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Full Text

The Forum recommends that the United Nations system, particularly the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and UNEP, taking note of the World Bank's extractive industries review, organize a workshop on resource extraction and indigenous peoples to further discuss such issues as corporate accountability and the rehabilitation of mined out areas, polluted water bodies and compensation of adversely affected communities, sustainable development and land rights, with a view to developing a mechanism to address the issues.

Comments

OHCHR reports that the principal theme of the 25th session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations will be "The impact of private sector initiatives on indigenous peoples' rights", and extractive industries will undoubtedly be a central issue. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises convened a regional consultation in Colombia on 18 and 19 January 2007. One of the central themes of the regional consultation was the rights of indigenous peoples, and the discussions included extractive industries and their impact on indigenous peoples.

Area of Work

Human rights