

Human rights abuses and environmental degradation – What the treaty can bring

- **TIME: 2pm - 3pm (Geneva) / 9am- 10am (New York)**
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There can be no doubt that human rights abuses and violations due to extractive activities go hand in hand with environmental degradation. This side event will examine two cases involving pollution and waste from mining activities, which exemplify the legal gaps that prevent communities to access and obtain justice.

Drawing on these cases, panelists will analyze to what degree the current draft treaty already covers some of these gaps and what still needs to be done to have an effective international framework for human rights and environmental protection in place.

Lead pollution in Kabwe, Zambia

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Exposure to toxic wastes in Arica, Chile

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Comments and analyses

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