

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 2017

Australian Statement

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UNPFII and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Thank you Madam Chair

Australia is committed to advancement of the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* which provides a universal and inclusive agenda.

We are giving effect to the 2030 Agenda, nationally, regionally and globally.

Since the 2030 Agenda came into effect, Australia has actively sought opportunities to advance the agenda **globally**. This includes \$1 billion contribution to help developing countries tackle climate change and promote resilience initiatives.

To ensure our overseas aid program does not leave behind indigenous peoples, Australia is assessing our initiatives to better ensure indigenous peoples are engaged in decision-making processes. We assess whether aid investments are tailored to address the specific interests of indigenous peoples in the Asia-Pacific region.

Australia has demonstrated its commitment **regionally**, including providing support for initiatives which assist countries to map their national sustainable development priorities.

Domestically, there are many Australian Government initiatives that go to the heart of the SDGs, including:

- new policies to reduce violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women;
- our National Disability Insurance Scheme; and
- continued commitment across Australian Governments towards Closing the Gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Australia also promotes an inclusive approach to monitoring our progress. Domestically, we are working closely across government and with stakeholders to develop our reporting processes.

We welcome the Permanent Forum's dedicated efforts to support the inclusion of indigenous peoples' issues in the implementation and review process for the 2030 Agenda.

We look forward to discussions at this year's High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). This year's theme will provide opportunity for meaningful discussion on the multidimensional needs for long lasting development.

Only by addressing these challenges together will we be able to truly give effect to the promise of the 2030 Agenda – and ensure we do not leave indigenous peoples behind.