

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?

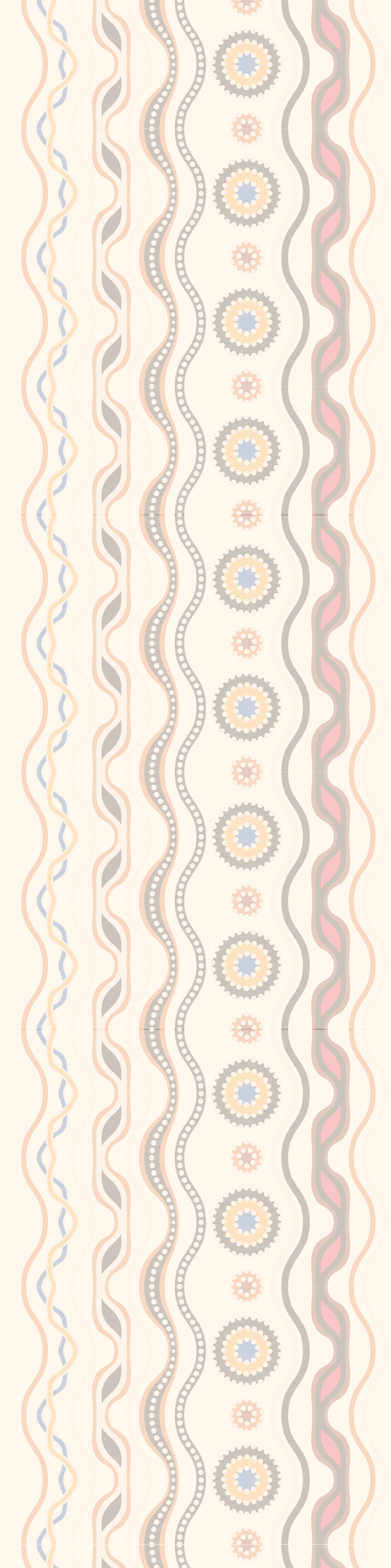
The [United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues](#) (UNPFII) was established in 2000 as a response to demands from Indigenous Peoples for a high-level permanent body at the UN. It possesses the mandate to advise the [Economic and Social Council](#) (ECOSOC) on the concerns of Indigenous Peoples 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 (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

RECOMMENDED EVENTS



TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW

18 April, 10:30am-12:00pm (New York time)

This panel discussion will introduce six strong courageous indigenous women (from Bolivia, Brasil, Ecuador, Mexico, and the United States) that will tell their stories of community, strength and struggles to stay together for a better tomorrow.

Join: Click on this [Zoom link](#) to join the panel event

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/415uLLm>



INDIGENOUS WORLDVIEWS ON PLANTS: HUMAN AND PLANETARY HEALTH

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

Human, planetary and territorial health have always been dependent on plants, and Indigenous Peoples have always known of this vital relationship. In this event, we will look into the wisdom of Indigenous People's relationship to plants and how it's in contrast to our present-day industrialized viewpoint.

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

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3Zm3xdM>



RECOMMENDED EVENTS



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

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

Panelists and participants will highlight the direct consequences and manifestations of climate change on indigenous women and girls identifying the existing barriers, challenges and viable potential solutions to address intersectional discrimination and structured inequalities against indigenous women and girls. The panelists will also share good practices in integrating a gender-responsive and non-discriminatory approach upholding the human rights of indigenous women and girls while taking action on climate change.

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

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

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](https://twitter.com/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](https://twitter.com/JCoR2030) Facebook: [@JCoR2030](https://www.facebook.com/JCoR2030)

JCoR Members

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UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Twitter: [@UN4Indigenous](https://twitter.com/UN4Indigenous). Facebook: [@unpfii](https://www.facebook.com/unpfii)

NGO Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Facebook: [@NGOCORIP](https://www.facebook.com/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



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/>

At [#UNPFII22](#) we call on [@UN](#) Member States to [. . .] [#WeAreIndigenous](#)

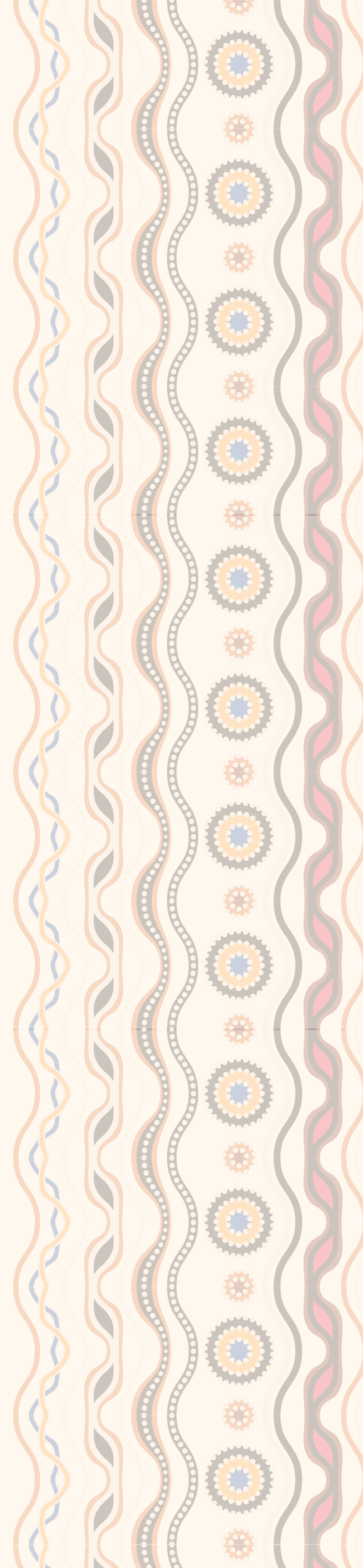
[#IndigenousPeoples](#) enrich our world. They are:

- Keepers of traditional values, knowledge, & practices
- Environmental activists
- Human rights defenders
- Powerful forces for change

Listen to their voices & learn from their wisdom during [#UNPFII22](#) and beyond



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

