

Upcoming Meetings and Deadlines for Indigenous Peoples, January to April 2008

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JANUARY

14 January – 1 February 2008 (New York, USA)

40th session of the Committee on the Convention on the Eradication of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

Countries scheduled for consideration: Saudi Arabia, Burundi, Bolivia, France, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Morocco, Sweden.

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14 January – 1 February 2008 (Geneva, Switzerland)

47th session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Countries scheduled for consideration: Bhutan, Chile, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Germany, Ireland, Kuwait, Timor Leste.

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21 – 25 January 2008 (Geneva, Switzerland)

Sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing

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FEBRUARY

4 – 8 February 2008 (Geneva, Switzerland)

21st session of the Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

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11 – 15 February 2008 (FAO, Rome, Italy)

Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas

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18 – 22 February 2008 (FAO, Rome, Italy)

13th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)

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18 February – 7 March 2008 (Geneva, Switzerland)

72nd session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)

Countries scheduled for consideration: Republic of Moldova, Italy, Fiji, Belgium, Russian Federation, Dominican Republic, United States of America, Nicaragua.

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20 – 22 February 2008 (Monaco)

10th special session of the UNEP Governing Council and Global Ministerial Environment Forum

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25 – 29 February 2008 (Geneva, Switzerland)

12th session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Traditional Cultural Expression/Folklore

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25 – 29 February 2008 (Gland, Switzerland)

36th meeting of the Ramsar Standing Committee

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25 February – 7 March 2008 (New York, USA)

52nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women

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MARCH

3 – 28 March 2008 (Geneva, Switzerland)

7th session of the Human Rights Council

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7 March – 4 April 2008 (New York, USA)

92nd session of the Human Rights Committee

Countries scheduled for consideration: Tunisia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bostwana, Panama.

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26 – 28 March 2008 (venue to be determined)

Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House Mechanism Capacity-Building Workshop on Networking and Information Exchange (Africa region)

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30 March – 3 April 2008 (Nairobi, Kenya)

22nd session of the Governing Council of UN-HABITAT

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APRIL

7 – 11 April 2008 (Hanoi, Vietnam)

Fourth Global Conference on Oceans: “Advancing Ecosystem Management and Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management in the Context of Climate Change”

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7 – 18 April 2008 (Geneva, Switzerland)

First session of the Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review

Countries scheduled for consideration (in this order): Bahrain, Ecuador, Tunisia, Morocco, Indonesia, Finland, United Kingdom, India, Brazil, Philippines, Algeria, Poland, Netherlands, South Africa, Czech Republic, Argentina.

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21 April – 2 May 2008 (New York, USA)

Seventh session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

“Climate change, bio-cultural diversity and livelihoods: the stewardship role of indigenous peoples and new challenges”

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28 April – 16 May 2008 (Geneva, Switzerland)

40th session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)

Countries scheduled for consideration: Sweden, Benin, France, India, Kenya.

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