



UN Expert Seminar on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with Respect to their Cultural Heritage

*University of Lapland
Rovaniemi, Finland
26 and 27 February 2015*

Agenda

Objectives

The objective of the Expert Seminar is to inform the 2015 study of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples with respect to their cultural heritage, as requested by the Human Rights Council in September 2014 through resolution 27/13. A draft of the study will be discussed and finalized during the 8th session of the Expert Mechanism (20-24 July 2015), before being submitted to the Human Rights Council at its 30th session (September 2015).

The Seminar will also provide an opportunity for exchange among academics, practitioners and other experts on issues related to the cultural heritage of indigenous peoples.

Structure of the seminar

The seminar will be structured along the central themes to be addressed in the Expert Mechanism's study. The seminar's structure will be designed to best enable contributions by participants to the topics addressed in the draft Study, which will be disseminated to participants before the seminar begins. It is hoped that the focus of each session will be on suggestions for language, examples/cases and ideas for inclusion in the Study.

Each session will be run as a roundtable. The chair of each session will briefly introduce the principal participants who will be given an opportunity to speak for a maximum of 7 minutes on the topic. Participants are asked to focus on their proposals for inclusions/amendments to the draft Study. The floor will then be open to all the participants for their contributions. The final 5 minutes of the session will be devoted to a summary from the chair.

Wednesday 25 February from 19.00 to 20.00

Rovaniemi City Reception

Hosted by Vice Mayor of Rovaniemi, Matti Ansala

Rovaniemi City Hall (Hallituskatu 7)

Day 1: Thursday 26 February

9.00 – 9.45	Opening of the seminar Welcome statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice-President Niko Valkeapää, Saami Council• Professor, Dean Juha Karhu, Faculty of Law, University of Lapland• Associate professor Dr. Sanna Valkonen, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Lapland• Antti Korkeakivi, Chief of the OHCHR Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section
9.45 – 10.45	The international legal framework on indigenous peoples' rights relating to their cultural heritage, including international human rights instruments and UNESCO conventions Moderator: Dr. Anni-Siiri Länsman, Head of the Giellagas Institute Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tiina Sanila-Aikio, Vice- President of the Saami Parliament of Finland• Dr. Alexandra Xanthaki, Brunel University• Dr. Leena Heinämäki, University of Lapland
10.45 – 11.05	Coffee break
11.05 – 12.15	Defining the concept of "cultural heritage" as it pertains to indigenous peoples, including both tangible and intangible forms Moderator: PhD Students Saara Tervaniemi and Anne-Maria Magga, University of Lapland Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Jelena Porsanger, Rector of the Saami University College (Via skype)• Victoria Tauli Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples• Dr. Jeremie Gilbert, University of East London• Dr. Rauna Kuokkanen, University of Toronto
12.15 – 13.45	Lunch (at own expense)
13.45 – 15.15	Indigenous peoples' participation in the protection of their cultural heritage, including free, prior and informed consent Moderator: Dr. Leena Heinämäki, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland) Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audhild Schanche, Saami Parliament of Norway• Violet Ford, independent expert from the North America region• Dr. Alexandra Xanthaki, Brunel University• Dr. Willa Boezak, Western Cape Cultural Commission
15.15 – 15.35	Coffee break
15.35 – 17.00	World heritage sites and indigenous peoples – good practices and lessons learned from a human rights perspective Moderator: Alexey Tsykarev, EMRIP vice-chair Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Åsa Jonsson Nordin, Laponia, Sweden

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aroha Mead, Victoria University of Wellington and IUCN
17.00 – 18.00	<p>The role of museums in the promotion and protection of indigenous peoples' rights relating to their cultural heritage</p> <p>Moderator: Juan Núñez, OHCHR</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Päivi Magga, Sámi Museum Siida, Finland • Eija Ojanlatva, Sámi Museum Siida, Finland

Day 2: Friday 27 February

9.00 – 10.30	<p>Links between lands, territories and the environment and cultural heritage</p> <p>Moderator: Antti Korkeakivi, OHCHR</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Tauli Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples • Aroha Mead, Victoria University of Wellington and IUCN • Jeremie Gilbert, University of East London • Øyvind Ravna, University of Tromsø, Norway
10.30 – 10.50	Coffee break
10.50 – 12.20	<p>Links between intellectual property, cultural heritage, and traditional knowledge</p> <p>Moderator: Albert Deterville, Chair-Rapporteur of EMRIP</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violet Ford, independent expert from the North America region • Hai-Yuean Tualima and Daphne Zografos Johnsson, WIPO • Gladys Obelmejias, Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas • Piia Nuorgam, University of Lapland)
12.20 – 13.50	Lunch (at own expense)
13.50 – 15.15	<p>Redress and restitution where rights relating to cultural heritage have been violated</p> <p>Moderator: Professor, Dean Juha Karhu (University of Lapland)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gladys Obelmejias, Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas • Dr. Willa Boezak, Western Cape Cultural Commission
15.15 – 15.35	Coffee break
15.35 – 17.15	<p>Wrap-up and conclusions: Advice and recommendations for States, Indigenous peoples, national human rights institutions and international organizations</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antti Korkeakivi, OHCHR
17.15 – 18.00	<p>Closing of the seminar</p> <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Albert Deterville, Chair-Rapporteur of EMRIP • Professor, Dean Juha Karhu, Faculty of Law, University of Lapland • Associate professor, Dr. Sanna Valkonen, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Lapland