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UN Indigenous Mechanisms

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**Special Rapporteur on the
Rights of Indigenous Peoples**
SRRIP

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**United Nations Permanent
Forum on Indigenous Issues**
UNPFII

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**Expert Mechanism on the
Rights of Indigenous Peoples**
EMRIP

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ([UNDRIP](#))

Used to develop policies and laws at national and sub-national levels

Adopted in 2007, after two decades of negotiations

Politically used by Indigenous Peoples to advocate for their rights

Most advanced and comprehensive international instrument on IPs' rights

Result of ideological debates, diplomatic negotiations, geo-politics, IPs' interests

Not legally binding but should be considered a framework



1 UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples



Current Mandate holder
Jose Francisco Cali Tzay (Guatemala)

- Mandate created in 2001 as part of the UN Rights Mechanisms of [Special Procedures](#)
- Mandate renewed in 2022 by the HRC resolution [51/16](#)



- Examine obstacles
- Gather information
- Formulate recommendations
- Work in cooperation
- Enhance engagement
- Develop dialogue
- Promote UNDRIP

1 Special Rapporteur's Activities



Country visits

- 2 visits per year
- At the invitation of Governments
- Latest visits in 2023 :
 - [Canada](#)
 - [Denmark and Greenland](#)



Thematic reports

- 2 reports per year
- Submitted to the HRC and the GA
- Latest thematic reports in 2023 :
 - [Green financing](#)
 - [Tourism and the rights of IPs](#)



Communications

- Communicate to governments by letters by the Special Procedures
- Other entities (Intergovernmental organisations, Businesses, Military or Security companies)
- Report on allegations of Human Rights violations (past, on-going or concerns relating to legislation)



Press releases and statement

- Cases of emergency
- Special concern



Academic visits

- Not followed by an official report or a press release

UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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- Advisory body established by ECOSOC resolution [E/2000/22](#)
 - Reports to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations
- Held its annual sessions since 2002
- Attended by :
 - Governments
 - IPOs
 - Other intergovernmental organizations
 - UN agencies
 - NGOs
 - Academic institutions
- UNPFII Membership (for 3 years)
 - 8 members nominated by governments
 - 8 members nominated by Indigenous Peoples



Current 16 UNPFII Members



Role of the UNPFII

- Provide expert advice and recommendations
- Discuss Indigenous Issues
- Promote the respect and implementation of UNDRIP
- Integrate and coordinates in the UN system
- Raise awareness



Thematic Focus

- Culture
- Education
- Human Rights
- Economic and social development
- Environment
- Health

Before the session

- Consultations amongst Indigenous Network and caucuses on themes or issues
- Prepare documentation based on contribution
- UN agencies and governments pursue the implementation of the recommendations and prepare reports/contribution



During the session

- 10 days each year in May/April
- Recommendations are adopted by consensus and submitted to ECOSOC
- Policy-making and action-oriented
- Recommendations come from various agencies, indigenous caucuses, governments and Forum members
- Cover the mandated areas of the Permanent Forum
- Can be addressed exclusively to a particular UN agency or to the whole UN system, governments, the private sector, IPOs



Contribution from Member States

- Participate in the deliberations of the Forum
- Review/adopt policy
- Develop programmes and projects
- Pursue implementation of the recommendation of the UNPFII
- Contribute to the Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues

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Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)



