

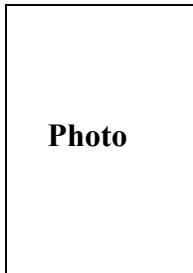
UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

APPLICATION FORM FOR INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE:

PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES (PFII)

EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (EMRIP)

**YEAR: 2010
(Meetings in 2011)**



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Please, read carefully the Explanatory Note attached to this form before completing this form.

This application form must be filled out in English, French or Spanish and all questions must be fully answered. Please use additional pages if necessary.

Please select the meeting(s) for which you would like to apply. In case you apply for more than one meeting, please indicate your preference using the numbers 1 to 2.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PF)

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)

I. INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANT

1. Name of the indigenous representative proposed for a grant. (If the organization/community wishes to nominate two applicants, a separate application form must be filled out for each applicant; a maximum of **two applicants** per organization/community. The Board will select one person per meeting and per organization. Due to the overwhelming need for financial support and the lack of resources, not more than one person shall be selected at a time and only for one of the sessions. For instance, a person from a given organization cannot be selected for both the PFII and EMRIP sessions in one year. The Board encourages indigenous organizations/communities to propose new applicants and, if possible, one woman and one man):

Family name (as it appears on your passport): _____

First name: _____ Gender: _____ Nationality: _____

Date of birth (day/month/year): _____ Place of Birth: _____

Responsibility of applicant in the organization/community: _____

Profession and occupation of applicant: _____

Indicate the name of the indigenous people you belong to (The representative must be an indigenous person):

Address of applicant: _____

Telephone (with country and city codes): _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Languages spoken including indigenous languages: _____

Please note that the official languages of the sessions that you are applying to attend (simultaneous interpretation) are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Applicants must be able to understand and communicate in one of these languages. (Simultaneous translation is available.)

2. Please provide information on your work on indigenous issues:

II. Information on the indigenous organization/community

3. Name of the indigenous organization/community submitting the application for its indigenous representative:

Mailing address: _____

Telephone (with country and city codes): _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Date of establishment of the organization (if applicable): _____

4. Description of the activities of the indigenous organization/community:

5. Annual budget of the indigenous organization/community (in United States dollars):

6. Indicate which indigenous people(s) you are representing; provide relevant information on their situation, geographical location and demographic data:

7. A letter of nomination or recommendation signed by an executive official, body of the applicant's indigenous organization or his/her community must be attached to this form. Without this signed letter, applications are not complete and the Board of Trustees will not be able to consider them. The Board does not accept letters of recommendation signed by applicants themselves.

III. Substantive Contribution

8. Please provide a brief summary of the presentation you intend to make at the meeting(s) you are applying to attend:

PFII (The PFII has the mandate to provide advice and recommendations on indigenous issues to UN Programs, Funds and Agencies as well as to discuss indigenous issues relating to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights. Information on the principal theme of the year can be obtained by contacting: IndigenousPermanentForum@un.org)

EMRIP (The EMRIP is mandated to provide the Human Rights Council with thematic expertise on the rights of indigenous peoples in the manner and form requested by the Council. Information on the principal theme of the year can be obtained from: expertmechanism@ohchr.org).

IV. Additional Information

9. Indicate if you already have participated in the sessions of the PF/WGIP/WGDD/EMRIP

Session(s) and Year (s) _____

Please, attach any statement you made at the session(s).

10. Indicate if you already have benefited from a travel grant from the UNVFIP (hereafter the Fund) to attend the PF/WGIP/WGDD/EMRIP

Session (s) and Year (s) _____

11. What are your expectations of the session(s) you are applying to attend?

12. Level of grant requested:

Full (Includes air travel in economy class and a daily stipend. Grants do not include health, accident or travel insurance):

Partial (Indicate which part and amount of expenses will be covered by you/your organization):

13. Proposed travel itinerary from your home town/city to the meeting (cities, modes of transportation plane/train/bus including dates):

PF: From (town/city) _____ through (city) _____ to New York.

EMRIP: From (town/city) _____ through (city) _____ to Geneva.

14. Airport of departure: _____ Location: _____

15. Would you authorize the secretariat of the Fund to allow the NGO Liaison Office, other organizations such as UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research), or the Human Rights Fund to have access to this application form to eventually contact and invite you to attend other events?

