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on Indigenous Issues

International Expert Group Meeting

Tentative Programme of Work

“Truth, transitional justice and reconciliation processes”

Room Celso Furtado

15 to 17 November 2022, Santiago, Chile

**Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
Headquarters**

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Tuesday 15 November 2022

9:00 *Registration*

10.00 am – 10.30 am

Traditional opening by Mapuche Elders *by Doralisa Millalelem and Mario Mila Millalelem*

Opening Remarks

- *Mr. Raúl García-Buchaca*, Deputy Executive Secretary for Management and Programme Analysis of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- *Ms. Maria Jose Torres Macho*, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Chile
- *Mr. Dario Mejia Montalvo*, Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

10.30 am – 1.30 pm

Opening presentation by the Officer in Charge, Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch - Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues/DISD/UNDESA, *Ms. Rosemary Lane*.

**Theme 1: Conflict resolution; truth, transitional justice, and reconciliation:
International law and the UN system**

Moderator:

Mr. Dario Montalvo Mejia, Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Presentations by:

- *Ms. Laura Flores*, Director, Americas Division, Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs & Peace Operations, United Nations.
- *Ms. Brenda Gunn*, Academic and Research Director, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation of Canada.
- *Mr. Benjamin Ilabaca*, Lawyer, Expert in Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights Advisor to the Municipality of Rapa Nui.

General Discussion

Guiding questions:

- *Which Indigenous customary laws and legal traditions need to be better integrated in transitional justice processes?*
- *How can the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other UN principles and guidelines be incorporated into conflict resolution and peace and reconciliation processes?*
- *What support could the UN provide to indigenous peoples in negotiating peace accords, or other peace-making processes?*
- *Are existing guidelines and protocols guiding transitional justice and peacebuilding exercises utilized by practitioners, and if so, would specific guidelines for indigenous peoples be useful?*
- *How is the UN system working in this area including indigenous peoples?*

3.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Theme 2: Barriers preventing Indigenous Peoples' participation

Moderator:

Dr. Hannah McGlade, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Presentations by:

- *Ms. Aminata Diallo, Mali, Representative, Association Tnhinan*
- *Dr. Carlos Poveda, Practicing attorney. Former Second Criminal Judge of Cotopaxi. National and International Consultant. University Professor.*

General Discussion

Guiding questions:

- *How have transitional justice processes engaged indigenous peoples and addressed or failed to address their needs?*
- *What shifts within government and in partnership with indigenous peoples will create the conditions for moving from denial to recognition, replacing conflict with cooperation?*
- *What public sphere voices focus on fears/confusion/mistrust that are opposed to aspects of reconciliation?*
- *Why have indigenous peoples often been excluded from national peacebuilding processes?*

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10.00 am – 1.30 pm

Theme 3: Examples of lessons learned from work carried out by and with indigenous peoples

Moderator: Mr. Vital Bambanze, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Presentations by:

- *Ms. Ana Manuela Ochoa Arias*, Magistrate of the Special Tribunal for Peace in Colombia.
- *Dr. Vasily Nemechkin*, Associate Professor, Department of Legal Disciplines, National Research, Mordovia State University.
- *Mr. Salvador Millaleo*, Mapuche lawyer, former advisor on Indigenous Affairs to the Minister of the Interior and Public Security of Chile.

General Discussion

Guiding questions:

- *What three key lessons have been learned from your work with Indigenous peoples?*
- *What lessons have been learned from Indigenous peoples working in conflict resolution, reconciliation, and transitional justice?*
- *What measures have been identified to ensure the implementation of approaches based on ethnic and gender equality?*
- *How can examples of lessons learned be transferred among/between regions?*

3.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Theme 4: Standards and policies for conflict resolution, truth, transitional justice, and reconciliation

Moderator: *Mr. Francisco Xavier Mena*, Deputy Regional Representative, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Presentations by:

- *Dr. Hannah McGlade*, Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- *Mr. Eduardo Gonzalez*, Human Rights Consultant and Professor, specialized in Transitional Justice.
- *Mr. Jens Heinrich*, Head of the Greenland Representation in Copenhagen

General Discussion

Guiding questions:

- *What processes, both judicial and non-judicial, can be identified to provide recognition to victims and reinforce respect for indigenous peoples' human rights?*
- *Which ethnic gender-sensitive dimensions can be considered to deal with the victims, their families and communities?*
- *How to provide justice, recognition and dignity to the victims and ensure the implementation of agreed standards to find peace?*
- *What are good practices and methodologies in promoting and facilitating constructive dialogues with States?*

Thursday, 17 November 2022

10.00 am - 1.30 pm

Musical performance by the Andean musical group "Khantati - Grito de nuestros Pueblos"

Theme 5: Strategies to identify gaps and challenges and a possible way forward

Working groups by languages (English and Spanish) to prepare recommendations.

3.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Plenary session to report back from working groups.

Moderator: *Ms. Rosemary Lane*, Officer in Charge, Indigenous Peoples and Development Branch-Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Closing Remarks

Mr. Dario Mejia Montalvo, Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
