

WHAT KIND OF INTERNATIONAL MONITORING AND/OR ADJUDICATING MECHANISM DO WE NEED?

Tuesday 16 October 2018 (13.00 to 15.00 hrs)

Room XXI, Palais des Nations

Fourth session of the Open Ended Intergovernmental Working Group to elaborate a legally binding instrument on Transnational Corporations and other business enterprises in relation to human rights

The OEIWG fourth session will be opened on 15 October with a "zero draft" of a treaty prepared by the Working Group Chairperson on the table for discussion. So far much of the debate on a treaty has focussed on substantive questions around the scope and nature of substantive rights and responsibilities, the international monitoring and adjudicating mechanism has so far received far less attention. Nonetheless, supervisory, enforcement and adjudicatory mechanisms occupy a high place in the agenda of labour unions and other human rights organizations in the light of the clear limitations of current domestic mechanisms.

This side event, jointly organized by the International Commission of Jurists, the Friedrich- Ebert-Stiftung and the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, offers a platform for the presentation and debate of proposals of international monitoring and/or adjudication mechanisms. It will offer the opportunity to better understand the proposed mechanisms and the alternatives and promote dialogue among stakeholders with a view to improving the content of the "zero draft" of a legally binding instrument and its optional protocol.

Speakers in the panel include a current member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which receives individual communications under an Optional Protocol; a representative of a global union and a representative of a non-governmental organization working on a proposal for an international adjudicating mechanism. While the presentations and debate will focus on the respective mechanisms or proposed models, regard will be had to the proposals contained in the "zero draft " and the draft Optional Protocol on business and human rights.

Speakers:

Christy Hoffman, Secretary General of UNI Global Union

Sandra Liebenberg, Member of the UN Committee on ESCR, Distinguished Professor of Law University of Stellenbosch

Erika Mendes, representative of Friends of the Earth, Mozambique

Moderator:

Ian Seiderman, Director of Law and Policy at the International Commission of Jurists

Refreshments will be served at 13:00 hrs, before the start of the session