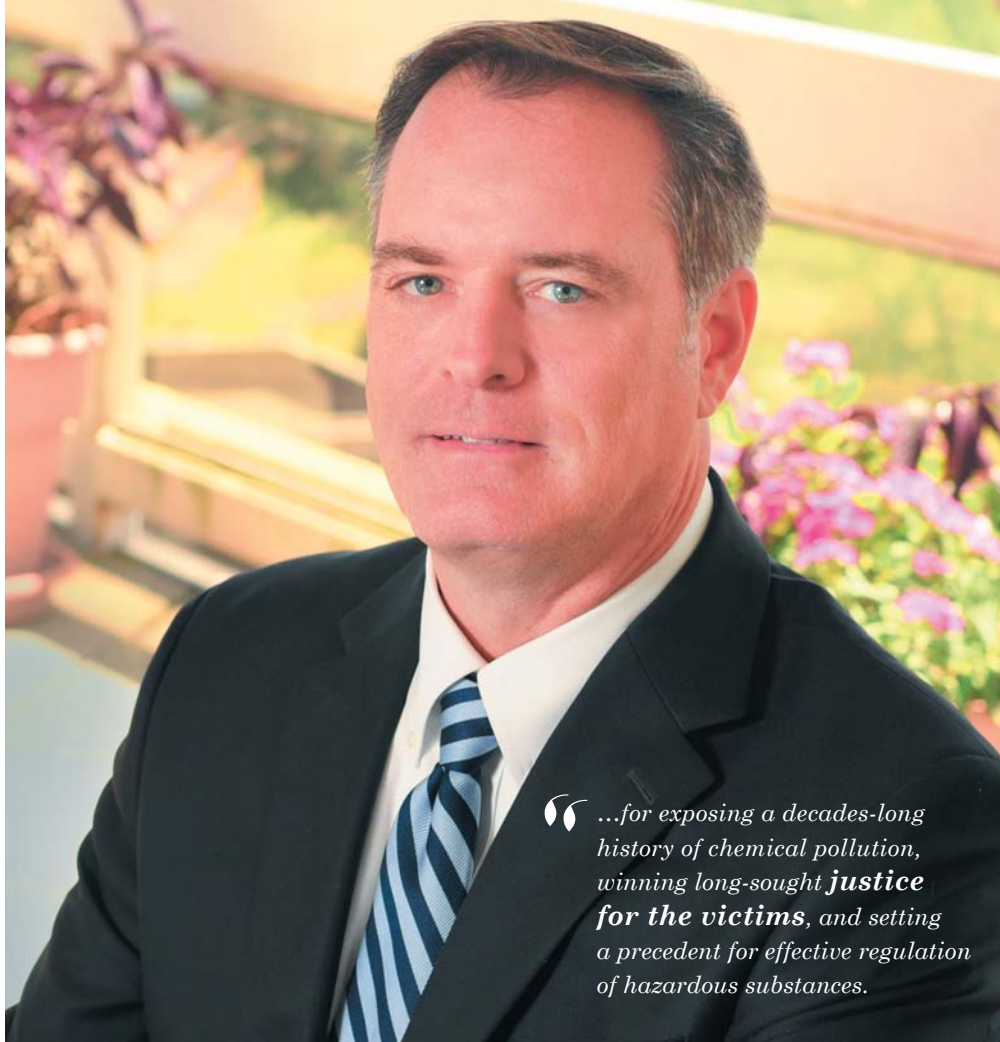




## Right Livelihood Award *Laureate*

ROBERT BILOTT (USA)



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## INVITATION

### Setting a precedent for effective regulation of hazardous substances

*Discussion with Robert Bilott, Right Livehood Award Laureate*

📅 **Thursday, 7 December 2017** ⌚ **13:00-14:00**  
📍 **International Environment House I - Room 3**

You are cordially invited to join the discussion with Robert Bilott, an environmental lawyer, Right Livehouud Award Laureate for exposing a decades-long history of chemical pollution, winning long-sought justice for the victims, and setting a precedent for effective regulation of hazardous substances. This event is organized within the frame work of the Geneva Environment Network.

In a legal battle lasting 19 years, he represented 70,000 citizens whose drinking water had been contaminated with Perfluorooctanic acid (PFOA) by the chemical giant DuPont. Expanding upon the concept of class-action litigation, he set up a 7-year toxicological study of the 70,000 victims, which contributed significantly to the scientific understanding of the global health risks associated with Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). This class of substances, which do not break down in the environment or the human body, are ubiquitous in our societies today. Bilott successfully won compensation for his clients and continues to call for better regulation of toxic substances.

#### Panel discutants:

Brenda KOEKKOEK, SAICM Secretariat

Maryna YANUSH, Aarhus Convention Secretariat, UNECE

Moderator: Juliane KRONEN, Board member, Right Livehood Award Foundation

#### Registration:

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