

Advocacy Meeting on a Draft Treaty on International Minority Rights

Convened by Dr Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority issues

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Tom Lantos Institute, 8 July Budapest, Bajza utca 44.

- 9:00 - 9:05 **Welcome** by Special Rapporteur on minority issues, Fernand de Varennes (5minutes)
- 9:05 - 9:15 **Introductions** (name and organisation (10 minutes)
- 9:15 - 9:45 Dr Fernand de Varennes introduces the context and purpose of the meeting, the agenda and the expected outputs (30 minutes)
- 9:45 - 10:15 **Making human rights treaties in the UN:** relevant practices, lessons and steps forward (tbc)
- 10:15 -10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 -11:00 **Indigenous Peoples and Peoples of African Descent: achievements in institutional presence, visibility and access at the UN:** (networks, World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, permanent forum and other platforms, processes)
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Brainstorming 1:** how to move towards **structures and support** at the UN in order to achieve immediate and long-term institutional changes (he UN Permanent Forum on Minority Issues and the Voluntary Fund)? What steps could be held or processes initiated in support of a Minority Rights Treaty and how can they be achieved?
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch break**
- 13:30 -15:00 **Brainstorming 2:** what kind of **actors, processes and resources** are needed for sustained advocacy for a minority rights treaty? How can, or should, minority organisations and advocates, human rights organisations and other actors coalesce and coordinate over common global drive? Examples of regional or sub-regional civil society organisations, particularly in Africa, South Asia, Europe?
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 - 17:30 **Brainstorming 3: Plan of action and recommendations for the future:** objectives; platforms; processes and resources
- 17:30 – 18:00 **Conclusion** by Special Rapporteur on minority issues, Fernand de Varennes