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## INVITATION

You are cordially invited to attend a virtual side event to the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs MOPP4), co-organized by Earthjustice, the Geneva Environment Network (GEN) and the UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights, on 14 October 2021, from 13:00 to 14:30 CEST.

In view of MOPP4, a survey was launched in March 2020 to gather experiences among the Protocol's Parties and interested stakeholders on the Protocol's implementation. In its outcome, it appears that the Protocol does provide a solid framework and that, moreover, being a global treaty, it establishes common standards that promote comparability of information on pollutant release and transfer between countries. By making publicly available good quality data on pollutant releases from point and diffuse sources PRTRs facilitate countries' efforts to reduce pollution. Yet, it appears also that in the public remains a general low awareness of PRTR, of the Protocol and of their strengths. It's also noted that if PRTRs are designed to give a picture of significant releases and waste transfers they might not be comprehensive enough for some specific activities or pollutants.

The panel will discuss what are the challenges one can face in his or her environment, in terms of toxic or hazardous substances and how can PRTR be an instrument for the right to know and the right to science.

Additional Information available at [tiny.cc/PRTRsRight2Know](https://tiny.cc/PRTRsRight2Know)

## AGENDA

### Welcome

### Panel Discussion

Marcos ORELLANA, UN Special Rapporteur on the impact on human rights of hazardous substances and wastes  
Yves LADOR, Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Earthjustice  
Amélie TAOUFIQ-CAILLIAU, Legal Officer, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm Conventions  
Christian SCHAIBLE, Policy Manager for Industrial Production, European Environment Bureau (EEB)

### Q&A

### Closing

## REGISTRATION

The briefing will take place online. Kindly register directly on the Webex platform: [tiny.cc/PRTRsReg](https://tiny.cc/PRTRsReg)