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Expert Seminar in Support of the Work of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Establishing effective monitoring mechanisms at the national and regional levels for the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

**Robert H. Lee Family Boardroom (Level 3)
Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre
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University of British Columbia
Vancouver, Canada**

Offered in hybrid format. Zoom link to be announced.

Open to the public, on a first-come basis, as seating is limited.

23-24 February 2023

Day 1: Thursday, 23 February 2023

8.30-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-9.30	Welcome and Introductions Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Sheryl Lightfoot, Host, Vice Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples• Musqueam host and welcome• UBC welcome• Mr. Binota Moy Dhamai, Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Housekeeping
9.30-10.45	Panel 1: <i>Role of governments and legislation (1 and ¼ hours)</i> Moderator: <i>Ms. Laila Vars, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (by Zoom)</i>

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	<p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Terry Teegee, Regional Chief, British Columbia Assembly of First Nations (10 minutes)• Mr. William David (10 minutes)• Mr. Eirik Larsen, Political Advisor to the Governing Council, Sami Parliament of Norway (10 minutes)• Mr. Gustavo A. Torres Cisneros, General Coordinator of Transversality and Regional Operation of the National Institute of Indigenous Peoples (INPI), Government of Mexico (10 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
10.45-11.00	Health Break
11.00-12.30	<p>Panel 2: <i>Monitoring by Indigenous Peoples (1 and ½ hours)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Valmaine Toki, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Margaret Mutu, Professor, Maori Studies, University of Auckland; Independent Monitoring Mechanism, Iwi Chairs Forum (10 minutes)• Mr. Gam Awungshi Shimray, Secretary General, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (10 minutes)• Ms. Sara Olsvig, Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council (10 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	<p>Panel 3: <i>Role of international and regional bodies in monitoring the implementation (1 and ½ hours)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Binota Moy Dhamai, Chair, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Kanyinke Sena, former Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Director, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (10 minutes)• Mr. Alexey Tsykarev, former Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Chair, Centre for Support of Indigenous Peoples and Civic Diplomacy, Russia (10 minutes)• Ms. Soledad García Muñoz, Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights, Organization of American States (10 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>

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15.30-16.00	Health Break
16.00	Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Members remarks on the day

Day 2: Friday, 24 February 2023

8.30-9.00	Breakfast
9.00-10.30	<p>Panel 1: <i>Legal and academia (1 and ½ hours)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Antonina Gorbunova, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Paul Joffe, Legal Counsel, Cree Nation Government (10 minutes)• Dr. Chidiebere Ogbonna, Senior Lecturer, Department of Development, Peace and Conflict Studies, Kampala International University, Uganda (10 minutes)• Mr. José Aylwin, Observatorio Ciudadano, Chile (10 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
10.30-10.45	Health Break
10.45-12.15	<p>Panel 2: <i>The role of Human Rights Institutions (1 and ½ hours)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Anexa Brendalee Alfred Cunningham, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (by Zoom)</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Jess Ngatai, Policy Analyst, New Zealand Human Rights Commission (10 minutes)• Ms. Kasari Govender, British Columbia Human Rights Commissioner (10 minutes)• Ms. Alicia Maribel Abanto Cabanillas, Deputy Head, Human Rights Commissioner of Peru (10 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
12.15-1.30	Lunch
1.30-2.45	<p>Panel 3: <i>Role of NGOs (1 and ¼ hours)</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ms. Margaret Lokawa, Member, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Joan Carling, Executive Director, Indigenous Peoples' Rights International (10 minutes)• Mr. Rodion Sulyandziga, Centre of Support to Indigenous Peoples of the North (CSIP) (10 minutes)• Mr. Joshua Cooper, Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights (10 minutes)• Mr. David Berger, Programme Coordinator, IWGIA (10 minutes) <p>Open Discussion</p>
2.45-3.15	Health Break
3.15	Conclusion by Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Members

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