

HYBRID EVENT

**Human rights of the
Rapa Nui people
during the COVID-19
pandemic:**
Local government &
business experiences

**29 November 2022
13:30 - 15:00 CET**

Villa Rigot
Av. de la Paix 9
& Online

*English - Spanish online
interpretation available*

Easter Island, or Rapa Nui, is a small island in the Pacific Ocean 3,800 kilometers from the coast of continental Chile, where the Rapa Nui people live. It is an original nation descended from a millenary culture developed by an isolated society.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the various sanitary restrictions and disruptions caused a virtual isolation of the island. Consequently, the local government scaled up efforts to support the operation of companies providing basic services while protecting and fulfilling human rights on Easter Island.

It is of particular importance to hear the voice of local and regional governments in the international fora, including business & human rights. This is particularly striking in the areas of water and sanitation, transport, trade, telecommunications, and energy production.

This side event will provide insight into:

- practices in Chile, in particular regarding the Rapa Nui people, to facilitate the link between private companies and native peoples
- public policies to establish frameworks for interaction between indigenous peoples, local governments and companies
- human rights challenges faced by the local communities

Speakers & moderator

- **Ms. Anh Thu Duong**, Co-Director of Geneva Cities Hub
- **Mr. Benjamín Ilabaca**, Advisor to the Municipality of Easter Island
- **Ms. Havini Hey Riroroco**, Advisor to the Municipality of Easter Island
- **Mr. David Harry**, Public Affairs Manager, LATAM Airlines
- **Mr. Rodrigo Paillalef**, Elected Member of the UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous Peoples

Moderated by **H.E. Ms. Claudia Fuentes Julio**, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva



*A light lunch
will be
served at
13:00*