



*Seminar 4-5 October 2011 organized by  
Abilis, KIOS and Siemenpuu*

# **MINORITY AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS**

**Tuesday 4 October 2011**

**Chairperson Mr. Kalle Könkkölä**

- 8:00-9:00**     **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9:00**            **Welcoming Remarks**  
**Mr. Kalle Könkkölä, Chairperson of Abilis Foundation**
- 9:15**            **Opening Speech**  
**Representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland (yet to be confirmed)**
- 9:30**            **Why do minorities and indigenous peoples need to be protected?**  
**Ms. Kristiina Kouros, Finnish League for Human Rights**
- 10:00**           **Finnish policies for promoting minority rights**  
**Ms. Eva Biaudet, Ombudsman for Minorities**
- 10:30**           **Discussion**
- 10.45**           **Break**
- 11:00**           **Keynote on the United Nations expert mechanism on  
the rights of indigenous peoples**  
**H.E. Mr. Vital Bamberhe, UNIPROBA, Burundi**
- 11:30**           **Discussion**
- 12:00**           **Lunch**

## **Session: Structures of multiple discrimination**

**Chairperson Mr. Ari Suutarla**

- 13:00**        **Women with disabilities and discriminating structures in Nepal**  
**Ms. Tika Dahal, NDWA, Nepal**
- 13:20**        **Albinism and the challenges of inclusion in Tanzania**  
**Mr. Josephat Torner, ICD, Tanzania**
- 13:45**        **Discussion**
- 14:00**        **Coffee break**
- 14:15**        **Panel discussion: Women's role in the promotion of the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples**  
**Moderator: Ms. Elina Multanen**  
**Panelists: Ms. Pushpa Toppo (India), Ms. Gulmira Kazakunova (Kyrgyzstan), Ms. Tenzin Dhardon Sharling (Tibet), Ms. Jannatul Ferdous (Bangladesh)**
- 15:45**        **Concluding remarks**
- 16:15-17:30** **Cocktails**

**Wednesday 5 October 2011**

**Chairperson Mr. Jani Seikkula**

- 8:00-9:00**    **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9:00**        **Opening of the Day**

## **Session: Discriminating structures in politics, law and culture**

- 9:05**        **Denial of self determination as discrimination**  
**Mr. Adilur Rahman Khan, Odhikar, Bangladesh**
- 9:35**        **Advancing human rights of persons with disabilities in Somaliland**  
**(tbc)**
- 10:00**        **Discussion**
- 10:30**        **Break**
- 10:45**        **Make the Right Real (video)**
- 10:50**        **The new Kenyan constitution and the rights of sexual minorities**  
**Mr. Elphas Naivasha Njeru, Gay Kenia Trust, Kenya**
- 11:15**        **The challenges of Sami Parliament in Finnish society**  
**(tbc)**
- 11:35**        **Discussion**

**11.55           Practicalities**

**12:00           Lunch**

**Workshop sessions**

**13:00           How to overcome multiple discrimination?**

**Moderator: Mr. Mikko Joronen**

**Speakers: Mr. Adilur Rahman Khan (Bangladesh), Mr. Zephyrin Kalimba (Rwanda), Ms. Tenzin Dhardon Sharling (Tibet)**

**13:00           Displacement and discrimination caused by “development”**

**How to promote ecological democracy and the rights of the indigenous peoples?**

**Moderator: Ms. Mira Käkönen**

**Speakers: Mr. Nanang Sujana (Indonesia), Ms. Sonia Guajajara (Brazil), Mr. Pablo Martinez (Uruguay), Ms. Pushpa Toppo (India), H.E. Mr. Vital Bambaize (Burundi)**

**13:00           How to reach equal rights and opportunities for people with disabilities?**

**Moderator: Mr. Jukka Kumpuvuori**

**Speakers: Ms. Jannatul Ferdous (Bangladesh), Ms. Gulmira Kazakunova (Kyrgyzstan), Ms. Tika Dahal (Nepal)**

**13:00           Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and discriminating structures in society - What can we do to get equal rights to LGBT people?**

**Moderator: Ms. Aija Salo**

**Speakers: Mr. Elphas Naivasha Njeru (Kenya)**

**14:45-16.15   Reports from workshops  
Concluding remarks**