



**Brown-bag lunch:
Water, Toxic Wastes, Climate Change -
Environment-related resolutions under the
Human Rights Council**

**Friday, 18 April 2008, 12:15 -14:00
Meeting room 2, International Environment House 1**

At its recent seventh session, the Human Rights Council adopted several resolutions and decisions related to environmental issues, including climate change and a new mandate on the access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

You are cordially invited to an informal brown-bag lunch at which legal experts will review the content of these decisions and their implication for health and environmental protection efforts.

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| 12:15 | Sandwiches and drinks |
| 12:20 | Introduction – human rights and the environment -- <i>Yves Lador, Earthjustice Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva</i> |
| 12:30 | Human rights and the illicit movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous wastes -- <i>Melissa Fernandez, Special Procedures Division, Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights</i> |
| 12:45 | Human rights and access to safe drinking water and sanitation -- <i>Claude Cahn – Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions</i> |
| 13:00 | Human rights and climate change – <i>Ambassador Abdul Ghassor Mohamed & Marc Limon, Permanent Mission of Maldives - Stephen Humphreys, International Council on Human Rights Policy - Nathalie Bernasconi, Center for International Environmental Law</i> |
| 13:30 | Discussion |
| 14:00 | End |

Sandwiches and drink provided. If you wish to attend, please send an email to fatma.gordon@unep.ch



**Environment related
issues at the Human
Rights Council**

Geneva, 18 April 2008

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Steps from the Commission...

- 1990 - 1995 (Sub-Commission) The Ksentini Report on Human Rights and the Environment - Draft Declaration
- 1995 - Special Rapporteur on illicit traffic and dumping of toxic wastes and products
- 2002 - Unep-OHCHR Expert meeting preparing the World Summit in Johannesburg
 - 2003 Resolution on Human Rights and the environment as parts of sustainable development

... to the Council

- 2006, June 19 - Creation of the Human rights Council
- 2008, March - 7th Session
 - **Resolution on Human Rights and Climate Change**
 - **Resolution on Human Rights and access to safe drinking water and sanitation**

Thank-you



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