



Press Kit – Global Campaign

October 2018

Fourth OEIGWG session on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights

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) will be held in Geneva between the 15th and 19th October. This groundbreaking process could imply major changes to international human rights law and is increasingly catching the attention of civil society, UN member states delegates and peoples' representatives worldwide.

Entrenched institutional dynamics will again meet a substantial civil society presence – in particular from communities affected by TNCs' activities – providing a historical context for the beginning of binding human rights obligations for TNCs and other business enterprises.

The Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity (Global Campaign) is a network of over 250 social movements, civil society organisations (CSOs), trade unions and communities affected by the activities of TNCs. These communities resist the land grabs, extractive mining, exploitative wages and environmental destruction of TNCs in different global regions particularly in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The Global Campaign has participated since the beginning in the process for a real UN Binding Treaty that *guarantees* that it will regulate Transnational Corporations (TNC), stop human rights violations, and end impunity and ensure access to justice for affected communities.

This press kit contains:

- Contact information for International Law experts and affected communities leaders, available for interview in Geneva and/or by telephone or email
- Information about Side Events in Geneva both inside the UN and on the square at Place des Nations
- Social media information about The Global Campaign
- Videos, reports and other resources



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EXPERTS AND LEADERS AVAILABLE IN GENEVA OR BY EMAIL OR PHONE

More than a hundred delegates, from communities affected by TNCs' activities and social movements' leaders to international law experts, will be present in Geneva. Please find details for six resources people below. If you want information about other resources people please contact us.

To arrange interviews please contact **Sol Trumbo Vila**, anchor of the Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty communications during the activities in Geneva.

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- Languages: English, Spanish

You can also contact **Mónica Vargas**, coordinator of the activities in Geneva.

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Experts and leaders

Pablo Fajardo Mendoza. An Ecuadorian indigenous person of Cofán descent who was raised in extreme poverty, Mr. Fajardo is the lead lawyer representing thousands of indigenous people in the Lago Agrio oil field in Ecuador in their struggle against the Chevron Corporation. He received the Goldman Environmental Prize in 2008.

Language: Spanish

Mary Ann Manahan. Ms. Manahan is a feminist activist researcher and campaigner based in Quezon City, Philippines. She is a member of the World March of Women- Philippines, a grassroots action network that works to eliminate the root causes of poverty and violence against women and struggles against all forms of inequality and discrimination directed at women.

Language: English



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Keamogetswe Seipato. A Coordinator of the Southern African Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power. Alternative Information & Development Center (AIDC), South Africa. Ms. Seipato coordinates the Permanent Peoples Tribunal Session on Transnational Corporations impacts in Southern Africa.

Language: English

Tchenna Maso. Ms. Maso is a member of Vía Campesina Brasil and the Movement of those Affected by Dams (MAB, for its Portuguese initials). She gives voice to communities affected by large-scale infrastructure and extractive projects in Brazil, like the Bento Rodrigues dam, which suffered a catastrophic failure in November 2015.

Languages: Portuguese, Spanish, English

Gonzalo Berron. Mr. Berron is an Associate Fellow of the Transnational Institute, an international research and advocacy institute based in Amsterdam. He is coordinating an international group of jurists within the Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty to draft a proposal for the Treaty on transnational corporations (TNCs) and other business enterprises which is under discussion in Geneva.

Languages: Spanish, English, Portuguese

Juliette Renaud. Juliette Renaud is a Senior Campaigner on Corporate Accountability of Friends of the Earth France. She has been at the heart of the battle for the adoption of the pioneering French law on duty of vigilance and coordinates the French Coalition for the UN Binding Treaty.

Languages: Spanish, English, French

ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- [Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty on Twitter](#)
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EVENTS IN GENEVA

- [Program of activities of the Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty in Geneva \(15-19 October\)](#)
- [SIDE EVENT: UN Binding Treaty. Reflections of the members of regional and national parliaments from Europe, Latin America and Asia \(15th October, 1-3 pm, UN Palais, Room XXIII\)](#)
- [SIDE EVENT: Upholding the OEIGWG Mandate for the Legally Binding Instrument to regulate the activities of TNCs \(16th October, 1-3 pm, UN Palais, Room XXIII\)](#)
- [SIDE EVENT: Affected communities and access to justice. The debate on the UN Binding Treaty on TNCs and Human Rights \(18th October, 1-3 pm, UN Palais, Room XXIII\) Public Conference: Private international arbitration tribunals a danger to Peoples Sovereignty. The case of Chevron in the Ecuadorian Amazon \(16TH October, 7.30 pm, Maison des Associations, 15 Rue des Savoises\)](#)
- [Public Conference at the University of Geneva \(18th October, 7.30 pm, Uni-Mail, MR290\)](#)

VIDEOS AND OTHER RESOURCES

- Website Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity: <http://www.stopcorporateimpunity.org/>
- [Further information about the UN Process](#)
- [Video of the Global Campaign "The end of corporate impunity is coming"](#)
- [UN Binding Treaty proposed from the Global Campaign presented at the 3rd OEIGWG in 2017](#)