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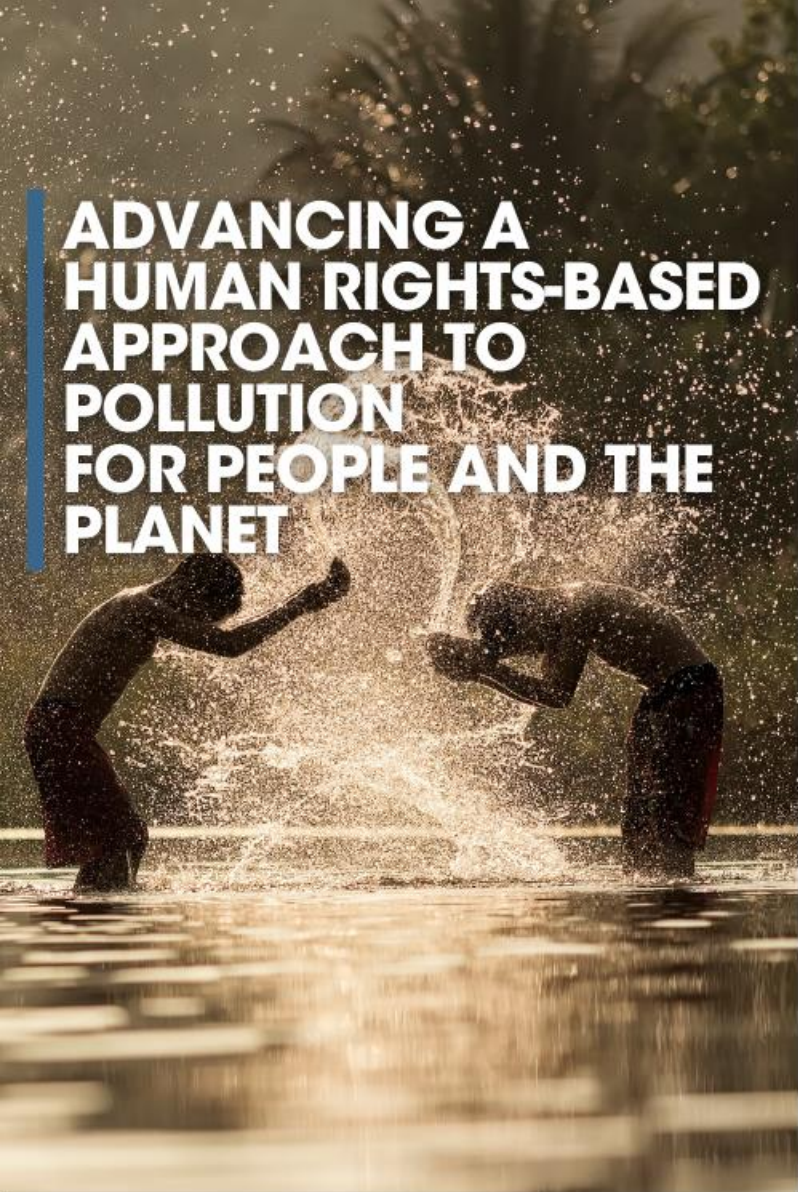
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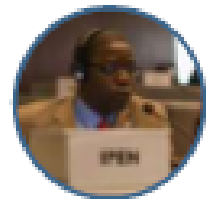


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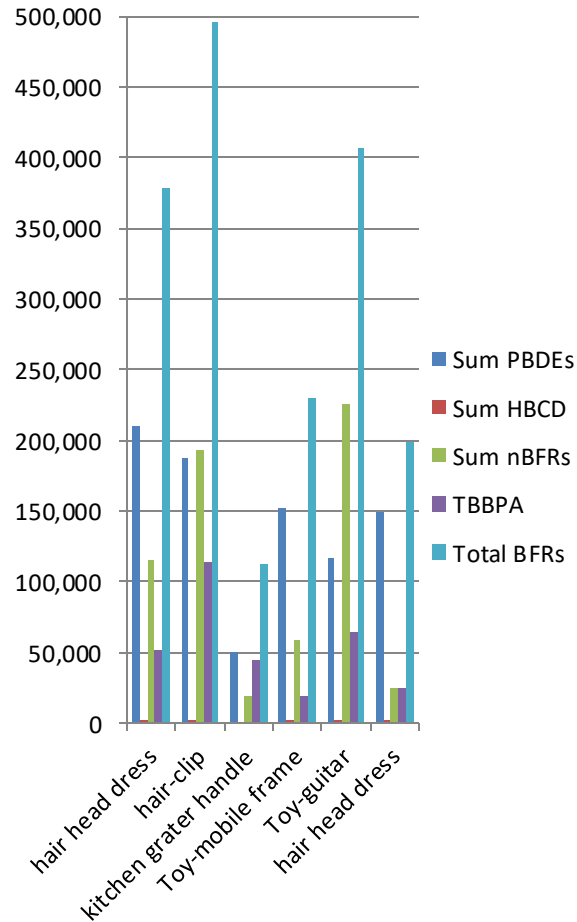
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HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT ARE INTRINSICALLY RELATED

