

SIDE EVENT - CCNAGUA

## Human Rights Violations against the Guarani Peoples in South America

Argentina, Brazil,  
Paraguay and  
Bolivia

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### The Guarani Peoples

are massively present in the lowlands of South America, today largely made up of 4 countries. They comprise of more than 285,000 persons distributed in about 1,500 communities, constituting one of the largest indigenous peoples of the American continent.

Even if separated by national borders and sustaining high levels of violence, racism, forced displacement, murder and suicide, the Guarani resist in their own ways of life, strongly cultivating their language, customs and beliefs.

The omissions on the part of the relevant national States, mainly related to the non fulfillment of the constitutional guarantees of each country, regarding the access and exclusive enjoyment of their original territories, have generated, over the last decades, an environment of humanitarian crisis, through widespread violence. This crisis has led to physical confrontation for their basic rights of existence and the consequent murders of their leaders.

### Panelists:

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### The Guarani Nation's Continental Council (CCNAGUA)

was created during the IV Guarani People's Continental Meeting (Asunción 2010), which brought together about 400 Guarani leaders from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay and their grassroots organizations. CCNAGUA is made up of 48 leaders from 4 countries, of which 16 are from the Executive Secretariat, guaranteeing equal representation among Guarani peoples.



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