



Centre for Human Rights

Advanced Human Rights Course

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, in collaboration with the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) and the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, will host a one-week intensive hybrid short course on indigenous peoples' rights from 23 to 27 November 2026.

Important Information

This year's course will be held in a hybrid format. There will be both online and physical attendance. Online attendance is free. A limited number of participants will be admitted to attend physically at the University of Pretoria's Future Africa campus. Participants wishing to attend physically are required to write a short motivation why they wish to attend the course physically. A limited number of scholarships are available. These scholarships are awarded on a very competitive basis.

Course Objectives

The objectives of this one-week course include:

- to strengthen knowledge and capacity-building on indigenous peoples' rights;
- to ensure a better understanding of indigenous peoples' plight and rights among members of 'mainstream NGOs' and government officials;
- to stimulate the introduction of indigenous peoples' rights into the curriculum of law schools on the African continent;

In the process, the concept of indigenous people will also be critically examined.

Course content

- Conceptual issues regarding indigenous peoples in Africa.
- International (universal and regional) and national standards on indigenous peoples' rights in Africa.
- Key substantive rights of indigenous peoples and their applicability in Africa.
- UN mechanisms of indigenous peoples' rights.
- Regional mechanisms and indigenous peoples' rights.
- Bilateral, multilateral cooperation, international financial institutions and business sector with indigenous peoples.
- Indigenous peoples' challenges with development.
- International processes and agendas relevant to indigenous peoples in Africa.

Visit www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc for more information.

-  Course length:
5 days
-  Estimated effort:
7+ hours/day
-  Price:
FREE (online)
-  Course type:
Short course
-  Certificate:
On successful completion
-  Language:
English

Course dates

23 – 27

November 2026

Apply until
23 October 2026

APPLY