

"The rights of indigenous peoples have been separate from the mainstream of international human rights for many years. It is worthwhile to see how it is coming closer to the mainstream over the last few years. The standards that are set are most commendable. However, as with all human rights standards, it is the implementation where I would like to work and participate in this Expert Mechanism.

The alignment of international human rights standards with domestic application remains the more fundamental exercise we need to engage in.

The studies on language and culture, extractive industries, education are really of great value.

I have noted the need for education and training to states as well as indigenous peoples that will be crucial to engage in."

I am honoured to be part of the Expert Mechanism and look forward to engage with it more intensely.

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