WEEK OF PEOPLES MOBILISATION

Geneva 10-18 October 2019

stopcorporateimpunity.org

PROGRAM

10 Thursday

CULTURAL PART

16h-20h30

UN Palais all day

Advocacy activities and Oral interventions

Side Event
The construction of a treaty: analysis of the revised draft
Room XXII

PUBLIC CONFERENCE

Auditorium MS 150

12 Saturday

 MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION

For the Amazon, Indigenous Peoples and Climate Justice
Stop Corporate Impunity and Free Trade Agreements

City of Geneva
Rue du Mont-Blanc, zone piétonne

13h-15h

UN Palais

Public Demonstration
Geneva to Vienna: Rights for People - Rules for Corporations - Stop ISDS

PUBLIC CONFERENCE

Transnational corporations and the walls-industry. Migrant, women and Palestinian movements resistances
Salle MR 280

19h30

UN Palais

PRESENTATION

Expanded Siena
A Lab on democracies around the world from a grassroots perspective

City of Geneva
Rue de Savoises, 15 tram stop Pont d’Arve

18 Friday

PUBLIC CONFERENCE

Climate justice, fossil industries and corporate impunity
Salle MR 280

UN Palais

ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES AND ORAL INTERVENTIONS

13h-15h

UN Palais all day

Side Event
A legally binding instrument: another tool of resisting corporate impunity during occupation
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Neoliberal globalization has opened the doors for the savage exploitation of the world by the big economic powers. Megapolaris, agribusiness and militarization, among other processes, express a patriarchal, neoliberal and racist system that amounts to an assault on life as such. As a result, peoples’ rights have been systematically violated, the Earth and its resources destroyed, pillaged and contaminated, while corporations and their transnational peoples with total impunity. They have also thrown us into an environmental and climate crisis of unknown proportions, for which they do not take responsibility. Driven by their imperative to maximize profits, transnational corporations (TNCs) seek to pit workers from different regions against one another throughout the entire supply chain. The systematic violations of human rights that affect millions of people, who were forcibly expelled by extractive industries, free trade or the business of war and forced to long migratory routes, constitute new markets and profits for civilian and military companies. Communities and peoples are resisting the advance of this offense that implies, in most cases, the combination of the institutional action of far-right governments with acts that violate the collective rights of peoples driven by actors such as transnational corporations. The evidence on the violation of human rights at the hands of these companies is widely documented and on the ground translates into environmental disasters, the deaths of activists, leaders of communities and peoples. The signing of new international trade and investment treaties gives more rights to “the investors” than to the affected people and communities. Worse, through the investor-state dispute settlement mechanism (known as ISDS), corporate interests are shielded to the detriment of the public interest. In order to challenge corporate power and the system that protects and benefits them, it is necessary to go to a systemic response. We must unite our experiences, struggles, collectively learn from our victories and our failures, share strategies and analysis in order to curb the impunity of the transnationals. The United Nations Binding Treaty process on transnational corporations and human rights constitutes a space within the framework of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations, from where we can force corporations to respect human rights, creating a mechanism so that affected states and peoples can sue transnational corporations.

The 5th Session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (OEIGWG) in Geneva will take place from October 14 to 18. The Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity will be there again, as every year since 2014, to continue to pressure governments and prevent them from derailing the process in Geneva.

In that context:
- We join the call of the European Campaign “Rights for people, rules for corporations – Stop ISDS” that will mobilize between October 11 and 18 in Europe denouncing corporate power.
- We convene the Week of Peoples Mobilisation in Geneva (Switzerland) from 10 to 18 October
- We call to mobilise in protest against corporate power on October 12 across the planet and to pressure governments to advance the Binding Treaty. It is an important day that reminds the “discovery” of America initiating a colonial process that has a continuity with current economic policies imposed by the most powerful countries to the Global South.

Who we are

The Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity (Global Campaign) is a network of over 250 social movements, civil society organisations (CSOs), trade unions and communities affected by the activities of TNCs. These groups resist land grabs, extractive mining, exploitative wages and environmental destruction caused by TNCs globally but particularly in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The Global Campaign is a peoples global structural response to accountable corporate power. It provides facilitation for dialogue, strategizing, exchanging information and experiences and acts as a space to make resistance visible and deepen solidarity and support for struggles against TNCs.