Member State information session:

Progress in the implementation of WHA Resolution 76.16 on the Health of Indigenous Peoples

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Background to WHA Resolution 76.16

In May 2023, the 76th World Health Assembly adopted Resolution 76.16 on the Health of Indigenous Peoples

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Calls to action in WHA Resolution 76.16

Urges Member States to take action in the areas of
Ethical data collection; national health plans; SRH; intercultural approach; integration of traditional medicine; participation; Indigenous Peoples as health workers; capacity building; mental health, health promotion

Calls on relevant actors to
Support participation; foster funding and follow highest ethical principles in R&D while ensuring the rights to cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and cultural expressions and over lands and territories; dialogue and collaboration

Requests the Director General to **See next slide for details*

1) Develop, for the consideration of the 79th WHA, through the 158th EB, a Global Plan of Action for Health of Indigenous People
2) Provide technical support to Member States
3) Propose strategic lines of action to the 14th GPW



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"…in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, with their free, prior and informed consent"

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Requests to the Secretariat in WHA Resolution 76.16



1. **Develop a Global Plan of Action for the health of Indigenous Peoples** in consultation with Member States, Indigenous Peoples, relevant UN and multilateral system agencies, civil society, academia, taking a life course approach, with emphasis on reproductive, maternal and adolescent health and those in vulnerable situations

2. **Provide support to Member States, upon request, on the health of Indigenous Peoples** for the development of national plans for the promotion, protection and enhancement of physical and mental health of Indigenous Peoples, including in the context of public health emergencies

3. **Propose strategic lines of action for the 14th General Programme of work** for the improvement of the health of Indigenous Peoples

Progress to date in the implementation of WHA Resolution 76.16

Development of the Global Plan of Action for the health of Indigenous Peoples	✓ Situation analysis on the health of Indigenous Peoples conducted ✓ Webpage set up to communicate progress ✓ Pre-zero draft of the Global Plan of Action developed ✓ Initial consultation on the guiding principles and priority areas for action carried out by AMRO/PAHO ✓ Initial consultation with a group of Indigenous experts (ongoing) ➢ Side event at UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (25 April 2025) ➢ Global call for written inputs (May-June 2025) ➢ Regional consultations with Member States, Indigenous Peoples and others (dates TBC) ➢ Global Member State consultations in Geneva (dates TBC)
Technical support to Member States	✓ Ongoing, provided upon request
Strategic lines of action for the GPW14	✓ Attention to the potential role of evidence-based traditional medicine, with growing appreciation of knowledge and insights of Indigenous Peoples. ✓ Recognition of health and wellbeing of Indigenous Peoples in the context of work on climate change and health. ✓ Focus on enhancing the health of Indigenous Peoples through PHC approach ✓ Partnerships, community engagement and intersectoral collaboration, including with Indigenous Peoples as one of the key principles for achieving impact.

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Key considerations for the implementation of WHA Resolution 76.16

- Principle of free, prior and informed consent by Indigenous Peoples
- Meaningful consultations with Member States, Indigenous Peoples, relevant UN and multilateral system agencies, as well as civil society, academia and other stakeholders



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Proposed new timeframe for the Global Plan of Action

2025 | 2026 | 2027

Draft plan and initial consultations

- Publish situation analysis
- Consultations with UN mechanisms on Indigenous issues (UNPFII, EMRIP)
- Virtual consultations with Indigenous experts on zero draft of Global Plan of Action
- Global written call for inputs from all relevant stakeholders
- Submit update to the 158th Executive Board (October 2025)

Finalization of GPA

- Regional consultations with Member States, Indigenous Peoples and other relevant actors
- Final consultation(s) with Member States in Geneva
- Submit documentation (October 2026) for Executive Board consideration

Adoption by the 80th WHA

- 160th Executive Board (January 2027)
- 80th World Health Assembly (May 2027)

Change proposed with respect to timeline specified in WHA 76.17

158th EB (Jan 2026) → 160th EB (Jan 2027)

79th WHA (May 2026) → 80th WHA (May 2027)

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Thank you

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