

UN Expert Seminar on Indigenous Peoples and the Right to Health

*Centre Mont-Royal (2200 Mansfield Street)
Montreal, Canada
21 and 22 February 2016*

Agenda

Background and Objectives

In September 2015, the United Nations Human Rights Council requested the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to undertake a study on indigenous peoples and the right to health, with a focus on children and youth, to be presented to the Council at its 33rd session in September 2016.

The objective of this Expert Seminar is to inform the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on its 2016 study on Indigenous peoples and the right to health. The Seminar will also provide an opportunity for exchange among academics, practitioners and other experts on this issue.

Day 1: Sunday 21 February

8:30AM	Coffee and registration
9:00AM	<p><i>Opening of the seminar by Mohawk Elder</i></p> <p>Welcome statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip Oxhorn, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University • Juan Núñez, OHCHR Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section
9:45AM	<p><i>-The international legal framework regarding Indigenous peoples and the right to health</i> <i>-Treaty rights to health</i> <i>-Discrimination in access to healthcare</i></p> <p>Moderator: Alexey Tsykarev, Chair of EMRIP Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Wilton Littlechild, Member of EMRIP • Lynn Gentile, OHCHR Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section • Ebenezer Durojaye, University of the Western Cape / McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism
10:45AM	Nutrition break
11:00AM	<p><i>-Traditional medicine and Indigenous practices within national health institutions</i> <i>-Culturally appropriate approaches to healthcare</i></p> <p>Moderator: Celeste McKay, Celeste McKay Consulting Presenters:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viviana Figueroa, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity • Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues • Steven Aung, Integrative Health Institute, University of Alberta
12:00PM	Lunch
1:00PM	<p><i>-Indigenous children and youth and the right to health</i> <i>-Mental health, addictions, and suicide</i></p> <p>Moderator: Chief Wilton Littlechild, Member of EMRIP Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther Tailfeathers, Family Physician • Penelope Domogo, Provincial Health Office, Mountain Province, Philippines • Margo Greenwood, National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health
3:45	Nutrition break
4:00PM	<p><i>-Recap of the day and discussion of recommendations/advice</i></p> <p>Moderator: Albert Barume, Member of EMRIP</p>
5:00PM	<i>End of Day 1</i>

Day 2: Monday 22 February

8:30AM	Coffee
9:00AM	<p><i>-Sexual and reproductive health and rights</i> <i>-HIV/AIDS</i></p> <p>Moderator: Lynn Gentile, OHCHR Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ebenezer Durojaye, University of the Western Cape / McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism • Gregory Corosky, McGill University Faculty of Law • Maria Sapignoli, McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism
10:45AM	Nutrition break
11:00AM	<p><i>-Indigenous persons with disabilities and the right to health</i> <i>-Violence against Indigenous women</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Marie Wilson, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doreen Demas, Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network • Ellen Gabriel, Indigenous Human Rights and Environmental Activist and Artist
12:00PM	Lunch
1:00PM	<p><i>-Non-communicable diseases</i> <i>-Neglected tropical diseases</i></p> <p>Moderator: Albert Barume, Member of EMRIP Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penelope Domogo, Provincial Health Office, Mountain Province, Philippines • Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
2:00PM	<p><i>-Environmental health</i> <i>-Sustainable development goals</i></p>

	<p>Moderator: Michel Lacourcière, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Environment, Culture and Human Rights Advocate and Author • Andrea Carmen and Danika Littlechild, International Indian Treaty Council • Sonia Smallacombe, Secretariat of the UNPFII
3:45PM	Nutrition break
4:00PM	Recap of the day and discussion of recommendations/advice
	<p>Moderator: Alexey Tsykarev, Chair of EMRIP</p>
4:45PM	<p><i>Closing of the seminar</i></p> <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Wilton Littlechild, Member EMRIP • Marie Wilson, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University