Training Seminar on the IACHR and UN Systems for the Protection of Indigenous Peoples’ Rights

June 3-4, 2010

PROGRAM

**Thursday, June 3rd**

8:30 – 9:00 am  
Registration

9:00 – 9:30 am  
Opening speech – Elizabeth Abi-Mershed, Deputy Executive Secretary, IACHR

9:30 – 10:00 am  
Presentation: The role of the IACHR in the protection of indigenous peoples’ rights. Commissioner Dinah Shelton, Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, IACHR.

10:00 – 10:45 am  
Presentation: The IACHR individual petition system and its application to the protection of indigenous peoples’ rights. Federico Guzmán, Human Rights Specialist, Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - IACHR.

10:45 – 11:00 am  
Questions and answers.

11:00 – 11:15 am  
Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:00 m  
Presentation: The IACHR Precautionary Measures System and its application to the protection of indigenous peoples’ Rights. Debora Benchoam, Coordinator and Principal Human Rights Specialist – Protection Group, IACHR.

12:00 – 12:15 pm  
Questions and answers.
12:15 – 2:00 pm  Lunch

2:00 – 2:30 pm  Reflections on IACHR engagement in indigenous cases - Professor James Anaya, UN Special Rapporteur

2:30 – 2:45 PM  Questions and answers

2:45 – 3:30 PM  Presentation: The role of the UN Special Rapporteurship on the situation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples. Professor James Anaya, UN Special Rapporteur.

3:30 – 3:45 PM  Questions and answers


4:45 – 5:00 PM  Questions and answers

5:00 pm  Closing

Friday, June 4th

9:00 – 10:30 am  Roundtable discussion: Human Rights issues affecting the indigenous peoples of the United States and Canada. Moderator: James Anaya

10:30 – 10:45 am  Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 pm  Roundtable discussion: Difficulties and problems that hinder or prevent access by the indigenous peoples of the United States and Canada to international protection mechanisms. Moderator: Dinah Shelton

12:15 – 12:30 pm  Summary of conclusions and recommendations.

12:30 pm  Closing.