



Seminar of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of indigenous peoples
[The impact of militarization on the rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

Palais Wilson
Geneva, Switzerland
5-6 December 2022
10:00-18:00

[Day 1: Monday 5 December](#)

10:00-10.15	<p><i>Opening and individual presentations</i></p> <p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Binota Dhamai, Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (5 minutes) • Mr. Hernan Vales, Chief of the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, OHCHR (3 minutes) • Ms. Belen Rodriguez de Alba Freiria, Human Rights Officer and Secretary of the EMRIP (3 minutes) <p>Round of presentations</p>
10:15-11.45	<p><i>Militarization and the rights to self-determination and free, prior and informed consent (1 and 1/2 hrs)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Sheryl Lightfoot, Vice-Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jill Carino, Vice Chairperson for External Affairs of the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (15 minutes) • Dr. Alexey Tsykarev, Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (15 minutes) • Ms. Ai Abe, Visiting researcher, University of the Ryukyus and member of "All Okinawa Council for Human Rights" (15 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>

11:45-12.00	Coffee break
12:00-13.00	<p><i>Violence and other crimes against the physical and cultural survival of Indigenous Peoples as a result of militarization (1 and 1/2 hrs)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Binota Dhamai, Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Maria Luisa Acosta, Coordinadora del Centro de Asistencia Legal a Pueblos Indígenas (CALPI) (15 minutes) • Mr. Kerry Rolihlahla, Masters of Philosophy student, University of Waikato (15 minutes) • Ms. Bina D'Costa, Professor at the Coral Bell School of the Australian National University, Department of International Relations (15 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
13:00-15.00	Lunch
15.00-15.30	<i>Cont' -Violence and other crimes against the physical and cultural survival of Indigenous Peoples as a result of militarization (1 and 1/2 hrs)</i>
15.30-17.00	<p><i>Impact of militarization on Indigenous territories, lands and natural resources (1 and 1/2 hrs)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Anexa Brendalee Alfred Cunningham, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Felicity Amaya Schaeffer, University of California, Santa Cruz (15 minutes) • Dr. Víctor Toledo, Centro de Políticas Públicas (15 minutes) • Mr. Rune Fjellheim, Head of the Arctic & Environmental Unit in the Saami Council, Executive Secretary of the Arctic Council Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat (15 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
17.00-17.15	Coffee break
17.15-18.00	<p><i>Militarization and the impacts on Indigenous Peoples' economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to health and the right to education (1 and 1/2 hrs)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Antonina Gorbunova, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p>

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Day 2: Tuesday 6 December

10.00-10.30	<i>Cont'-Militarization and the impacts on Indigenous Peoples' economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to health and the right to education (1 and 1/2 hrs)</i>
10:30-12.00	<p><i>"Rights of indigenous peoples in zones of armed conflict (internal or international), including cross-boundary rights of indigenous peoples; and peace and demilitarization processes" (1 and 1/2 hrs)</i> <i>(1 and 1/2 hrs)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Laila Vars, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rune Fjellheim, Head of the Arctic & Environmental Unit in the Saami Council, Executive Secretary of the Arctic Council Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat (15 minutes) • Dr. Bina D'Costa, Professor at the Coral Bell School of the Australian National University, Department of International Relations (15 minutes) • Dr. Víctor Toledo, Centro de Políticas Públicas (15 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
12:00-12.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:15-13:00	<i>The role of Indigenous women in combatting militarization and the impact of militarization on the rights of Indigenous women (1 hr)</i>

	<p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Margaret Lokawa, Vice-Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Felicity Amaya Schaeffer, University of California, Santa Cruz (9 minutes) • Mr. Aboi Paul Ngole, Matheniko Development Forum (MADEFO) (9 minutes) • Ms. Ai Abe, Visiting researcher, University of the Ryukyus and member of "All Okinawa Council for Human Rights". (9 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
15.00-16.30	<p><i>"Remediation and prevention of the impact of militarization on the rights of Indigenous Peoples: international and constitutional law courts, conflict prevention, peace and demilitarization and the use of Indigenous laws and customs". (1 and 1/2 hrs)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Valmaine Toki, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Aboi Paul Ngole, Matheniko Development Forum (MADEFO) (15 minutes) • Dr. Víctor Toledo, Centro de Políticas Públicas (15 minutes) • Dr. Maria Luisa Acosta, Coordinadora del Centro de Asistencia Legal a Pueblos Indígenas (CALPI) (15 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
16:30-16:45	Coffee break
16:45-17:55	<p><i>Conclusions and wrap-up</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Sheryl Lightfoot, Vice-Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenter: All 10 meeting participants. (5 minutes each)</p> <p>Comments from all EMRIP experts</p>
17:55-18:00	<p><i>Closing remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Binota Dhamai, Chairperson, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i>

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