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# PROGRAM

Taking place on the sidelines of the 51st session of the Human Rights Council, the Toxic Free Talks will be celebrating 25 years of the mandate and the struggle for the right to live in a toxic free environment.

## 21 September | 25 years of Struggle to be Free from Toxic Threat

- 13:30-15:00 | Rights Holders facing Toxic Threats
- 16:00-17:00 | In the Palais des Nations – HRC51 side event on the SR Report on Mercury
- 18:15-19:45 | The Right not to be Exposed, a Contribution to a Toxic Free Planet
- 20:00-21:00 | Reception for the 25 years of the mandate on toxics and human rights

## 22 September | Repairing Toxic Damages

- 13:30-15:00 | Getting Rid of Toxics: The Nonpolluting Alternatives
- 15:30-17:00 | The Challenge of Warfare and War Zones' Toxicity



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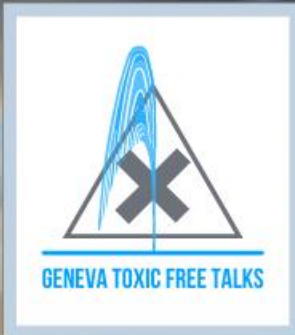
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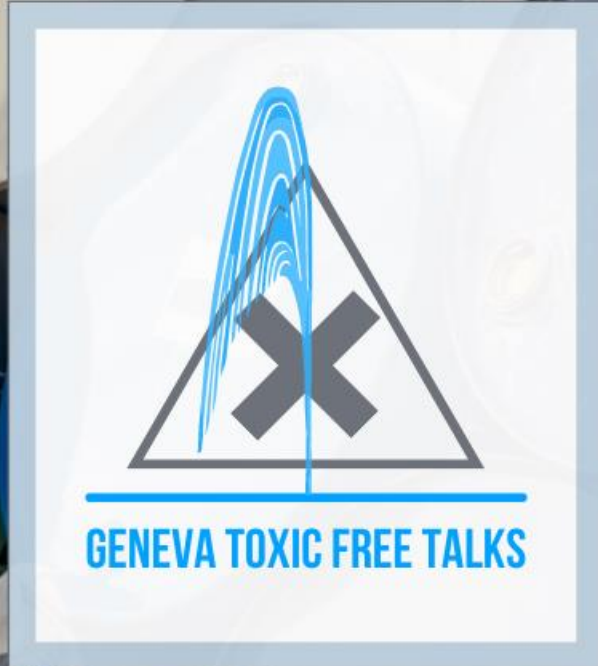
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## CONFERENCE

### High Level Briefing on the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference | 30 Years of Achievements

23 SEP 2022 12:45 - 14:00

Palais des Nations | Room XVII & Online | Webex

Czech Republic, UNECE, GEN

 SDG17



## CONFERENCE

### HRC51 Side Event | The Defenders of the Planet: Good Practices to Support Environmental Human Rights Defenders across the World

05 OCT 2022 09:00 - 10:00

Palais des Nations | Room XXV & Online  
UNEP, URG, OHCHR, GEN

 Health and Environment



## CONFERENCE

### Briefing on the World Wildlife Conference | 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES

18 OCT 2022 09:30 - 11:00

International Environment House II & Online | Webex  
CITES, GEN

 Nature  
 SDG14 | SDG15



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