BUSINESS & HUMAN RIGHTS

Indigenous Delegates' presentation of Indigenous issues to the European Union
EU's approach on Business and HR

- An emerging and important topic on the agenda
- Complexity => Multi-stakeholders approach involving governments, private companies, CSOs, social partners & local communities.

- Alignment with the UNGPs on Business and Human Rights (2011)
  - The first globally agreed framework for promoting responsible business conduct and corporate respect for human rights
  - 3 pillars:
    - the state duty to protect HR in a business context
    - the corporate responsibility to respect/protect HR
    - access to remedy for victims of business-related abuses
EU's commitments

- Implementation of the UNGPs within the EU (internal policy)
  - 2011 EC *Strategy on Corporate Social Responsibility*: responsible business practices of European firms (including global supply chains)
  - Directive on disclosure of non-financial information for large companies (2014). Include information on respect for HR, risks and outcomes on environmental, social and labour aspects
  - Encouraging the adoption of *National Action Plans* on the UNGPs by Member States
EU's commitments

- Dissemination and promotion of the UNGPs with partner countries outside the EU (external policy)
  - Part of the **Action Plan on HR and Democracy** 2015-2019
  - Regularly raised on the diplomatic agenda (through political dialogue). Essential role of European Union Delegations.
- **EU Trade Agreements** include “Trade and Sustainable Development” chapters => respect of core labour standards and conventions
- The 2015 "**Trade For All**" Communication : reiterates the commitment to support the implementation of the UNGPs.
- Through the **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights**: programmes/projects: capacity-building programme for National Human Rights Institutions on Business and HR; Global Call 2016; ILO project...
Your voice is part of the debate!

- What are your major concerns in terms of Business and Human Rights?

- What are your needs and priorities on that topic?