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## **Jour-fixe: „How climate change affects international human rights: Impacts on people’s lives in Russia and abroad“**

After a still hopeful two weeks of negotiations at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, that took place in Copenhagen in December 2009, the outcome was, unfortunately, yet again extremely disappointing. The world's leaders have once again failed to come up with an instrumental and feasible agreement that could have moved the fight against climate change to the next level. Thereby, they have not only ignored the urgency of the matter by postponing negotiations for another year, but also prolonged the suffering for those who are affected by the consequences of the changing climate on a daily basis. Natural disasters such as floods and droughts are certainly causing the most extreme and visible effects. However, also the industrial pollution of groundwater, desertification of fertile soils and deforestation for purely commercial benefits are equally heavy impacting on human livelihoods. In this context, international human rights are serving as a crucial but often ignored standard setting framework. The necessity of integrating human rights in the global climate policy will therefore be underscored by learning and understanding the work of human rights and indigenous minority organizations operating in Russia and internationally.

- Who really is affected by the changing climate? Which regions suffer the most (globally and in Russia)?
- Why should minority interests be reviewed in the development of strategies for socio-economic progress?
- How can human rights be included in the global climate policy? Who are the actors involved in promoting the rights of minorities in the international climate change agenda?

### **Speakers:**

**Theodor Rathgeber**, who has a doctorate in political science, works as a freelance author and consultant in the areas of human rights, minorities, indigenous peoples, and development cooperation. Since 1987 he has been a lecturer in social science at the University of Kassel. In 2003 he became Representative of the German Human Rights Forum for the UN Commission on Human Rights (now the UN Human Rights Council). He has published extensively.

**Yana Dordina**, hold a degree from Saint Petersburg Economics and Finance State University. She has been coordinating international projects and relations of RAIPON, DB and of “Batani Foundation” for the development and strengthening of the institutional potential of indigenous population of the North of Russia. In 2008 she has been selected to represent the interests of indigenous people for the duration of two years as a member of UNEP Major Group Facilitating Committee.

**Moderation:** Jens Siegert, Head of Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Moscow office

*This debate will be simultaneously translated from and to English and Russian.  
Free entrance, no registration necessary.*

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