**Title:** Human Rights and the role of Transnational Corporations in the South Caucasus

**Organizers:** International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR) and Crude Accountability

**Date and place:** 18 October 2018 at 13:00-15:00 in the Room XXVII

**Brief Description of Event:**

The side event will bring together a panel of experts to discuss the human rights situation in Azerbaijan, and the role of Transnational corporations in ensuring transparency and accountability in their operations in the country. A wide range of experts including international non-governmental organizations, leading Azerbaijani economist, and representative from a transnational corporation operating in Azerbaijan will examine the influence of transnational oil and gas operations in Azerbaijan, and the role of the government in promoting and protecting the rights of Azerbaijani citizens. The side event will shape recommendations on how transnational corporations, civil society and government can work together to promote respect for human rights, participation and transparency in the extractive industries sector in Azerbaijan.