

**SEMINAR ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS  
POWER/IMPUNITY/REGULATION**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**9 am - 4.15 pm**

**Venue: Room GA 131**

**CO-ORGANIZERS:**

Aitec, Attac, les Amis de la Terre France, CCFD -Terre Solidaire, France Amérique Latine, Peoples Solidaires-Action Aid, Transnational Institute (TNI), the Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity.

**TITLE**

**ENG: Transnational corporations, people and the environment: laws to dismantle corporate power**

**FR: Multinationales, droit humains et environnement: un droit pour démanteler le pouvoir des multinationales**

**PRESENTATION**

This seminar aims at understanding better the architecture of TNCs impunity through concrete cases in Europe and the rest of the world. In a second part, it is aimed at presenting the existing and ongoing legislative proposals, laws and tools to better regulate and hold TNCs accountable for their actions, such as the French law on duty of care that has recently entered into force and the UN Binding Treaty on Transnational Corporations and Human Rights process. Finally, this seminar will be used to prepare mobilization actions in the coming months.

**Objectives of the seminar**

- Develop the knowledge of participants on the framework of TNCs impunity, through concrete cases of TNCs impacts on the people and the environment, in Europe and the Global South
- Present the different initiatives of binding rules to regulate and hold TNCs legally accountable for their actions and give access to justice to the victims
- Propose concrete action through mobilizations proposals such as the Week of Peoples Mobilisation around the UN Binding Treaty on Transnational Corporations and Human rights (23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Geneva).
- Build links between the social movements and organizations mobilized on trade and investment issues, and those mobilized against TNCs impunity

## PROGRAMME

### WORKSHOP 1

9h -11h

Facilitation: Juliette Renaud – Amis de la Terre (AT)

- **Presentation of the Seminar** - Juliette Renaud (AT)
- **Understanding the framework of impunity that protect TNCs** - Brid Brennan (Transnational Institute - TNI).
- **Case in EU: ICL Iberpotash mining case in Catalonia** - Josep Ribera (Prou Sal platform in Catalonia).
- **Case elsewhere in the World**
  - **Cases in Mexico** - Carlos Ventura (Mexico mejor sin TLC-Tradados de Libre Comercio)
  - **The banana sector** - Jorge Acosta (Astac trade Union)
- **How ISDS/ICS/trade law give all rights to investors** - Lala Hakuma Dadci (Aitec)

### WORKSHOP 2

11h15 – 13h 15

Facilitation: Lala Hakuma Dadci - Aitec

- **French law on Multinationals' Duty of care: what it is exactly, how to use it?** - Juliette Renaud (AT) & Carole Peychaud (CCFD)
- **History/process and current stage of the UN binding treaty on transnational corporations and Human Rights** - Braulio Alfonso Moro (FAL).

*Collective debate and strategic thinking around the national level struggles / giving clues “how to influence political context”. Putting into perspective those experiences: how it makes a difference, how it sometimes doesn't, but how it is worth and necessary keep fighting!*

### WORKSHOP 3

14h15 – 16h 15

Facilitation: Sol Trumbo – TNI and/or Carole Peychaud – CCFD

- **Sharing mobilisation agendas**
- **The importance of synergies in mobilization in the coming period**
  - How to build on the Mobilisations and struggles against – CETA, TTIP & TISA and Transnational corporations in going forward with campaigns in 2017-2018?
  - Geneva October mobilizations: on the UN Binding Treaty (and how it is also an answer to the Global Corporate Law embedded in mechanisms such as ISDS.)

*Collective discussion (by groups) on ideas of mobilization for October / Week of people's mobilization in Geneva AND in France. UN treaty and trade. How our struggles can be linked to this mobilization and how we could mobilize locally in France and towards Geneva.*