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**INDIGENOUS DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH ALLIANCE**

**UPDATES AND MEETING NOTES**

1.     **UNPFII Forum Report:** We have several recommendations included in the PFII Draft Report that was released during the final session of the PFII. As we await the final report posting, we know from the draft that at least 10 recommendations mention or focus specifically on health. We are looking forward to [amplifying the messages](https://www.salon.com/2023/05/01/un-protecting-indigenous-health-also-protects-the-environment_partner/) in the report and working to implement the IDH framework for greater understanding and implementation within Local Indigenous Peoples communities. We have pasted a selection of these recommendations at the end of this email. One example:

a.     “The Permanent Forum welcomes the study on Indigenous determinants of health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development [(E/C.19/2023/5)](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=E%2FC.19%2F2023%2F5&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False) presented at its twenty-second session. The Permanent Forum calls upon Member States and United Nations entities, particularly WHO, to adopt indigeneity as an overarching determinant of health, including in relation to the relevant Sustainable Development Goals and in policies and practices across the United Nations system.”

b.     The UNPFII has also determined that an additional Study will be reported next year at the 23rd session of the forum, specifically on the operationalization of the Framework of Indigenous Determinants of Health. More to come.

2.     **Planetary Health Alliance (PHA):** The PHA has released a [“Rights and Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and Planetary Health”](https://planetaryhealthalliance.org/unpfii2023) policy note with the aims of elevating the views expressed by Indigenous Peoples Leaders and the PFII study on IDH. They call on the Planetary Health community to draw on the work of the UNPFII and UNDRIP and expand recognition of Indigenous Peoples and diverse knowledge and their role in policies on both health and the environment.

3.     **WHO Indigenous Health Resolution:** This week in Geneva the World Health Assembly will consider a [Resolution on Improving Indigenous Health, brought by Brazil and](https://healthpolicy-watch.news/brazil-to-call-for-protection-of-indigenous-peoples-health-after-bolsonaro-abandonment-during-covid-19/) several other countries as Co-sponsors. We are motivated by the prospect of creating a Mandate and increasing activities at the World Health Organization and their Regional offices. We are excited to see the final negotiated language and look to the adoption of the resolution on May 27th at the Forum.

a.     We encourage you to reach out to your Nations leadership and ask them to sign on as Co-Sponsors on the floor and to support the passage of the Resolution. We also encourage you to ask your Nations to pledge support the activities of the Resolution financially.

The activities above represent a rejuvenated collective effort to address the unique health challenges faced by Indigenous communities globally, and to uphold the rights of Indigenous peoples. As we move forward, it is crucial to continue advocating for inclusive policies, sustainable interventions, and the recognition of Indigenous self-determination in matters of health. We continue to believe that Indigenous Determinants of Health and Indigeneity represent the best framework for this work.