**United Nations Virtual Regional Meeting of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of indigenous peoples**

**The impact of COVID-19 on the rights of indigenous peoples under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

**Africa and North America**

**Monday 30 November, 15:00-17:00 (Geneva time)**

*Interpretation in English and French* [[1]](#footnote-1)

***AGENDA***

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| **14:30[[2]](#footnote-2)** | ***ARRIVAL ALL PARTICIPANTS– TEST OF EQUIPMENT*** |
| 15:00 | *Opening*  **Welcome:**   * **Kristen Carpenter**, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (3 mins)   (Lounes Belkacem as an alternate in case of connection difficulties) |
| 15:05 | **Chair: Kristen Carpenter**, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  **Presenters:**   * Canada, **Francois Weldon**, Director General, Aboriginal and External Affairs, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (3 mins) * International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), **Andrea Carmen**, Executive Director (3 mins) * Congrès Mondial Amazigh, **Khalid Zerrari**, Co-President (3 mins) * Union of British Colombia Indian Chiefs, **Kukpi7 Judy Wilson**, Secretary-Treasurer of Union of BC Indian Chiefs and Chief of Neskonlith Indian Band (3 mins) * HAI//OM Bushmen Community Development Organisation (HBCDO) Namibia, **Chief Willem Aib**, Director (3 mins) * Indigenous World Association, **Oren Lyons** (3 mins)   **Open Discussion (10/15 mins) – Chair leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 15:55 – 16:50 | **Chair: Lounes Belkacem**, Vice-Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  **Presenters:**   * Republic of Congo, **Justin Assomoyi**, Directeur General for the promotion of indigenous peoples (3 mins) * **Jennifer Rocchio** (individual) (3 mins) * Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC), **Handaine Mohamed**, President (3 mins) * File Hills Qu’Appelle Tribal Council (FHQTC) (3 mins) * Santa Mbororo Youth Association of Cameroon (SAMUSA-SANTA), **Amadou Ahidjo**, Assistant Secretary (3 mins) * Canada Indigenous Bar Association, **Drew Lafond**, President (3 mins)   **Open Discussion (10/15 mins) - Chair leads the discussion, taking questions and comments orally and from the chat box from participants** |
| 16:50 – 17:00 | *Closing*  **Wrap-up:**   * **Lounes Belkacem**, Vice-Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (3 mins) * **Kristen Carpenter**, Member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (3 mins) |

1. For reasons of time and cost we had to join some regions. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Geneva time zone for all times. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)