Earthjustice & CIEL, the Center for International Environmental Law

have the pleasure to invite you at an Open Workshop on

The right to know:  
when information saves lives  
facing hazardous substances and wastes

Friday 18 September 2015, 10:00 – 11:30 am
Palais des Nations, Room XVI

The UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights implications of hazardous substances and wastes, Mr. Baskut Tuncak, presents this week his report on the right to information (A/HRC/30/40) to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

This report does not only underlines the importance of information about hazardous substances and wastes. It also clarifies the normative content of the right to information relating to these matters, as well as State obligations and responsibilities of business corporations.

This Open Workshop will discuss with the Special Rapporteur the normative content of this “right to know” and its specificities in relation to the classical human rights definitions. It will also bring the perspective of workers, consumers and other concerned or affected people by the value chain of chemical substances and wastes.

With the contributions from:

- Mr. Baskut Tuncak, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights implications of hazardous substances and wastes
- Ms Maryna Yanush & Ms Vira Khoroshavina, Environmental Affairs Officers, Secretariat of the Aarhus Convention and of the Kiev Protocol
- Ms Elisabeth Ruffinengo, Health and environment advocacy & project manager, WECF - Women in Europe for a Common Future
- Mr. David Azoulay, Managing Attorney, CIEL - Center for International Environmental Law
- Mr. Andrew Smith, Legal Officer, Article 19

Moderation: Mr. Yves Lador, Earthjustice’s Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva

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(For the report, see Web page: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session30/Pages/ListReports.aspx)