

**2021 Amnesty International Canada Annual General Meeting
Draft Agenda**

Please note that all times listed are in EDT

Wednesday May 26th

8:00pm – 9:00pm

Amnesty 101 webinar

Special pre-Annual General Meeting edition, everyone welcome! Are you new to Amnesty International, or just need to update your knowledge of our priority campaigns and actions? Then register now for Amnesty 101! You'll learn how Amnesty International started, hear what we've been working on over the years, and discover what's coming up in the months ahead. What do organizers do? How do I join or start an Amnesty group at my school or in my community? Is it still important to write letters and sign petitions? All this and more will be revealed, and in just one exciting hour of your time!

You can register for this pre-AGM session here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FHw7Esz3RHG7Vd2fy_ip0w

Thursday June 3rd

8:00pm – 9:30pm

Engaging with Governance – AGM Information Session

New to participating in an Annual General Meeting? This session is for you. You'll learn how governance works at Amnesty International and how you can engage with it. Topics will include resolutions and working parties, speaking to motions, the role of the nominations committee and the board of directors, the positions up for election, and the voting process.

You can register for this pre-AGM session here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B6eu611xQreVEjO98Zlrsg

Friday June 4th	
9:00am – 7:00pm	Action Alley Open
2:00pm – 3:30pm	<p>Becoming an Anti-Racist Organization Updates and conversation on our work to dismantling systemic racism and oppression within Amnesty Canada</p> <p>This session is hosted on Zoom</p>
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Break
4:00pm - 5:30pm	<p>Workshop Block One These sessions are hosted on Zoom</p> <p>1. Immigration Detention in Canada: An Introduction to the Human Rights Implications Every year, thousands of people are detained by Canada for reasons connected to their immigration status. Sometimes they are held in detention centers, and sometimes they are held in provincial jails. Under Canadian law, people in immigration detention risk being held indefinitely, and many have spent years of their lives waiting to be free. Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have documented serious human rights violations surrounding immigration detention in Canada, and will soon be launching a joint report. In this session, you will hear about the findings of our research, and about the effects of immigration detention from those who have experienced it firsthand.</p> <p>Our special guest speakers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdelrahman Elmady - Former Immigration Detainee and Refugee Claimant • Hanna Gros - Immigration and refugee lawyer, and research consultant at the Disability Rights Division of Human Rights Watch • Justin Mohammed - Human Rights Law and Policy Campaigner, Amnesty International Canada <p>2. Taking Action in Solidarity with Environment Defenders Under Attack in Latin America People who speak up to defend water, land and forests protect the environment on which their communities</p>

	<p>and all of us depend. In Latin America, environment defenders are “rewarded” with threats, attacks, criminalization and killings. Indigenous peoples and racial minorities are at heightened risk, as are women.</p> <p>In this workshop, we will have the honour of hearing from two inspiring young women environment defenders in Guatemala and Colombia. Learn about why our solidarity is so important. Come prepared to ask questions and to take action!</p> <p>Our special guest speakers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ni’kte’ Caal Matzir is a Maya Q’eqchi’ Indigenous defender whose father Bernardo Caal is a prisoner of conscience in Guatemala for seeking to protect the water on which their people depend. • Yuvelis Morales is a young environment defender with the Committee for the Defense of Water, Life and Territory (known as AGUAWIL) in Puerto Wilches, Colombia.
5:30pm – 7:00pm	Break
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<p><u>Friday Night Panel Discussion</u> This session is hosted on Zoom</p> <p>The Next Generation: Bringing Together Indigenous Youth Activists for a Just Future</p> <p>Description: This panel discussion will bring together a group of esteemed and committed Indigenous youth activists from various parts of the world to discuss issues around environmental justice, allyship, etc. Environmental/climate issues are some of the most pressing issues of our time and have severe implications for Indigenous communities around the world. There are a number of Indigenous youth activists from around the world who serve as role models and educators in their communities and who weave their culture into the work that they do. In this panel, these youth activists will engage in conversation about how their own cultural & traditional teachings have informed their advocacy work. We hope that this session will highlight the lived experienced and ongoing work and advocacy of Indigenous youth from different corners of the globe.</p> <p>Our special guest speakers are:</p>

Paydahbin Aby is from Secwépemc'ulw and St'àt'ímc territories in interior so-called British Columbia, Canada.

She is currently taking her BSc at the University of Saskatchewan, and working to get into the College of Medicine. She is currently the President of the Indigenous Students' Union at the University of Saskatchewan, where she is dedicated to advocating for the rights and sovereignty of Indigenous people within the colonial institution. She is a land defender and water protector. From being on the frontlines to fighting systemic oppression, her passion is defending the sacred and collectively advocating for human rights.

