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## Launch of The Indigenous World 2025

### Indigenous Youth at the forefront of UNDRIP implementation

Side event for the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues 2025  
11:30 – 12:45 NY time, Friday 25 April 2025, Room CR-5

For 39 consecutive years IWGIA has published *The Indigenous World*, which is a unique result of a collaborative effort between Indigenous and non-Indigenous activists and scholars who voluntarily document and report on the situation of Indigenous Peoples' rights. This yearly overview serves to document and report on the developments Indigenous Peoples have experienced throughout 2024 and includes a special focus on Indigenous youth.

18 years after the adoption of the UNDRIP by the UN General Assembly, the centre of the Indigenous Peoples' struggle, which increasingly includes Indigenous youth, continues to be the assertion of their rights.

In the context of the main theme of the 24<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, particularly on the status of the implementation of UNDRIP, *The Indigenous World 2025*, with its focus on Indigenous Youth, provides important insights into their crucial role in advancing Indigenous rights.

Indigenous Youth are at the forefront of this effort, driving change through advocacy, innovation, and leadership within their communities and on global platforms. With a deep commitment to self-determination, they are reclaiming their languages, defending land and territorial rights, and ensuring that traditional knowledge is preserved and respected. Through their resilience and vision, they are forging new paths for the recognition and realization of Indigenous rights worldwide, shaping a just and sustainable future for Indigenous Peoples.

Intergenerational dialogue is a key element not only for transferring ancestral knowledge but also for youth to strengthen their capacity to organise themselves. While youth have the strength, elders have the knowledge and this intergenerational dialogue is crucial as elders and youth can benefit from exchanging and learning from each other. Youth are important in the communities as they are part of exercising their rights in the communities. When young people participate in collective/community work, they contribute to the future of the community while learning about ancestral practices and knowledge and they are empowered.

The annual launching of *The Indigenous World* provides a unique opportunity for IWGIA to organize a panel with Indigenous leaders, UN mechanisms and other key stakeholders to address some of the core trends and developments with regards to Indigenous Peoples rights over the past year.

We are delighted to once again having the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN in New York join us as co-sponsor for the launch of the book.

The session will be in-person only with live streaming and English >< Spanish interpretation.