

## **Indigenous Peoples' Caucus**

### **Preparatory Meeting for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights**

**La Pastorale, Geneva, November 13, 2016**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights (Geneva, 14-16 November 2016) will address three major themes:

1. Key human rights challenges where greater State and business leadership and leverage urgently need to be applied.
2. Reflection on the fifth anniversary of the endorsement of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.
3. Core issues and the roles of stakeholders along the value chain and across business relationships.

The Forum sessions reflect four key messages this year, including one that references Indigenous Peoples:

*We need to step up our efforts to improve access to remedy for victims of human rights abuses and take concrete action to protect those in particularly vulnerable situations, including human rights defenders, indigenous peoples, migrant workers, trafficked persons, children and those facing discrimination for their gender, sexuality, and disability.*

The purpose of this year's Indigenous Peoples' Caucus is to provide a space for Indigenous representatives to convene, discuss the above themes and key issues, and draft an Indigenous Peoples' Caucus Statement to be submitted/presented to the 5<sup>th</sup> Forum on Business and Human Rights.

For this purpose, we invite the Indigenous Delegates participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> Forum on Business and Human Rights to participate in the Indigenous Caucus held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Geneva Welcome Centre (CAGI) with the following Agenda:

- Share general information about the Agenda of the Forum and parallel events, with a presentation by the Chair of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, Mr. Pavel Sulyandziga
- Share information about Resolution 26/9 of the Human Rights Council (the elaboration of legally binding instrument on business and human rights)
- Discuss and respond to the main themes and key issues of the 5<sup>th</sup> Forum on Business and Human Rights

- Identify and agree on matters of common interest to be presented to the 5<sup>th</sup> Forum and the Working Group

Date: 13 November 2016

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: La Pastorale, Geneva Welcome Centre (Centre d'Accueil Genève Internationale (CAGI))

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