

WEBINAR SERIES

Strengthening the Protection of Indigenous Peoples in Asia

“Situation of indigenous human rights defenders in the Asian region and the responsibility of business enterprises to respect human rights”

“Suppression of the right to freedom of association and attacks against and criminalization of indigenous human rights and environmental defenders across the region are closely linked to large-scale development projects and, in certain subregions, to conservation efforts. Threats against indigenous human rights defenders are exacerbated by the intensifying global competition over natural resources and by increasing militarization where State and non-State actors collude to grab indigenous lands for profit.”

- **Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples
Regional consultation on the rights of indigenous peoples in Asia September 2020**

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Date and time: **26 November 2020, 14.00 -15.30 ICT**

Location: **Virtual**

Duration: **1 hour and 30 minutes**

Background

Business activities contribute to the loss of indigenous lands, increasing poverty among indigenous peoples. Moreover, environmental degradation, deforestation, the destruction of biodiversity, water and air pollution, shrinking coastlines and health problems are all common consequences of business activities in the region. Indigenous peoples who have asserted their right to lands have been subjected to attacks, criminalization, arbitrary detention and harassment and seen their rights to freedom of expression and association suppressed.

Scope and objective of the webinar series.

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, together with the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and OHCHR Bangkok are launching a webinar series to discuss how to strengthen the protection of indigenous peoples across Asia.

The virtual events will offer a platform for indigenous representatives to engage with the Special Rapporteur, exchange information about the situation of their communities and identify strategic interventions required to advance the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The webinar series follows the launch of the Special Rapporteur's report on the regional consultation held with indigenous peoples. The report was presented to the United Nations Human Rights Council in September 2020.¹

Target audiences

Representatives of Indigenous People in Asia Region, academics, lawyers and representatives of civil society organizations, independent national human rights institutions, and UN Agencies.

Format

The second episode of the webinar series will take place **online** on **Microsoft Team** on **Thursday 26 November 2020 from 14.00 – 15.30 ICT**

Registration



Please confirm your interest and availability to participate in this webinar, by complete Microsoft Form (via the QR code or clicking [here](#)). The link to the online meeting with confirmed participants.

¹ Report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, *Regional consultation on the rights of indigenous peoples in Asia* <https://undocs.org/A/HRC/45/34/Add.3>