

SIDE EVENT

*On the occasion of the fourth session of the UN Human Rights Council open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations (TNCs) and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (OEIGWG), the **Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power, CETIM and FIAN International** are pleased to invite you to participate in the side event on:*

Affected communities and access to justice. The debate on the UN Binding Treaty on TNCs and Human Rights.

Thursday 18th October, 13.00 – 15.00
Palais des Nations Unies, Geneva (Room: XXIII)

Speakers:

Justino Piaguague, Unión de Afectado/as por Chevron –Texaco en Ecuador

Carolina Ntaopane, African Women Unite against Destructive Resource Extraction (WOMIN), South Africa

Pak Kin, LESN, Hong-Kong

Jille Belisario, Transnational Migrant Platform – Europe

Victor Limaypuma, Frente de Defensa de los intereses y por el Desarrollo de Cotabambas, Peru

Claudia Sala de Pinho, CNPCT, Brazil

Kwami Kpondzo, Friends of the Earth Togo

Jan Fermon, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, Belgium

Moderator: Stephan Backes, FIAN International

Interpretation to French, Spanish and English

Worldwide, communities affected by corporate activities encounter important barriers when it comes to access to justice. These barriers are even almost insurmountable when environmental crime or human rights harm occur through the activity of transnational corporations abroad. In this Side event, representatives of affected communities and activist lawyers will give their testimonies and put forward how the UN Binding Treaty has to adequately address the access to justice. The iconic case of Chevron in Ecuador will be exposed by an Indigenous leader representing 30.000 affected people, and other testimonies will be heard from Asia, Latin America and Africa.

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