

JCOR GUIDE TO THE



# UN PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

17-28 APRIL 2023





# JUSTICE COALITION OF RELIGIOUS

This guide was produced by the [Justice Coalition of Religious](#) (JCoR), a coalition of 22 non-governmental organizations that are accredited to collectively represent over 200 congregations of Roman Catholic women and men Religious at the United Nations (UN). For centuries, congregations of Religious have served people who have been rendered poor, vulnerable, oppressed, and marginalized by existing global systems. Through our membership in JCoR, we have united with our sister and brother organizations to enhance collaboration among our members – at UN Headquarters and around the world – in our common mission: to improve quality of life for people who are living in poverty and to enhance our stewardship of the natural environment.

*The primary aim of our collaboration is to strengthen the capacity of Catholic Religious and their partners to address the root causes of human and environmental suffering.*

We work toward this goal by coordinating national, regional, and global efforts of Religious to call on political leaders to take action for a just, equitable, and rights-based implementation of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), the United Nations' Agenda for 2015-2030.

We hope these pages will help empower you join us in this mission!





# WHAT IS THE UN PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES?

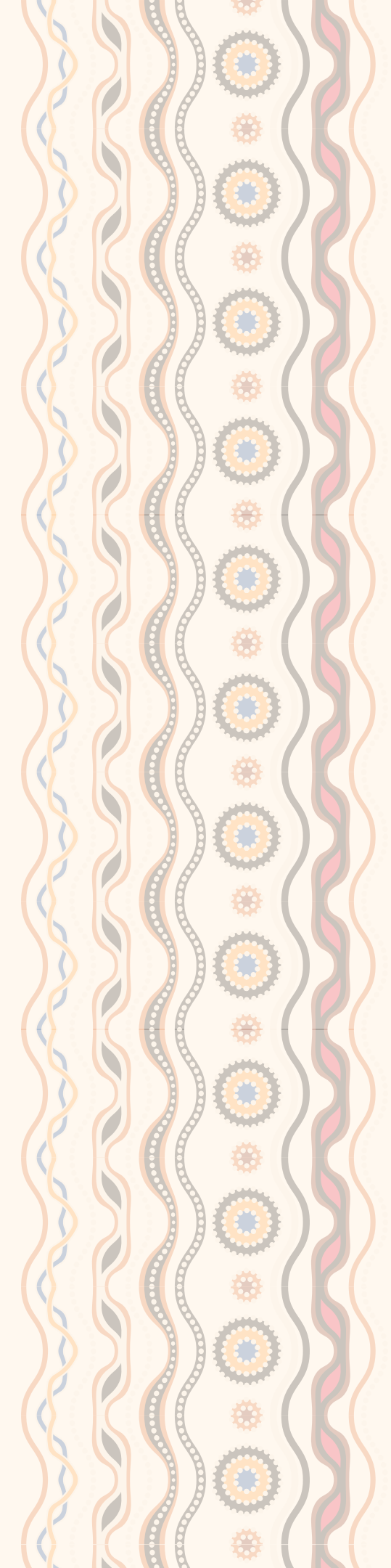
The [United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues](#) (UNPFII) was established in 2000 as a response to demands from Indigenous Peoples for a high-level permanent body at the UN. It possesses the mandate to advise the [Economic and Social Council](#) (ECOSOC) on the concerns of Indigenous Peoples and to discuss issues faced by Indigenous Peoples related to economic and social development, culture, environment, education, health, and human rights. More specifically, the Forum:

- › Provides expert advice and recommendations to the ECOSOC
- › Raises awareness and promotes the integration and coordination of activities related to Indigenous Peoples within the UN system
- › Prepares and disseminates information on issues concerning Indigenous Peoples
- › Promotes respect for and full application of the provisions of the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) and its followup

The first UNPFII was held in May 2002. Over the years, the Forum has become a focal point for indigenous matters at the UN and continues to serve as a meeting place for Indigenous Peoples, Member States, civil society, and other stakeholders from around the world. This year, the UN will hold the 22nd Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues ([UNPFII22](#)), with a special emphasis on the central theme of: *"Indigenous Peoples, human health, planetary and territorial health and climate change: a rights-based approach."*

## UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The UN General Assembly adopted the [Declaration](#) in 2007. It established a "universal framework of minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being" of Indigenous Peoples, and it stands today as the most comprehensive global instrument detailing the rights of Indigenous Peoples in international law and policy, setting guidelines for the recognition, protection, and promotion of these rights.





