**UN Seminar of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

**“Treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements, between indigenous peoples and States, including peace accords and reconciliation initiatives, and their constitutional recognition.”**

*29 November to 1 December 2021*

*(15:00-17:00, Geneva time)*

*Virtual/ZOOM*

*Interpretation in English/Spanish/Russian*

***AGENDA***

***Day 1: Monday 29 November***

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| **14:40[[1]](#footnote-1)** | ***ARRIVAL ALL PARTICIPANTS ON LINE – TEST OF EQUIPMENT*** |
| 15:00 | *Opening*  **Welcome:**   * Megan Davis, Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (3 mins)   (Laila Susanne Vars as an alternate in case of connection difficulties)   * Paulo David, Chief of the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (3 mins) |
| 15:15 | Concept Note – Types of treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements that indigenous peoples have made or are making with States, including peace accords and reconciliation initiatives, and their constitutional recognition.  **Moderator**: Binota Moy Dhamai (lead on this Study) Vice Chair of the Expert Mechanism  (Margaret Lokawua, member of the Expert Mechanism, as an alternate moderator in case of connection difficulties)  **Presenters:**     * Joênia Wapichana, Deputy, National Brazilian Congress (10 mins) * Kiera Ladner, Professor, University of Manitoba (10 mins) * Vladimir Kryazhkov, Professor, National Research University, Higher School of Economics (10 mins) * David Wilkins, Professor, University of Richmond (10 mins)   **Open Discussion (10 mins) – Moderator leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 16:20 | Concept Note – Barriers (structural, political, economic and social) to, and the enabling conditions necessary to promote, constructive dialogue between States and indigenous peoples for the *establishment* of treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements, including peace accords and reconciliation initiatives, and their constitutional recognition  **Moderator**: Laila Susanne Vars, Member of the Expert Mechanism  (Erika Yamada, Member of the Expert Mechanism, as an alternate moderator in case of connection difficulties)  **Presenters:**     * Belkis Florentina Izquierdo Torres, Magistrada de la Sala de Reconocimiento de la Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz, Colombia (10 mins) * Chidiebere C. Ogbonna, Professor, Kampala International University (10 mins) * ~~Jamie Lowe, Chief Executive Officer, National Native Title Council (10 mins)~~ **CANCELLED**   **Open Discussion (10 mins) - Moderator leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 17:00 | CLOSE/END OF DAY |

***Day 2: Tuesday 30 November***

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| 15:00 | Concept Note – Barriers (structural, political, economic and social) to, and the enabling conditions necessary to promote, constructive dialogue between States and indigenous peoples for the *establishment* of treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements, including peace accords and reconciliation initiatives, and their constitutional recognition.  **Moderator**: Rodion Sulyandziga, Vice Chair of the Expert Mechanism  (Megan Davis, Chair of the Expert Mechanism, as an alternate moderator in case of connection difficulties)  **Presenters**:   * Hannah Mc Glade, Member UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (10 mins) * Gam Shimray, Secretary General of the Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact (10 mins) * Gilberto López y Rivas, Professor, National Institute of Anthropology and History (10 mins)   **Open Discussion (10 mins) - Moderator leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 16:00 | Concept Note - Examine the barriers (structural, political, economic and social) to, and the enabling conditions necessary for the *implementation* of treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements, including peace accords and reconciliation initiatives, and their constitutional recognition.  **Moderator**: Margaret Lokawua, Member of the Expert Mechanism  (Rodion Sulyandziga, Vice Chair of the Expert Mechanism, as an alternate moderator in case of connection difficulties)  **Presenters**:   * Janine Gertz, Professor, The Cairns Institute, James Cook University (10 mins) * Olga Murashko, Expert from the Centre for the Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North (10 mins) * Jesús Amadeo Martínez Guzmán, General Coordinator of the Abya Yala Indigenous Forum and Senior Counselor of the Indigenous Council of Central America (10 mins) * Minnie Degawan, Director of Indigenous & Traditional Peoples Program at Conservation International (10 mins)   **Open Discussion (10 mins) - Moderator leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 17:00 | CLOSE/END OF DAY |

***Day 3: Wednesday 1 December***

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| 15:00 | Concept Note - Examine the barriers (structural, political, economic and social) to, and the enabling conditions necessary for the *implementation* of treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements, including peace accords and reconciliation initiatives, and their constitutional recognition.  **Moderator**: Sheryl Lightfoot, Member of the Expert Mechanism  (Binota Moy Dhamai, Vice Chair of the Expert Mechanism, as an alternate moderator in case of connection difficulties)  **Presenters**:   * Francisco Cali Tzay, UN Special Rapporteur in the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (10 mins) * Atina Pamei Gaare, former UN fellow and activist (10 mins) * Dario Mejia, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (10 mins) * Sochea Pheap, Lawyer, Cambodian Indigenous People Organization (10 mins)   **Open Discussion (10 mins) - Moderator leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 15:50 | Concept Note –  Mechanisms with the competence to resolve conflicts between States and indigenous peoples about treaties, agreements, and other constructive arrangements, including peace accords and reconciliation initiatives, and their constitutional recognition. Joint problem solving approaches that facilitate constructive dialogue between States and indigenous peoples.  **Moderator**: Erika Yamada, Member of the Expert Mechanism  (Sheryl Lightfoot, Member of the Expert Mechanism, as an alternate moderator in case of connection difficulties)  **Presenters**:   * Chief Wilton Littlechild, Canadian lawyer and Cree chief (10 mins) * Daniel Kobei, Founder and Executive Director of Ogiek Peoples’ Development Program (10 mins) * Claire Charters, Professor, University of Auckland (10 mins)     **Open Discussion (10 mins) - Moderator leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 16:40-17:00 | *-Conclusions and wrap-up*  **Moderator:** Binota Moy Dhamai, Vice Chair of the Expert Mechanism and lead on this Study  (Megan Davis, Chair of the Expert Mechanism, an alternate in case of connection difficulties)  Here Moderator sets out the main themes from the seminar and asks the other members of the Expert Mechanism their main take aways from the seminar.    Moderator formally closes the seminar. |
| 17:00 | END OF SEMINAR |

1. Geneva time zone for all times. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)