

Participatory Rights as a Part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) within the Russian Oil Sector

PARTICIPATION?

Right to information,

Right to participate in project planning,

Right to grievance mechanisms.

- Most global CSR regulations already include participatory rights
- Russian environmental law includes very little participatory rights
 - ➔ enterprises are often not required to listen to local peoples' viewpoints
- Willingness of oil companies vary depending on the involvement of
 - International financial institutions ➔ participation in project planning and benefit sharing
 - Indigenous peoples ➔ sometimes involvement in planning benefit sharing
 - Participatory rights included also in a benefit sharing agreement between Lukoil-Komi and a local NGO of (non-officially recognized) indigenous peoples

METHODS

The project group has made several field trips (e.g. in NAO, KMAO, Komi Republic, Sakhalin Island), conducting semi-structural interviews with different stakeholder groups (governmental sector, businesses, NGOs, local activists, community representatives and academia).

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Modern and rusty infrastructure in the Sakhalin Island



DISCUSSION

- Does participation matter in an illiberal state?
- Local people in Russian oil regions consider participatory rights important even if there is frustration, too.
- Participatory rights based on CSR help to achieve social licence to operate and may improve the living environment of local people.
- Also legislative changes would be badly needed in Russia.



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