

Geneva Dialogues: Human Rights, Climate Change, Land and Human Mobility under the Paris Agreement

5 November 2019, Meeting Room XXI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

16:30 - 18:00



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Rationale

This event will reflect on the importance of addressing human rights in climate action, including through the implementation of the Paris Agreement. It will illustrate the importance of a rights-based approach to climate change and climate action, with a focus on two specific themes: land and human mobility.

The issue of land, human rights and climate change is currently being reviewed by the Committee on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights as the committee is finalizing the drafting of its upcoming General Comment on Land and the Covenant. In the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) recent Special Report on Land it is stressed that participatory and rights-based policies in the land sector could contribute effectively to mitigating climate change and to strengthening resilience. Therefore, a rights-based approach to land is key to ambitious climate action limiting global temperature rise to 1.5C. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas provide critical legal frameworks for a rights-based approach.

The recent IPCC special reports have confirmed the importance of anticipating climate-induced human mobility that is triggered both by extreme weather events and by slow and sudden onset events. These changes have been addressed through various institutions, including the Global Compact on Migration, the Sendai Framework, the Human Rights Council and its special procedures, the Platform on Disasters Displacement and the Task Force on Displacement established under the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss & Damage.

The upcoming Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC is expected to deliver relevant decisions related to both of these issues during their next convening. This includes the review of the Warsaw International Mechanism, the guidelines related to carbon trading mechanisms and the continuation of several work programmes relevant to the land sector.

Objectives

- To consider protection gaps and opportunities to strengthen the protection of human rights in the context of climate change in the context of land and human mobility.
- To reflect on the importance of rights-based approaches to climate change, particularly in relation to land-related issues and human mobility under the Paris Agreement.

Format

The event will take the form of a panel followed by a discussion with the audience. Some of the panellists will be invited to share key messages from the two expert roundtables convened earlier during the day through interventions to the panel. The panel will be followed by a reception.

Programme

16:30 - 18:00	<p><u>Public Dialogue</u>: Land, Human Mobility, Climate and Human Rights, Room XXI, Palais des Nations</p> <p>Facilitation: Sébastien Duyck, CIEL</p> <p>Speakers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrating the rights of indigenous peoples in climate action , Binota Moy Dhamai, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact• Promoting synergies between land and climate governance, Marcos Montoiro, UNCCD• Climate impacts and relocation: lessons from Alaska, Robin Bronen, Alaska Institute for Justice• Protecting and fulfilling the rights of persons displaced by climate change: gaps and opportunities, Tetet Lauron, Rosa Luxembourg Foundation• Addressing Loss and Damage effectively to protect communities at the frontlines of climate change, Isaiah Toroifich, ActAlliance• Integrating human rights in the national implementation of the Paris Agreement, Amanda Kron, OHCHR <p>Closing remarks: H.E. Ambassador Frank Tressler, Permanent Mission of Chili in Geneva.</p> <p>Discussion</p>
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Registration and access

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