Peace Akintade is an African Canadian Interdisciplinary Poet, Public Speaker, and Thespian residing in Saskatoon

Saskatchewan. 2020- 2021 Saskatchewan Youth Poet Laureate, Co-coordinator of Write Out Loud, a Saskatoon-based Youth Poetry Community, and board member of the Tonight it's Poetry Community. Part of the Youth Speaker's Bureau for the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. One of the 21 Black Playwrights chosen for Obsidian Theatre's 21 Black Future Project. Her play "Madness with Rocks" can be found on CBCArts and CBCGem. Her other works can be found in the History Folklore Society, Kindred Cities, CBC, Global News, SaskArts, the Saskatchewan Writers Guild, the Voices of Today Anthology, "Birthday Party" Anthology, Leaders Post, TOAST, and SaskCulture. Her poems touch on the impact of slavery in her village, colorism, growing up in Kuwait, Nigeria, and Canada, and relearning her culture in the face of colonization. She dreams of a world where poetry is accessible and interconnected with different art media.

Kee Mae Paw belongs to a Karen ethnic group in Burma. She is studying International Studies at the University

of Regina. Kee Mae and her family came to Canada in 2006 to escape Myanmar military oppression. She is now working with Karen Community in Canada to advocate for Karen indigenous and human rights for all.

Tomilola Ojo is a Nigerian-Canadian writer & Psychology student based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Saturday June 5th

9:00am-7:00pm	Action Alley
11:30am - 1:15pm	<p>Opening: Welcome, Introductions & Review of Procedures Keynote Address: featuring Ketty Nivyabandi, Secretary General Canada</p> <p>Plenary Part One</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consent Agenda: Adoption of Draft Agenda, Adoption of 2021 Standing Orders, Adoption of Draft Minutes from the 2020 AGM, and Adoption of Draft Minutes and the 2020 Special Meeting 2. Question and Answer Session: Floor is open to receive questions relating to the reports of the Secretary General, Director of Finance & Administration and Director of Fundraising. <p>This session is hosted on Clearpicture</p>
1:15pm – 1:30pm	Break
1:30pm – 2:45pm	<p>Working Party This session is hosted on Clearpicture</p>
2:45pm – 3:15pm	Break
3:15pm - 4:30pm	<p>Plenary Part Two Board Candidate Session Would you like to hear more from the candidates for the 2021 AIC(ES) board of directors election? Attend this session to get to know them a little better</p> <p>This session is hosted on Clearpicture</p>
4:30pm – 4:45pm	Break
4:45pm - 6:15pm	<p>Workshop Block Two These sessions are hosted on Zoom</p>

1. Climate Justice and a Just Transition

Amnesty Canada’s Climate Justice Workshop is an interactive, educational, and action-oriented session that discusses the nature and importance of climate justice and advocacy at national and international levels. Exposing how climate change is deeply connected to intra- and intergenerational human rights and inequity in our lives, provinces, and abroad, this workshop asks participants to reflect on what climate justice means to them and what solutions they might envision. To inspire our thoughts, we hear climate justice stories and calls to action from Canadian youth activists and Global South human rights defenders. We learn about Amnesty’s role in climate justice initiatives, peoples and communities that are disproportionately affected by climate change, how climate justice activism differs between the Global South and North, and what actions people can take. Overall, the goal of this workshop is to brainstorm and devise ways to protect, empower, and support youth activists, climate defenders, vulnerable communities, climate justice researchers, and rights holders.

Our special guest speakers are:

Cecilia La Rose - Cecilia La Rose is a 17 year old organizer based out of Toronto, she is a member of The Lokono nation and speaks on climate Justice through a decolonial lens.

Lavetanalagi Seru – Lavetanalagi is a Climate Justice Project Officer for the Pacific Islands Climate Action Network [PICAN], regional umbrella body for civil society organizations working on climate change in the Pacific.

2. Indigenous Territorial Defenders in Canada

Heather Milton-Lightening and Sharon Lungo are Indigenous curriculum writers who are developing a series of lesson plans for Amnesty International that will focus on Indigenous issues in Canada. Topics will include Indigenous sovereignty, the impacts of colonization, national and international frameworks, active solidarity, gendered experiences, and settler/Indigenous relationship building. The curriculum will be of interest to home, school, and community educators. Come learn what our writers are working on, provide your feedback, and describe how you might use such a unique resource.

Our special guest speakers are:

	<p>Sharon Lungo is an Indigenous, organizer, mother, facilitator, curriculum designer and propagator of racial justice methodologies, and a key figure in the non-violent direct-action movement.</p> <p>Heather Milton-Lightening has over twenty years of organizing experience and is currently consulting with numerous organizations and doing training and support work for Indigenous communities.</p>
Sunday June 6th	
9:00am – 7:00pm	Action Alley
12:00pm	Board Elections Close
11:30am - 12:30pm	<p>Board of Directors Town Hall Submit your questions to the Board in advance of this session by emailing haveyoursay@amnesty.ca.</p> <p>This session is hosted on Clearpicture</p>
12:30pm - 12:45pm	Break
12:45pm – 1:45pm	<p>Global Assembly Motions Session This session is hosted on Clearpicture</p>
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Break
2:00pm- 3:15pm	<p>Resolution 2021 Session (Vote) This session is hosted on Clearpicture</p>
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Break
3:30pm - 4:45pm	<p>Strategic Goals Consultation Session – Looking at our Human Rights Goals for the next eight years This session is hosted on Zoom</p>

4:45pm – 5:15pm	Plenary Part Four Closing and Campaign/Solidarity Action This session is hosted on Zoom