



Zimbabwe Environmental
Law Association (ZELA)



Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association (ZELA) cordially invite you to a joint Side Event on the occasion of the Fourth Forum of Business and Human Rights on

Utilizing the United Nations Guiding Principles (UNGPs) in the context of extractive industries –

Benefits and challenges

18 November 2015, 15:00 - 16:20

Palais des Nations, Room XXIV

In line with the focus of the *2015 United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights*, this parallel session aims to contribute to the strengthening of multi-stakeholder dialogue and engagement; and to the examination of current practice of states and business enterprises, by unpacking the concrete challenges for the implementation of the Guiding Principles in the context of extractive industries.

The proposed session provides space for civil society actors from communities affected by extractive activities to share how they have used the United Nations Guiding Principles to promote engagement and dialogue among communities, corporates and governments. The discussion will highlight the impact of the UNGPs on the approach of civil society actors to working with corporations and governments towards a participatory natural resource governance regime ensuring mutual benefit for all partners. Speakers will furthermore outline the potential as well as remaining challenges for the UNGPs in the context of stakeholder consultations as well as the area of gender and mineral certification schemes to promote conflict free supply chains.

Targeted audience will be representatives from the private sector, UN secretariat officials, diplomats from UN Member States, as well as human rights civil society organizations.

Speakers:

- ❖ **Victoria Tauli-Corpuz**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- ❖ **Anuarite Ketu Chikwanine**, Project Manager Dynamique Femme et Mines, DRC, *The UNGPs and the implications for the Gender Challenge for Mining Communities*
- ❖ **Raoul Kitungano**, Director of the NGOs and Networks: Justice for All, DRC, *The role of the UNGPs in the context of the certification efforts of the International Conference of the Great Lake Region*
- ❖ **Darlington Muyambwa**, Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association, *Operational grievance mechanisms*
- ❖ **Linsi Crain**, Chevron, *Utilizing the UNGPs in multi-stakeholder consultations*

Moderator:

- ❖ **Volker Lehmann**, Senior Policy Analyst, FES New York