

Introduction to the Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages

In its resolution A/RES/74/135, on the rights of indigenous peoples, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the period 2022-2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL2022-2032). The General Assembly resolution invited the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to serve as the lead organization for the International Decade in cooperation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and other relevant agencies, within existing resources.

Pursuant to the resolution (A/RES/74/135), UNESCO will facilitate the organization of the IDIL2022-2032 through a series of actions, including the establishment of the international governance mechanism entitled **Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages** (Global Task Force) to provide strategic direction and oversight in the planning, implementation and monitoring of progress made towards attainment of the objectives established by the Global Action Plan.

The Global Task Force is established for a three-year period (2021-2023) on a rotation basis (one year on the Steering Committee and two years on the Advisory Group), as an **international governance mechanism**, to ensure equitable participation of all stakeholders in the International Decade and to provide guidance on the preparation, planning, implementation and monitoring progress towards attainment of the objectives of the Global Action Plan of International Decade of Indigenous Languages.

The Global Task Force is composed of the following **four entities**: (i) Steering Committee; (ii) Advisors; (iii) Ad-hoc group(s); and (iv) Multi-stakeholder consultative meeting.

The **members** of the Global Task Force (Steering Committee, 19 members and advisors, minimum 30 members) include:

- Representatives of UNESCO's Member States from each Electoral Group (3 members);
- Representatives of regional indigenous peoples' organizations from each socio-cultural group (3 members);
- UN indigenous mechanisms including the United Nations Permanent Forum of Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) (3 members), Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) (3 members) and the Special Rapporteur for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (one member);
- UN system entities including UNESCO, UNDESA and OHCHR (3 members).

List of members of the Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages (12/12/2021)

(Steering Committee and Advisors)

* Members of the Steering Committee (2021)

UNESCO MEMBER STATES	
Group I. North America and Europe	Canada* (2021), Iceland, Norway
Group II. Eastern Europe	Latvia, Russian Federation* (2021), Ukraine
Group III. Latin America and the Caribbean	Plurinational State of Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru* (2021)
Group IV. Asia and Pacific	Australia* (2021), India, Thailand
Group Va. Africa	Gambia* (2021), Madagascar, Zimbabwe
Group Vb. Arab States	Bahrain, Kuwait* (2021), Saudi Arabia

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ORGANIZATIONS	
Africa	
Coordination Committee of Indigenous Peoples of Africa (IPACC) (Morocco)*	Mr Handaine Mohamed, President (2021)
The African Indigenous Peoples Network (AIPN) (Mali)	Ms Mariam Wallet Med Aboubakrine, Member
Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation (IMPACT) (Kenya)	Mr John Tingoi, Member
Arctic	
Sami Parliament (Norway)*	Ms Aili Keskitalo, President (2021)
Sami Parliament (Sweden)	Ms Ulla-Karin Sarri, Member (2022)
Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (Canada)	Ms Aluki Kotierk, President (2022)
Asia	
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Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia	
Association of Finno-Ugric Peoples (Russian Federation)*	Mr Vasily Nemechkin, Member (2021)
Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON) (Russian Federation)	Ms Nina Veysalova, First Vice-President
Cooperation Council of Estonia's Indigenous Languages (Estonia)	Mr Rein Järvelill, Member
Latin America and the Caribbean	
Organismo Indígena Naleb (Guatemala)*	Mr Álvaro Estebán Pop Ac, Member (2021)
Andean Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations (CAOI) (Plurinational State of Bolivia)	Mr Juan Revollo Valencia, Member
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Metis National Council (Canada)	Ms Clara Morin Dal Col, Minister of Culture, Heritage and Families and Minister Responsible for Languages
The U.S. National Organizing Committee for the United Nations International Decade of Indigenous Languages (USA)	Ms Ofelia Zepeda, Member
The Pacific	
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Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori - The Māori Language Commission (New Zealand)	Ms Rawinia Higgins, Commissioner
First Languages Australia (Australia)	Ms Karina Lester, Co-manager

UN MECHANISMS ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES	
UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)	Mr Sven-Erik Soosaar (Estonia)* (2021)
	Mr Alexey Tsykarev (Russian Federation)
	Mr Phoolman Chaudhary (Nepal)
Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)	Mr Rodion Sulyandziga* (Russian Federation) (2021)
	Ms Margaret Lokawua (Uganda)
	Mr Binota May Dhamai (Bangladesh)
Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	Mr José Francisco Calí Tzay* (mandate holder, Guatemala)

UN SYSTEM ENTITIES	
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (via the IDIL2022-2032 Secretariat)	
United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)	
The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	

Structural overview of the Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages

