

# Indian Law Resource Center

## Indigenous Peoples' Rights

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## Campaign and Advocacy

Center staff and board members are participating in information consultations of the current 71st session of the UN General Assembly on Ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them.

The President of the General Assembly's 71st session will conduct four consultations. Member states of the United Nations and indigenous peoples representatives from around the world, including representatives of several Indian and Alaska Native nations, are invited to offer their views and respond to questions regarding the need for a new status for indigenous governing institutions at the UN, how they should be accredited, and what substantive rights of participation they should have.

Additional consultations in 2017 are scheduled for January 30-February 1, February 27-28, and April 24-May 5 (with specific dates to be determined at a later date). The UN General Assembly is expected to make a decision on the matter before the end of its current session in September, 2017.

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