# UNPFII22 DETAILS FOR PARTICIPANTS

## When

17-28 April 2023

## Where

The Forum will be held, in-person only, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

## Follow Online

Join online to follow the proceedings of the Conference at [webtv.un.org](https://webtv.un.org) (streamed in multiple languages)

## Schedule

Click on the following link to view the [proposed schedule](#), which includes:

- Opening and closing sessions
- Interactive dialogues:
  - Regional between Indigenous Peoples and Member States
  - With UN Agencies
  - With the Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Discussions on the six mandated areas of the Permanent Forum:
  - Economic and social development
  - Culture
  - Environment
  - Education
  - Health
  - Human Rights
- Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum

## Side Events

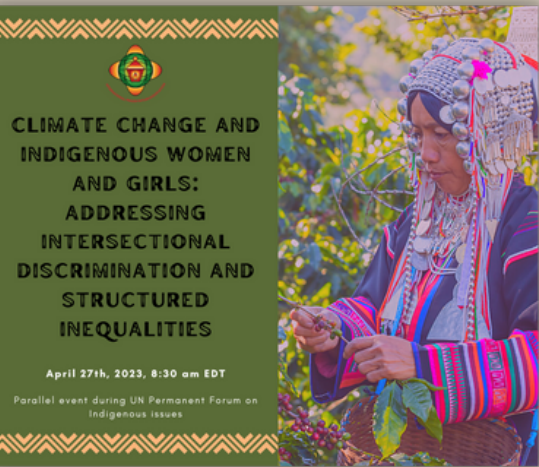
Click on the following link to view the list of official side events (coming soon)



*Click on the  
following link to view  
the [official website](#) of  
the UN Permanent  
Forum on  
Indigenous Issues*



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**18 April, 12:00pm-1:30pm (New York time)**

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/40D373B>

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS: ADDRESSING INTERSECTIONAL DISCRIMINATION AND STRUCTURED INEQUALITIES

**27 April, 8:30am (New York time)**

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/3Kj0v4y>

**Flyer:** <https://bit.ly/3m5DJoy>



# RECOMMENDED EVENTS

For the most up-to-date list of recommended events,  
please visit the JCoR website at

<https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>



# WHO TO FOLLOW AND TAG ON SOCIAL MEDIA

*JCoR would like to help spread the word.*

[@JCoR2030](#)

*Tag us so we can share your social media posts and increase the reach of your advocacy messaging!*

## **Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR)**

Twitter: [@JCoR2030](#) Facebook: [@JCoR2030](#)

## **JCoR Members**

Click [here](#) to access a Twitter list of JCoR members

## **UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

Twitter: [@UN4Indigenous](#). Facebook: [@unpfii](#)

## **NGO Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

Facebook: [@NGOCORIP](#)

## **Your congregation's NGO at the UN**

Click [here](#) to access a list of many congregations' NGO's social media details

## **Your government's Permanent Mission to the UN**



OFFICIAL HASHTAG:  
**#WeAreIndigenous**



# SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA MESSAGING

The UN Permanent Forum on [#Indigenous](#) Issues (17-28 April) will gather governments, civil society & stakeholders to discuss [#IndigenousPeoples](#), [#IndigenousRights](#), human & planetary health, & [#ClimateChange](#). Learn more about the forum & how to participate: <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>

More coming soon...



For additional social media resources, including logos, graphics, and messages, visit the official [Trello page](#) for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues



# WHAT IS YOUR DUTY? WHAT WILL YOU DO?



**EACH PERSON, HUMAN OR NO, IS BOUND TO EVERY OTHER  
IN A RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIP. JUST AS ALL BEINGS  
HAVE A DUTY TO ME, I HAVE A DUTY TO THEM.**



*Robin Wall Kimmerer*

Scientist, Author, and Member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

