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Christoffer Badse:
National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) and their added value to protect indigenous rights: A case study of Greenland and Denmark
Badse will discuss monitoring human rights in Denmark and the establishment of a human rights institution in Greenland with the assistance of the Danish Institute for Human Rights. Greenland is self-governing under Danish rule and in certain areas exercising their independence.

Geneviève Rose:
Indigenous Peoples’ rights in the regional human rights mechanisms
Rose will give an overall presentation of the work of the International Work Group of Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) with indigenous peoples and discuss the role of three different regional human rights bodies on indigenous peoples’ rights, namely the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the ASEAN Inter-Governmental Commission on Human Rights. The three mechanisms are at very different stages and it will be discussed how they can be used by indigenous peoples and others for a better promotion and protection of indigenous peoples rights in their respective regions.

Christoffer Badse has a law degree from University of Copenhagen and has been affiliated with the national Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) since 2003. Mr. Badse works in national and European settings and is Director for the Legal Monitoring Department of the institute. He is responsible for the coordination of legal briefs to the Danish parliament, international reporting to UN treaty bodies. Mr. Badse is responsible for the annual status report of DIHR presented in parliament, describing the most pressing human rights challenges in a Danish context. Recently his area of responsibility has been expanded to also include monitoring human rights issues in Greenland.

Genevieve Rose has a master degree in conflict resolution and international studies from the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom. Ms. Rose is project coordinator for the Africa programme and for the regional human rights mechanisms programme at the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA). IWGIA is an international human rights organization staffed by specialists and advisers on indigenous affairs. IWGIA supports indigenous peoples’ struggle for human rights, self-determination, right to territory, control of land and resources, cultural integrity, and the right to development worldwide. Ms. Rose’s main responsibility is to implement projects in collaboration with three regional human rights mechanisms: the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the ASEAN Inter-Governmental Commission on Human Rights.

Other opportunities to hear the speakers:

Jan. 16, 9-9:45 am, Hawai‘i State Legislature, Room 325

Jan. 16, 2-3 pm, University of Hawai‘i, West O‘ahu, Room D115
Title: Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples from the Arctic to Africa: Emerging Issues facing Humanity and our Planet in 2014

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