Current Experts
Members 2024-2027

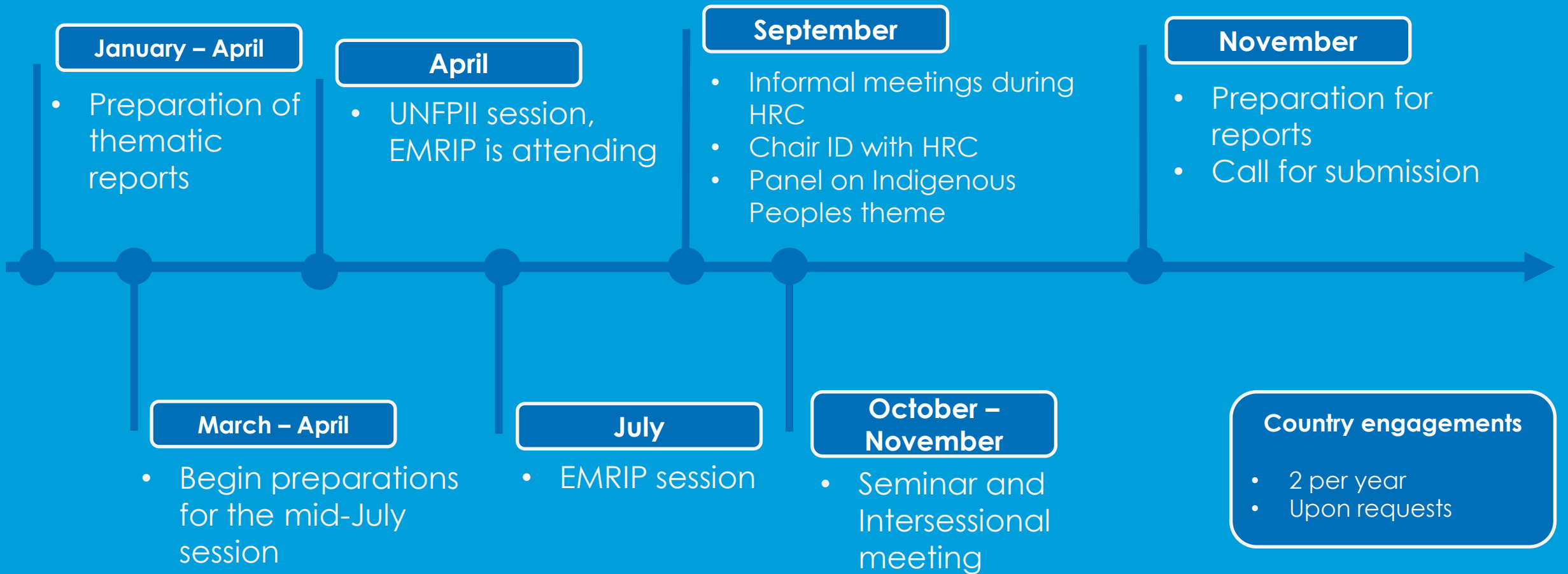
- Established by the Human Rights Council in 2007 by resolution [6/36](#)
 - Assistance to the Human Rights Council in implementing its mandate
 - Provides the Council with thematic expertise
- The mandate was renewed in 2016 by Human Rights Council resolution [33/25](#)

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Current mandate amended in 2016 by HRC resolution 33/25

EXPANSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership from five to seven experts• Representing the 7 Indigenous socio-cultural regions
PROVIDING ASSISTANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing Indigenous Peoples and/or Member States, upon request, with assistance and advice for the implementation of recommendations made at the universal periodic review and by treaty bodies, special procedures or other relevant mechanisms• Identifying the need for and providing technical advice regarding the development of domestic legislation and policies
ENGAGING AND FACILITATING DIALOGUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upon request of Member States, Indigenous Peoples and/or the private sector• Engaging and assisting them to facilitate dialogue to achieve the ends of the Declaration

3 EMRIP's annual activities



UN Indigenous Mechanisms compared

	Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	Expert Mechanism on the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples
Mandate	Investigate, monitor and report on Indigenous rights violation	Advisory body on Indigenous issues across multiple sectors	Provide thematic expertise and advice, mainly on UNDRIP
Focus	Human rights abuses and violations	Economic, social, environmental and cultural issues	Thematic research, practical advice on implementation UNDRIP
Main functions	Monitoring, country visits, advising, advocacy	Advising, promoting dialogue, coordinating with UN bodies	Providing research, studies and advice
Key outputs	Country reports, thematic reports, recommendations to States	Annual sessions, policy recommendations, platform for discussion	Thematic studies, advice on UNDRIP application
Engagement with States	Direct communications with States on rights violations	Broad dialogue with States, UN agencies and Indigenous Peoples	Focus on helping States implement Indigenous Peoples rights under UNDRIP