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## INVITATION

The Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights, Marcos Orellana, will present his annual thematic report to the UN Human Rights Council, dedicated to the human right to science with regard to the risks and harms associated with the life cycle of hazardous substances and wastes, examining the dynamics and interconnections between scientific progress, the diffusion of scientific information and the science-policy interface.

Science provides the international community with knowledge about the risks and harms posed by hazardous substances on human health and the environment and thus enables the elaboration of evidence-based policies to address those threats. Science-based policies protect the range of human rights that are compromised when individuals and communities are exposed to hazardous substances and waste. The creation of effective channels connecting science with policymaking is indispensable to advancing the contribution of scientific knowledge to human rights protection.

This virtual side-event to the 48th Session of the Human Right Council, is convened by the Special Rapporteur, within the framework of the Geneva Toxic Free Talks, with the logistical support of the Geneva Environment Network. The event is co-sponsored by Uruguay, Switzerland, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Center for International Environmental Law and Earthjustice.

More information available at <http://tiny.cc/HRC48Science>

## SPEAKERS *(by order of intervention)*

**H.E. Amb. Álvaro MOERZINGER** | Permanent Representative of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to UN Geneva

**Felix WERTLI** | Head, Global Affairs Section, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment

**Marcos ORELLANA** | UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights

**Laura N. VANDENBERG** | Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs and Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Sarojani RENGAM** | Executive Director at Pesticide Action Network Asia Pacific

**Monika GAIL MACDEVETTE** | Chief, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP

## REGISTRATION

The event will take place online. Kindly register directly on the Webex platform at <http://tiny.cc/HRC48SciReg>

