



“Summing up and looking ahead to 2017 and beyond”

Plenary III – Closing Plenary

Wednesday 16 November, 16:40-18:00

Room XX - Chamber of Human rights and Alliance of Civilizations
with live streaming

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Room: XX (Building E), Palais des Nations

Title: Summing up and looking ahead to 2017 and beyond

Moderator: Dante Pesce, UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights

Speakers:

- Laura Cáceres, COPINH and daughter of Berta Cáceres
- Dr. Albachir Macassar, Director in the National Directorate of Human Rights and Citizenship, Ministry of Justice, Mozambique
- Amol Mehra, Director, International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR)
- Cristina Tébar Less, Head, Responsible Business Conduct Unit, OECD
- Vanessa Zimmerman, Business and Human Rights Specialist and Former Legal Advisor to the UNSRSG on Business and Human Rights

Focus:

Reflecting on the Forum discussions and different stakeholders' efforts to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the closing plenary aims to:

- Identify key areas of progress in the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles.
- Connect the dots between the different streams that make up the business and human rights agenda and other fora, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the decisions of the G7 and G20, the International Labour Conference, the work of the OECD and others.
- Reflect on the situation facing affected individuals and communities on the ground.
- Examine ways to speed and scale-up implementation of the UN Guiding Principles by States and companies globally.
- Consider what the 2017 Forum should examine with its focus on "access to remedy" (third pillar of the UN Guiding Principles).

Format - 80 mins

Part 1:

- Dante Pesce (moderator) to welcome participants to the closing plenary and briefly explain the session aim and format - **3 mins**
- Dante Pesce to introduce and invite the first speaker, Laura Cáceres, to deliver her remarks about her mother Berta Cáceres and the situation facing human rights defenders - **5 mins**

Part 2:

- Dante Pesce (moderator) to introduce the 4 other plenary speakers and ask questions to each in turn about the key developments, specific areas that require more focus and the challenges that need overcoming in the field of business and human rights - **20 mins**
- Moderated panel discussion between all the speakers - **20 mins**
- Questions/comments from the floor with time for the panellists to respond - **15 mins**
- Dante Pesce (moderator) to conclude the plenary - **2 mins**

Part 3:

- Closing remarks from the Chairperson of the 2016 Forum (Mr Sergei Alexandrovich Ordzhonikidze) - **2 mins**
- Final "thank you and farewell" remarks from chair of the UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights (Mr Pavel Sulyandziga) - **3 mins**