

Putting intersectionality front and centre: A UN Treaty to address the impacts of corporate impunity on women and indigenous peoples

Women and indigenous peoples across the world suffer the consequences of colonization, imperialism, racism, patriarchy and neoliberalism which is often manifested through the invasion of their territories and discrimination based on their distinct cultures and identities. Corporations profit from grave breaches of international law and in situations of conflict. Often, the gendered impacts of such practices exacerbate other pre-existing inequalities. This side-event aims to discuss why the ongoing process for a UN Treaty on Business and Human Rights is a historic opportunity to address the fragmentation of international law and change the current asymmetry of power between people, the planet and corporations, by regulating business activities in international human rights law. The expert panellists will share cases that demonstrate how the activities by corporate actors have differentiated impacts to local populations where corporates operate. It will discuss the revised zero draft of the legally binding instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises in relation to gender equality, indigenous rights and women's rights. It will also present recommendations to States, international institutions and civil society on how to enhance the draft and ensure it is a robust and comprehensive document that holds businesses and states to account and upholds human rights standards.

Panel: Maha Abdallah, Senior Legal Researcher and Advocacy Officer at Al-Haq, Palestine; Donald Hernandez, CEPRODAC, Honduras; Anna Shahnzaryan - Armenian leading environmental leader

Moderators: Siobhan Curran, Trocaire and Marianna Leite, Christian Aid.

- **Date:** Tuesday, 15 October
- **Time:** 13h00-14h00
- **Room:** XXIII, Palais des Nations