



Minority Rights Group International (MRG), Franciscans International, VIVAT International, Human Rights Watch, Reporters without Borders, Asian Legal Resource Centre, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and Amnesty International

are pleased to invite you to the side event

Behind closed doors: Human Rights in West Papua

Wednesday 18 March, 10am - 11:30am, Room XXIII

Panelists:

- **Mr. Wensi Fatubun**, Papuan filmmaker and minority rights activist
- **Mr. Yones Douw**, Papuan human rights defender, Human Rights Desk of the Tabernacle Church Papua
- **Ms Poengky Indarti**, Executive Director, NGO Imparsial (Indonesia)
- **Mr. Andreas Harsono**, HRW researcher on Indonesia (via video-conference)
- **Ms Valentine Bourrat**, journalist, arrested in Indonesia in August 2014 while making a documentary on West Papua for the Franco-German TV channel *Arte*

Moderator: **Ms Claire Thomas**, Deputy Director, Minority Rights Group

A few months after the inauguration of Joko Widodo as President of Indonesia and his promise that he would “give special attention to West Papua”, this public event will be an opportunity for local human rights defenders and international experts to shed light on the situation of human rights in West Papua.

Despite recent efforts by Jakarta to improve delivery of basic services like health and education, the situation in West Papua continues to be marked by recurrent violence against peaceful protestors, severe restrictions on the civil society, economic and social disenfranchisement of the local population, and a closure to international media scrutiny.

Furthermore, the event will be an opportunity for the speakers and co-sponsors to share their views on the steps that the new Indonesian authorities should take to allow media and civil society to report on the situation, to put an end to impunity for human rights violations, and to protect the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the indigenous Papuan population.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided

