



Indigenous Navigator

Methodology for using the National Questionnaires

The **National Questionnaire** is developed for **country profiling**. It systematically assesses the level of State *recognition* and efforts to *protect* and fulfil UNDRIP in a particular country.

The National Questionnaire is mainly **based on structural and process indicators**; hence it assesses the legal and policy framework of a given country, and measures States' ongoing efforts to implement human rights commitments through programs, budget allocations, etc. The National Questionnaire is thereby complementary to the **Community Questionnaire**, which mainly measures the realisation of rights as perceived by indigenous communities.

By looking at **legislation, policies and programs**, the National Questionnaire gives a comprehensive overview of the situation of indigenous peoples in a particular country, across the range of thematic areas of the UNDRIP.

Country profiling

By collecting data on the level of recognition and efforts to protect and fulfil indigenous peoples' rights in national legislation, policies and programs, the Indigenous Navigator National Questionnaire generates a profile of the given country. The profile can thus indicate whether legal and administrative reforms or enhanced efforts, e.g. through increased budget allocations, targeted programmes etc. are needed to adequately implement the provisions of UNDRIP.

By filling in the Short National Questionnaire (questions marked with a * in the online Question data base), a country profile can be generated relatively quickly. Please refer to Training Module 9 *The Indigenous Navigator Index* to get an overview of how such a country profile can be presented and communicated in easily accessible ways.

Desk research

When filling in the National Questions, you need **factual information** regarding ratification of international human rights instruments; adoption of national laws and policies; government-driven implementation of specific measures or programmes targeting indigenous peoples; statistics on indigenous peoples in the country, if available, etc. Because of the focus on legislation, policies and programs, the National Questionnaire is methodologically designed for desk research by indigenous experts and organizations, or human rights experts. All questions relate to **existing legal and statistical information and data**, and the questionnaire helps compile and organize this information to gain an overview of indigenous peoples' human rights situation.

The **Question Guide – National Questionnaire** provides detailed guidance on how to interpret the questions and the concepts that they relate to, as well guidance on how and where to find the information needed to answer the questions. Referring to the Question Guide when in doubt about how to fill in the questionnaire will thus facilitate the work flow considerably.

The National Questionnaire will require you to search for information from a range of publicly available sources. Much of the information you need will be available online, so **good internet-connectivity is a must** for working with the National Questionnaire. Some of the sources you will need to consult include:

- **Government websites** presenting laws, development planning, budget allocations, etc.
- **National Statistical Office** data, such as the latest census figures, geographic distribution of different population groups, national poverty line, etc.
- **OHCHR and ILO databases** on status of ratification of international human rights and labour law instruments
- Websites of **regional human rights institutions and mechanisms**
- **Recommendations from treaty bodies and the Universal Periodic Review, available in OHCHR database**
- **Reports of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

Looking back to 2008

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted in September 2007, so 2008 was the first year it was fully applicable. This is why some questions in the Indigenous Navigator National Questions use the year 2008 as a reference point, to assess:

- Incidents of **violations** of the rights enshrined in the UNDRIP, from 2008 onwards
- Legal and **judicial developments** in terms of court rulings – have these upheld the rights enshrined in the UNDRIP since 2008?



Indigenous Navigator Resources

Indigenous Navigator National Questionnaire and Indigenous Navigator Short National Questionnaire

Indigenous Navigator Question Guide – National Questionnaire

Training module 9: *The Indigenous Navigator Index*