



## Invitation: Side Event – 31st session of the UN Human Rights Council “IMPLEMENTING HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT”

4 March 2016 | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Palais des Nations, Room XXIV

The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica, Maldives, Morocco, Slovenia and Switzerland and the Special Rapporteur on human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, Mr. John Knox, together with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Geneva Environment Network (GEN) have the pleasure to invite you to a side-event in the margins of the 31st session of the Human Rights Council on the implementing human rights obligations relating to the environment.

The side-event will discuss the Special Rapporteur’s report (A/HRC/31/53) on implementing human rights obligations relating to the environment which describes possible methods of implementing human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a healthy environment. The proposals are addressed to: (a) the Human Rights Council and other international organizations; (b) regional human rights bodies and other regional organizations; (c) national governments; (d) civil society organizations; and (e) the Special Rapporteur himself.

More information on the report can be found at the [Special Rapporteur’s OHCHR website](#). An unofficial summary of the report in English is separately attached.

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### PROGRAMME

#### Welcome by moderator,

Ms. Shyami Puvimanasinghe, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

#### Panel discussion

Mr. John H. Knox, Special Rapporteur on human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

Ms. Barbara Fontana, Permanent Mission of Switzerland

Ms. Barbara Ruis, United Nations Environment Programme

Mr. Marc Limon, Universal Rights Group

Mr. Marcos Orellana, Center for International Environment Law

#### Question and comments

#### Closing remarks

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\* Light refreshments will be served before the side-event.

\*\* To attend this event, please [register online](#). Only participants with UN identification badges are authorized. If you don't hold a UN badge, you can [request accreditation](#) to OHCHR (two days prior to the event).