Yes No

16. Would you authorize the secretariat of the Fund to distribute your contact details to other beneficiaries of the Fund?

Yes No

Signature of the applicant

Date

Please attach the following documents as part of your application:

- **Your latest curriculum vitae**
- **Constitution of your organization**
- **Letter of nomination or recommendation by the executive of your organization**

**THIS APPLICATION HAS TO BE SIGNED, DATED AND SENT BY FAX TO
(+41 22) 928 90 10 or EMAIL : indigenousfunds@ohchr.org.**

**THE ORIGINAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION HAS TO BE SIGNED BY AN EXECUTIVE
OF THE ORGANIZATION / COMMUNITY AND SENT BY AIRMAIL TO:**

Secretariat of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations,
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/ CH-1211 Geneva 10 - Switzerland
Tel. (+41 22) 928 9737

ALL DOCUMENTS HAVE TO BE SENT BY OCTOBER 1st 2010

For more details on the Permanent Forum, please consult: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/>

For more details on the Expert Mechanism, please consult:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/indigenous/ExpertMechanism/index.htm>.

Due to the large number of applications received, only those selected will be contacted.

The names of selected applicants will be posted on the UNVFIP website:

(<http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/funds/indigenous>).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Before completing your application, please take the time to read this Explanatory Note carefully.

The Board of Trustees (hereinafter the “Board”) of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Indigenous Populations (hereinafter the “Fund”) would like to bring the following information to the attention of all applicants in order to effectively review your application for financial support to attend either the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) in New York or the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) in Geneva.

The Fund is currently facing a serious shortage of donations and is operating at a very restricted level. We would like all applicants to be aware of this situation when they submit their applications. We have also encountered some problems during the process of selection due to a large number of incomplete applications. Applications are categorized as incomplete when the required information is not submitted. All questions on the form must be answered fully and in a satisfactory way. This information is vital for the criteria of selection.

For example, it is extremely important that an applicant represents an indigenous peoples’ organization or community. Therefore, it is crucial for the applicant to include, with the completed application, a letter or recommendation from the organization or community that she/he represents. Secondly, the letter of recommendation must be sent in its original form (not a photocopy or fax) and signed by the executive of the organization or the Leader of the community. Such a letter or recommendation cannot be signed by the applicant. The signature of the Executive or Leader must be provided in original, and preferably signed in blue ink. An application that does not comply with these requirements will be considered incomplete and inadmissible.

Attending the PFII or EMRIP sessions must be understood by the applicant as an integral part of the struggle for the recognition of and respect for the human rights of indigenous peoples. One way of broadening the indigenous movement is to enable as many indigenous organizations and communities as possible to participate in these important UN sessions. In this regard, the Board encourages new applicants from organizations and communities heretofore unrepresented in these sessions. One element of effective participation is the ability to share their experience and spread the message within their respective communities. It is a difficult task to select beneficiaries of the Fund, especially when trying to strike the best balance possible. In order to attain the best balance, the Board seeks to ensure gender balance as well as geographical distribution, both of which are important criteria for selection.

In addition to effective participation during the sessions, it is critical for follow up work to be done by beneficiaries. One measure that will be required from you is to agree on organizing and conducting at least one awareness-raising meeting for your respective communities to inform them of the issues, proceedings and decisions of the session and their future work. Such a follow-up commitment is essential and will require documentation to reflect that you, as the applicant, are committed to make the most out of the grant. In this way, the Fund can help to enhance indigenous communities and their members to be well informed of what is happening at the global level in relation to the promotion and protection of their human rights. Beneficiaries of the Fund who attend either the PFII or EMRIP have the responsibility and obligation to inform their respective communities and members of their organizations about the developments and proceedings of these sessions.

In order to make the Fund accessible to as many representatives of indigenous organizations and communities, the Board further recommends that there are only two applications per organization. Due to the overwhelming need for financial support and the lack of resources, not more than one person shall be selected at a time and only for one of the sessions. For instance, a person from a given organization cannot be selected for both the PFII and EMRIP sessions in one year.

We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to fully respond to all of the questions shown on the application – they are all relevant and useful to the Board in the selection process. If you have any questions about this Explanatory Note or the application process, please contact the Secretariat.