On October 2020, the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and environment, David Boyd, presented to the UNGA his report (A/75/161) discussing the need for urgent action to conserve, protect and restore ecosystems and the biosphere as all lives rely on them and is thus also what human rights depend on. The report was completed by an annex on good practices.

The 46th Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC46) will have the opportunity to consider the report and its recommendations as it will prepare the adoption of the Resolution on human rights and the environment.

In this event, we will discuss the elements of the report, the obligations it clarifies, and the recommendations it formulates, in view of the contribution it offers to the coming 2021 IUCN World Conservation Congress, in Marseille, and the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP15), in Kumming, as well as to the urgent green recovery from the current pandemic.

The report will be presented by the Special Rapporteur, followed by contributions from institutions dealing with this issue and a Q&A session.

The event is co-organized by the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, Earthjustice and the Geneva Environment Network, and co-sponsored by members of the HRC core group on human rights and environment. Further details at http://tiny.cc/GEN5Mar

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
• David BOYD, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and environment

SPEAKERS
• Susan GARDNER, Director, Ecosystems Division, UNEP
• Trevor SANDWITH, Director, Global Protected Areas Programme, IUCN
• Luthando DZIBA, Head of the Conservation Services, South African National Parks and Co-Chair of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP), IPBES
• Elaine GEYER-ALLELY, Deputy Leader, Governance Practice, WWF-International
• Winnie SENGWER, Defenders Coalition Kenya, Advocacy Officer

REGISTRATION
The event will take place online. Kindly register directly on the Webex platform: http://tiny.cc/GEN5MarReg