



INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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The Amazon region is home to an estimated 1.6 million indigenous peoples from more than 400 distinct groups. The pace of agroindustry expansion, infrastructure project development, and extractive industry activities is increasing, resulting in tension among the interests of environmental conservation, the rights of indigenous peoples, and economic development plans. In the Amazon region, indigenous peoples face substantial challenges in asserting their right to free, prior, informed consultation in decision-making processes surrounding large-scale infrastructure and extractives projects.

What factors could strengthen the ability of indigenous groups in the Amazon to advocate for their collective rights in the context of major infrastructure development projects? What challenges and barriers do indigenous peoples face when seeking access to remedy and justice? How do women and youth participate in community decision-making processes? How can their inclusion further improve indigenous peoples' organizations' advocacy efforts?

Join us as we discuss these issues. [The event will also introduce ABA ROLI's Access to Justice Assessment Tool](#)—an evidence-based participatory methodology to help civil society organizations understand their legal rights and means of enforcement, gain consensus on their priorities, and push forward for much-needed reform in their countries on a wide range of issues—and discuss how the Tool could be used to support indigenous groups at the grassroots level.

Interpretation will be provided for English for this event.

