

The Right to work without toxics: Phasing out Highly Hazardous Pesticides

Tuesday 10 September - 14:00 - Room VIII, Palais des Nations

The Special Rapporteur on the impact on human rights of hazardous substances and wastes is presenting at this 42nd session of the HRC a report on the **Principles on the protection of workers from exposure to toxic substances**. Agricultural workers are concerned just as well as industrial ones by the use of pesticides. Some these are known to be highly dangerous but remain in use, exposing the health and lives of workers, their families and their environment. In this event we will look at :

- What are the Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) ?
- Why Several calls to phase them out have been already made ?
- What should the international community do to phase out HHPs
- how can human rights bodies contribute to it ?

Speakers

- **Laurent Gaberell- Public Eye**
 - HHPs and their impacts on Individuals, Communities and the Environment.
- **Layla Hugues – FIAN – Food International Action Network**
 - The violations of the rights of peasant by the use of HHPs in their daily work.
- **Giulia Carlini- CIEL – Center for International Environmental Law**
 - Which international legal steps should be taken to phase out HHPs ?
- **Baskut Tuncak – UN Special Rapporteur** on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and waste
 - How can UN human rights bodies protect peasants and workers from the deadly threat of HHPs ?

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*This event will be followed at 15:30 also in Room VIII by the event **Towards recognition of safe and healthy work as a fundamental right at work** with the Special Rapporteur.*