

Open call to be issued on the
IDIL 2022-2032 website¹ and
shared with Indigenous
Peoples' Organizations

**Priority Africa and External Relations Sector
Assistant Director-General**

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Subject: Open Call Addressed to Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples' Organizations for nominations to the Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages (IDIL 2022-2032)

Dear Sir/Madam,

UNESCO is launching an open call for Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples' Organizations from each region to designate their representatives to sit on the Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages of the International Decade for the period 2024-2026.

The Global Task Force was set up to advise on the elaboration and implementation of the Global Action Plan of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032), while reporting on progress and ensuring the meaningful involvement of indigenous peoples. It is composed of UNESCO Member States, leaders and representatives of Indigenous peoples and organizations, and representatives from United Nations system entities dealing with Indigenous issues. Due regard is given to key principles such as multistakeholder engagement, geographical balance, gender equality, inclusivity and linguistic diversity.

Members of the Task Force are elected for a three-year term, with a smaller group of members sitting each year on the Steering Committee of the Task Force. **For Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples' Organizations, three members are designated for each of the seven socio-cultural regions, with one of these sitting each year on the Steering Committee.** Members may be re-appointed, though priority should be given to new members.

The seven sociocultural regions, as determined by the Human Rights Council Resolution 33/25 (para 4, footnote 3) are: Africa; Asia; Latin America and the Caribbean; the Arctic; Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia; North America; and the Pacific.

In line with the Terms of Reference and Internal Rules of the Global Task Force, the nomination process for each region should be established by Indigenous Peoples' organizations and institutions. This should notably include the election of a Chair to guide the regional consultations and communicate their outcomes.

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¹ <https://idil2022-2032.org/>

UNESCO is available, in an observer capacity, to facilitate organization of such consultations using remote online communication facilities, and to provide technical advice where requested.

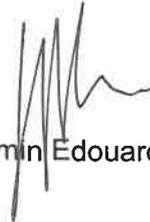
For each region, the Chair will communicate to Mr Jaco du Toit (j.dutoit@unesco.org), Chief of the Section for Universal Access to Information and Digital Inclusion, Communication and Information Sector, **by 7 December 2023**:

- the three designated members to serve a three-year term on the Global Task Force (2024-2026), and their contact details
- the order in which each will serve a one-year term on the Steering Committee

Nominations will be received by the IDIL secretariat, and then communicated to Members of the Global Task Force in the final Global Task Force meeting of 2023 (December).

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl: Terms of Reference and Internal Rules of the Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages