



Roundtable Discussion: Business and Support for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Side Event of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

22 September 2014 1:15-2:45pm

Foundation for the Global Compact, 801 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference Room, New York, NY
Co-hosted by UN Global Compact and Tribal Link

Globalization has seen non-state actors such as transnational corporations and other business enterprises play an increasingly significant role internationally, nationally, and locally. The growing impact of business at times presents challenges for Indigenous Peoples. Indigenous Peoples' rights are not always well understood by businesses, yet constructive relationships with Indigenous Peoples in the workplace, marketplace and community are vital to business success and sustainability in many contexts around the world, especially for businesses operating on or near Indigenous lands and communities. Enlightened businesses are increasingly recognizing that respect and support for Indigenous Peoples' rights is a key enabler of long-term value creation and sustainable enterprise.

Join us for an interactive discussion to explore innovative approaches and good practice examples of business & Indigenous Peoples' rights, and to discuss remaining challenges. The UN Global Compact will also introduce resources such as the *Business Reference Guide to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and the *Good Practice Note on Free, Prior and Informed Consent* (available here). Presentations will be followed by an open discussion.

Moderator

Roberto Borrero (Taino), International Indian Treaty Council; Tribal Link Foundation

Speakers

- Irene Bedard, Actress; American Indian Enterprise and Business Council
- Dan Bross, Senior Director, Corporate Citizenship, Microsoft Corporation
- David Hircock, Corporate Sustainability and Natural Resource Advisor, Estee Lauder
- Soledad Milius, Vice President, Standards and Stakeholder Engagement, Equitable Origin
- Lucy Mulenkei, Executive Director, Indigenous Information Network

The event is open to all and will be guided by principles of respect, equality, collaboration, and openness.

RSVP

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