2019 Geneva Forum
on climate change at the Human Rights Council
10 years after the 1st Resolution on Climate Change: Perspectives and Challenges

6 June 2019 – 9.30-18.00
Room XXII, Palais des Nations – Geneva

The 2019 Geneva Forum will seek to review the contributions of ten years of work on climate-related issues by the Human Rights Council and related processes focusing on lessons learned and opportunities for further engagement by the Council.

The Geneva Forum will cover the multiple facets of the Council’s work:
- initiatives by the HRC itself – resolutions, panel discussions, mandated reports and events,
- the work of the Special Procedures
- exchange of views and recommendations during the Universal Periodic Review.

The objective will be take stock of past experiences and offer a synthesis of the lessons learned in a manner that is complementary to initiatives that members of the Human Rights Council are taking themselves.

The Forum will be a day-long event bringing together experts and representatives of intergovernmental organisations, Permanent Missions and civil society organizations.

Speakers will include, among others, representatives from the following governments: Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Fiji, Luxembourg, Slovenia and Viet-Nam, delegates representing the Secretariat to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as members of civil society organizations and the academia.

Discussions at the Forum will:
- review the 10 years of action on climate change at the HRC,
- take stock of the achievements during this period,
- frame the HRC’s work on climate change in the context of other relevant global institutional developments,
- identify steps to move forward and increase the synergy between the work of the Council and these other processes.

If you do not have access to the UN in Geneva, registration for the event is required by Monday 3 June 2019: https://reg.unog.ch/event/29545/

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### Programme

**Venue:** Palais des Nations, UN Geneva

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| 09:00 | Accreditation and registration  
*Please remember to bring your passport and barcode with you* |
| 09:30 | **1 / Opening**  
*This session will place the Forum in the context of the urgency for climate action and the need for increased policy coherence* |
| 10:00 | **2 / Overview of 10 years of action on climate change at the HRC**  
*This session will seek to address in general terms the road taken since the first resolution dedicated to climate change, providing a historical context.* |
| 11:30 | **3 / Taking stock of the achievements of the past 10 years**  
*This session will seek to review in more details key developments and achievements of the four dimensions of the work of the Council: the annual resolutions, the Universal Periodic Review, the Council’s Special Procedures and the Advisory Committee - including lessons learned and potential opportunities related to each of these.* |
| 13:00 | **Lunch Break** |
| 14:30 | **4 / HR and CC in the global institutional landscape**  
*This session will offer an overview of key developments related to the promotion of human rights and climate change in the context of relevant global processes, including the upcoming UNSG Climate Action Summit and the UNFCCC negotiations.* |
| 16:00 | **5 / Moving forward and increasing synergies with the work of the HRC**  
*This final session will seek to consider how to further strengthen the role of the Council in this broader institutional landscape and how to improve synergies between Geneva and other key actors.* |
| 17:30 | **6 / Take away**  
*A final panel will have the opportunity to reflect on key lessons and opportunities discussed during the day.* |
| 18:00 | **Reception (in front of room XXII)** |

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