

**Proposed Agenda for the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus**  
**8th session of the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights**

Sunday, 24th of November 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

Swiss Press Club

106, route de Ferney (Bus 5 - Intercontinental Stop)

Time	Description
9:30 - 10:00	Salutation to Mother Earth, welcome and introduction of participants.
10.00 - 10:30	The moderators present the agenda and invite the indigenous representatives to propose, select and name the Chair and Co-chair for the 2019 Caucus.
10:30 - 11:15	Review of the B&HR Forum agenda and clarifications. Which will the main issues this year be?
11:15 - 13:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identification and discussion of key issues to raise from the Indigenous Caucus</li> <li>- Briefing on the Fifth session of the open-ended intergovernmental Working Group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights.</li> <li>- Gathering and consolidation of comments and recommendations of the Caucus on the draft treaty.</li> </ul>
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Briefing from the UN voluntary fund. Nomination of 14 Indigenous representatives to meet with EU. Nomination of the members for the drafting committee of the Indigenous Caucus Closing Statement. Nomination of one indigenous representative from Latin America to be part of the panel discussion during the Regional dialogue on Latin America and Caribbean.
14:30 - 15:30	Discussion with members of the UN B&HR WG
15:30 - 17:00	Workshop held by the Secretariat on: "Guidance on ways to submit individual complaints procedures to the WG" (see page 2)
17:00	Administrative announcements
17:00 - 19:00	Accreditation for the Forum

Interpretation services will be provided by Docip in Spanish, English and French.

## **Access to remedies for business-related human rights abuses:**

### **Workshop for Indigenous Caucus**

Individual and communities affected by business-related human rights abuses continue to face multiple barriers in seeking effective remedies and holding the relevant enterprises accountable for such abuses. During the 2018 pre-UN Forum dialogue with the Indigenous Caucus, the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights felt that the Indigenous Caucus participants should benefit from a dedicated workshop exposing them to a range of remedial options.

The workshop will discuss mechanisms concerning complaints to (i) the National Contact Points under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, (ii) independent accountability mechanisms of international financial institutions such as the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO), and (iii) the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and other special procedures of the UN.

The objectives of the workshop are two-fold: first, to understand better the challenges and barriers faced by indigenous peoples in seeking access to remedies for business-related human rights abuses, and second, to raise awareness of affected members of the indigenous community about selected remedial options available to them.

#### **Facilitators**

- Gina Barbieri, Principal Ombudsman, Dispute Resolution Office of the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO)
- Surya Deva, Member, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights
- Anirudha Nagar, Communities Co-Director, Accountability Counsel
- Büsser Julia or Christoph Wiedmer, Co-Directeur, Society for Threatened Peoples, Switzerland