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## **Invitation**

### **Launch of Oxfam's Community Consent Index 2015: Oil, Gas, and Mining Company Public Positions on Free, Prior and Informed Consent**

**Wednesday, 7 October 2015, 1:00-3:00 pm**

**Leacock Room 232, McGill University, 855 rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Montreal**

Oxfam-Quebec, Oxfam Canada and the Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University invite you to the launch of Oxfam's Community Consent Index 2015: Oil, Gas, and Mining Company Public Positions on Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

#### **Emily Greenspan**

Senior Policy Advisor for Extractive Industries, Oxfam America

#### **Dr. Philip Oxhorn**

Founding Director

Institute for the Study of International Development at McGill University

#### **Viviane Michel**

President, Quebec Native Women Inc.

#### **William David**

Senior Advisor Assembly of First Nations

#### **Stephanie Meyer, M.E.S., C.E.A.**

President, Stratos Inc

#### **Julia Sanchez**

President-CEO of the Canadian Council of International Co-operation (CCIC)

Moderated by: **Lina Holguin**, Policy Director, Oxfam-Quebec

As large-scale oil, gas, and mining projects move to increasingly remote areas, they threaten to generate adverse impacts for the local communities and indigenous peoples that inhabit these areas. For many project-affected communities, Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) represents a critical tool for ensuring that they have a say in whether and how extractive industry projects move forward.

Oxfam's report examines publicly available corporate commitments regarding community rights and community engagement with a particular focus on FPIC - the gold standard in terms of extractive industry community engagement practices. It aims to highlight changing trends across the industry in order to encourage a race to the top among companies.

To confirm your participation in this event please RSVP to Lina Holguin [holguinl@oxfam.qc.ca](mailto:holguinl@oxfam.qc.ca) by 12:00, 6 October

## **Biographies:**

**Emily Greenspan** is a Senior Policy Advisor with Oxfam America's extractive industries team. She is author of the Community Consent Index: Company public positions regarding Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) for oil, gas, and mining projects (2015 and 2012); editor of Oxfam America research backgrounder From Controversy to Consensus? Lessons learned from government and company consultations with indigenous organizations in Peru and Bolivia (2012); and author of Oxfam America report Watching the watchdogs: Evaluating independent expert panels that monitor oil and gas pipeline projects (2011). Prior to joining Oxfam America, Emily worked with WWF-Peru and with the Pan American Development Foundation. Emily has conducted research on consultation and community engagement around extractive industry projects, including for her master's degree in public policy, which she received from Harvard University. She has a BA in anthropology and English literature from the University of Virginia.

**Philip Oxhorn** is a Professor of Political Science at McGill University and the Founding Director of McGill's Institute for the Study of International Development, as well as the Editor-in-Chief of the international journal Latin American Research Review. A former Associate Dean (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies) at McGill, his research focuses on the comparative study of civil society and its role in supporting democratic regimes, particularly in Latin America. Professor Oxhorn's publications include Sustaining Civil Society: Economic Change, Democracy and the Social Construction of Citizenship in Latin America (Penn State University Press, 2011) and Organizing Civil Society: The Popular Sectors and the Struggle for Democracy in Chile (Penn State University Press, 1995), as well as numerous articles and four co-edited volumes: What Kind of Democracy? What Kind of Market? Latin America in the Age of Neoliberalism (with Graciela Ducatzenzeiler, Penn State University Press, 1998), The Market and Democracy In Latin America: Convergence or Divergence? (with Pamela Starr, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1999), Decentralization, Civil Society, and Democratic Governance: Comparative Perspectives from Latin America, Africa, and Asia (with Joseph Tulchin and Andrew Selee Woodrow Wilson Center Press/the Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004), and Beyond Neoliberalism? Patterns, Responses, and New Directions in Latin America and the Caribbean (with Kenneth Roberts and John Burdick, Palgrave Macmillan, 2009). Professor Oxhorn has lectured extensively in North and South America, Western Europe, Asia and Australia. He has also worked as a consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank, the United Nations Development Program, the United Nations Population Fund, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada, Department for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Canada, the Ford Foundation, The Carter Center, the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, and the Canadian Foundation for the Americas. He has a PhD in Political Science from Harvard University.

