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Comment on the agenda

Given the positions formulated by the Indigenous peoples (see their statements above), the most important items at the fourth session of the Human Rights Council for Indigenous peoples are:

- Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
- Follow-up of the HRC decisions – Relates in particular to the Declaration on the rights of IPs.
- Reports of the Intergovernmental WGs. They concern the following WGs:
 - WG on Universal Periodic Review – Relates to the review of the situation of human rights in countries to which HRC member states will have to submit.
 - WG on Mechanisms and Mandates – Relates to the special procedures (in particular Special Rapporteurs), complaints procedures and expert advice (similar body to the ex Sub-Commission of Human Rights promotion and protection, the specific HRC body requested by IPs, etc.).
 - WG on the Agenda, Methods of Work, Rules and Procedure – Relates particularly to the inclusion – in the HRC agenda – of an item dedicated to the human rights of IPs.

Within all these items of the agenda, the question of the participation of NGOs (thus of Indigenous peoples) is also discussed.

Short summaries of the proceedings will be provided by CONGO www.ngocongo.org/index on a daily basis. An in-depth analytical report will be provided by the [International Service for Human Rights](#) at the end of the week of discussions.

The International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) will soon publish a note giving a progress report on the work of the WG till January 2007: www.ishr.ch entitled *Briefing Paper on the Working Groups of the Human Rights Council, January 2007*.

Dead-line for submission of written statements: February 28, 2007 to be sent to hrcngo@ohchr.org

As many changes may occur, particularly in the Agenda, it is recommended to regularly visit the homepage: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/form.htm>

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