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Panel on Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the Context of Indigenous Peoples

General questions to guide the panel:

What do companies need to take into account to conduct human rights impact assessments in the context of business operations affecting the rights of indigenous peoples, and using the UN Declaration of Indigenous Peoples as a standard? What are the main lessons learned (challenges and good practices) by companies, States and indigenous peoples? What can we learn from stakeholder engagement and consultation processes (free, prior and informed consent) conducted for projects in agri-business, tourism, extractives, energy and others? Have operational-level grievance mechanisms helped to address grievances, adverse impacts, and human rights violations? What types of issues/problems are less amenable to be resolved through traditional means and alternative dispute resolution and have required the intervention of national or international courts? What elements of effective remedy process and outcomes can be identified?

Moderator: José Rafael Unda, Ardura.

Panellists:

Nicolás Betis, Vice-President, Coordinadora de la Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica, COICA.

Carlos Pop, Lawyer, Maya Q'eqchi', Guatemala Community

Paul David Maidstone, Environmental Manager, Codelco, Chile.

Claire White, Manager, Social and Economic Development, International Council on Mining & Metals, ICMM.

Carlos Franco, Social Standards Manager, Cerrejón (AngloAmerican, BHPBilliton, Glencore, operation in Colombia).

Date: 30th August 2013

Time : 09:00 – 10:45 am

Place: Hotel Dann Carlton, Medellín, Colombia