**Viviane Michel** is the President, Quebec Native Women Inc (QNW). Viviane is from Malinotnam. She has been involved for over 10 years in QNW, first as director of the Innu Nation, then as Vice-President of the Association from 2010 to 2012. Bilingual, French and Innu Viviane Michel is a woman of tradition that makes a point of honor to promote traditional practices of her nation and to promote respect for the identity and culture of indigenous nations and women. Her career as a frontline worker for the Missinak Aboriginal women shelter in Quebec led her to become familiar with the issues related to Aboriginal women. She also sat on the Aboriginal women shelters Network in Quebec coordinated by QNW which has developed many tools to adapt services to the cultural realities of Aboriginal women.

**William David** is currently a Senior Advisor with the Assembly of First Nations. He holds a degree in environmental engineering science from MIT and a law degree from the University of Ottawa. While working for an indigenous-driven NGO, Mr. David advocated on safeguards policies at the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation and the Inter-American Development Bank.

**Stephanie Meyer, M.E.S., C.E.A. President, Stratos Inc.** Stephanie is the President of Stratos, a leading sustainability consultancy that works collaboratively with governments, business and broader societal interests to address complex natural resource management and sustainability challenges. Stephanie is a Certified Environmental Auditor (Emeritus) who brings a practical, systems-based perspective to her work. She and her colleagues work with many of Canada's leading resource companies to develop policy commitments and targeted, actionable sustainability strategies and supporting management systems, including those related to Aboriginal relations, community engagement, and human rights. Stephanie was formerly the environment, health and safety specialist for NIKE's Canadian manufacturing operations.

Stratos is a leading practitioner in the area of collaborative-based approaches to advancing sustainability performance and practice. The company has designed and facilitated development and implementation of a broad range of voluntary programs engaging governments, companies and civil society organizations to deliver improved societal and environmental outcomes. Stratos has supported the Mining Association of Canada in the initial development and on-going implementation of Toward Sustainable Mining (TSM) in Canada and abroad, and was proud to receive the 2013 Excellence in Corporate Responsibility Award for this work. Stratos also authored the Implementation Guidance Tools for the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights, published by the IFC, IPIECA, ICMM, and ICRC.

**Julia Sanchez** is President-CEO of the Canadian Council of International Co-operation (CCIC) since August 2011. She has extensive experience in top-level international development management, including many years working in developing countries (Bolivia, Guatemala, Nepal and India) and with numerous Canadian and international partners and donors. Julia has designed and managed programs in areas such as humanitarian assistance, reconstruction, governance, democratic development, community-based economic development, international volunteering and, more recently, campaigning on climate change. As President-CEO of CCIC she has lead on policy dialogue processes around the enabling environment for civil society, the role of the private sector in development, and mining and development. She holds two degrees from McGill University in Political Science and Economics (1985) and an MA in Economics (1996) Her specialization is in international and development economics.

Established in 1968, CCIC is a coalition of the major Canadian voluntary sector organizations working globally to achieve sustainable human development, end global poverty and promote justice and human dignity for all.

**Lina Holguin** has been Policy Director for Oxfam-Quebec since 2007. She joined the organisation in 2000. She currently leads policy work on extractive industries and on economic inequality and its impact on women and youth. Until July 2015, she was a member of the *Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act (ESTMA)* Working Group, established by Natural Resources Canada. She is also member of Publish What You Pay Canada's Steering Committee. Lina holds a Bachelors degree in Social Communications and Journalism from Universidad de la Sabana (Bogota - Colombia) and a Masters degree in Conflict and Peace studies from the European Peace University –Austria.

**Oxfam-Québec's mission** is to support its partners in developing countries in the design and implementation of sustainable solutions to poverty and injustice. We mobilize the people of Québec in order to allow the expression of their solidarity. **Oxfam Canada's mission** is to build lasting solutions to poverty and injustice with a focus on improving the lives and promoting the rights of women and girls. Oxfam-Québec and Oxfam Canada are member of **Oxfam International**, an international Confederation of 17 organizations networked together in 93 countries, as part of a global movement for change. We work directly with communities, and we seek to influence those in power to ensure that people living in poverty can improve their lives and livelihoods and have a say in decisions that affect them.