

AGENDA

Seminar to Address the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change on the Full Enjoyment of Human Rights
23-24 February 2012 – Palais des Nations, Salle XII – Geneva, Switzerland

THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2012

Introduction

10:00 am to 11:30 am

- Moderator:
 - President of the Human Rights Council, Laura Dupuy Lasserre
- Speakers:
 - High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay
 - Hon Foreign Minister for Bangladesh, HE Dr Dipu Moni
 - Commissioner for Climate Change of the Philippines, Hon Mary Anne Sering
 - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), *Statement of the Executive Secretary, Christina Figuerres will be read by the Secretariat*
 - United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) *Statement of Executive Director, Achim Steiner, to be read by Barbara Ruis, Legal Officer, Geneva*
 - Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre
 - Dr Kumi Naidoo, Executive Director of Greenpeace

Session 1: Adverse Impacts of Climate Change on the Full Enjoyment of Human Rights and their Inter-linkages

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

- Moderator:
 - SE M Shree Servansing, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Mauritius to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- Rapporteur:
 - Barbara Fontana, First Secretary, Deputy Head – Human Rights Section, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- Panellists:
 - Chaloka Beyani, UN Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons
 - John Crowley, Global Environmental Change, Division of Ethics, Science and Society, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
 - Professor Dinah Shelton, George Washington University Law School, Chair of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
 - Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council
 - Anita Nayar, Executive Committee Member, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
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Session 2: International Cooperation and Respect for Human Rights in all Climate Change-related Situations

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm (including a 10 minute coffee break)

- Moderator:
 - HE Idriss Jazairy, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Algeria to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- Rapporteur:
 - Mario Vega, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- Panellists:
 - Virginia Dandan, UN Independent Expert on International Solidarity
 - Jose Riera, Senior Adviser to the Director, Division of International Protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
 - Shahidul Haque, Director of the Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
 - Dr Renate Christ, Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
 - Professor Stephen Humphreys, London School of Economics
 - Maria Theresa Lauron, IBON International
 - Dr Theodor Rathgeber, German Forum Human Rights
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Session 3: Forging Stronger Cooperation between Human Rights and Climate Change Communities

10:00 am to 1:00 pm (including 10 minute coffee break)

- Moderator:
 - HE Evan P. Garcia, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- Rapporteur:
 - Omar Rabi, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- Panellists:
 - HE Iruthisham Adam, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations Office in Geneva
 - Alanna Armitage, Director Geneva, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
 - Elena Villalobos Prats, Department of Public Health and Environment, World Health Organization (WHO)
 - Daniel Taillant, Center for Human Rights and Environment (Argentina)
 - Alyssa Johl, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Coordinator of the Human Rights and Climate Change Working Group
 - Professor John Knox, Wake Forest University School of Law
 - Jasper Teulings, General Counsel, Greenpeace International (The Netherlands)

- Interactive Dialogue

Session 4: Human Rights and Climate Change: The Way Forward

3:00 pm to 4:45 pm

- Moderator:
 - Mary Robinson, Former High Commissioner of Human Rights and former President of Ireland, founder Mary Robinson Foundation Climate Justice
- Rapporteur:
 - Heba Mostafa, First Secretary, Mission of Egypt
- Panellists:
 - Md Sufiur Rahman, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh
 - Vicente Paolo Yu, Coordinator of Global Governance for Development, South Centre
 - Professor Joshua Cooper, University of Hawai'i, Director of Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights, Climate Project Fellow and presenter for Al Gore
 - David Azoulay, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
 - Yves Lador, Permanent Representative, Earthjustice
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Closing Session

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

- Moderator:
 - Melinda Ching Simon, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

- Presentations: Brief summaries by the Rapporteurs from Sessions 1 through 4
 - Summary Session 1: Barbara Fontana, First Secretary, Deputy Head – Human Rights Section, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office in Geneva
 - Summary Session 2: Mario Vega, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office in Geneva
 - Summary Session 3: Omar Rabi, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations Office in Geneva
 - Summary Session 4: Heba Mostafa, First Secretary, Mission of Egypt

- Closing Address:
 - Mary Robinson, former High Commissioner of Human Rights, former President of Ireland, and founder of the Mary Robinson Foundation Climate Justice