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.

12:15  Sandwiches and drinks
12:20  Introduction – human rights and the environment -- Yves Lador, Earthjustice Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva
12:30  Human rights and the illicit movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous wastes -- Melissa Fernandez, Special Procedures Division, Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights
12:45  Human rights and access to safe drinking water and sanitation -- Claude Cahn – Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions
13:00  Human rights and climate change – 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
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
Yves Lador
Earthjustice
Steps from the Commission...

- 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