- 1. A clean, healthy and sustainable environment is essential in the enjoyment of our human rights;**
- 2. Polluted, hazardous and otherwise unhealthy environments potentially violate our human rights**

ENJOYMENT OF CLEAN, HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT



Total of 47 plastic products



- ✓ Children's toys
- ✓ Hair accessories
- ✓ Office supplies
- ✓ Kitchen utensils



STRENGTHENED MEAS/BRS CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION IS URGED TO COMBAT THE POLLUTION CRISIS

State obligations (*States must refrain from interfering with or limiting the enjoyment of human rights by individuals and groups against human rights abuses by promoting full efficient and effective implementation of MEAs/BRS Conventions*)

Corporate responsibilities (*Corporate business to avoid causing or contributing to negative human rights impacts through the business' own activities and address such impacts when they occur = Respect the measures put in place by states- legislatives and practical – to implement MEAs/BRS Conventions*)

Mainstream good practices in all sectors and by all in order to ensuring a non-toxic environment by preventing/avoiding pollution, eliminating the use of toxic substances and rehabilitating contaminated sites (**BC TGs = tools to promote good practices**)

We shall claim our right to be protected from AVOIDABLE exposure to toxic chemicals, toxic waste, or facing the negative of climate change. MEAs implementation monitoring and effectiveness evaluation should be included in the countries' human right report

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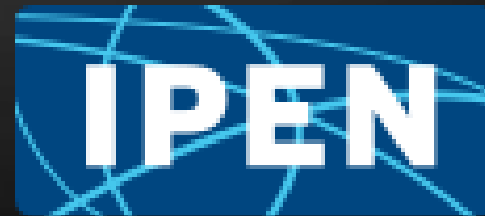
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Human Rights-Based Approach

A way of conceptualizing and implementing policies, programs, and practices that prioritize the promotion and protection of human rights. It is grounded in the principles of universality, equity, accountability, and participation, and seeks to ensure that all people, regardless of their background, are able to live lives that are free from discrimination and oppression

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FOCUS POINTS

- ❖ Plastic pollution
- ❖ Toxic chemicals
- ❖ Mercury containing waste

PLASTIC POLLUTION

- Each year, over 300 million metric tons of plastic are created where only 9 percent of plastic ever produced has been recycled, while the remaining plastic waste is dumped, landfilled, incinerated, or litters the environment
- Access to a clean and healthy environment is a fundamental human right. Plastic pollution can have significant negative effects on the environment and human health, particularly in communities that are already vulnerable because of poverty, discrimination, or marginalization.
- Human right-based approach:
 - Education and awareness-raising
 - Participation and empowerment
 - Non-discrimination and equity
 - Accountability and transparency
 - Regulation and enforcement
 - Create awareness about the myth of recycling



TOXIC CHEMICALS

- A human rights-based approach to toxic chemicals emphasizes the importance of protecting and promoting the human rights of individuals and communities affected by the production, use, and disposal of toxic chemicals. This approach recognizes that the right to a healthy environment is a fundamental human right and that individuals and communities have the right to participate in decisions that affect their health and environment.
- The key points in the approach are:
 - The right to know and take part
 - The precautionary principles
 - The polluter's pay principle



MERCURY CONTAINING WASTE

- Mercury-containing waste refers to any type of waste that contains mercury, a toxic heavy metal that can cause serious health and environmental problems if it is not properly disposed of. This waste can come from a variety of sources, including medical facilities, laboratories, industries that use mercury in their manufacturing processes, and households.
- Human right-based approaches:
 - Interactive dialogue
 - Implementation of mercury concentration threshold for products
 - Prohibit the use and trade of mercury in small-scale mining
 - Train employees on safe handling procedures and equipment



PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

- ✓ Strengthen environmental laws and regulations
- ✓ Implementing environmental regulations
- ✓ Increasing public awareness and participation
- ✓ Holding polluters accountable
- ✓ Providing access to justice
- ✓ Ensure access to information



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BRS, Minamata Convention on Mercury, CITES, InforMEA, GEN

- 🌐 Chemicals and Pollution
- 🌐 SDG17



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Abuse of Article 11 to escape the Basel Convention's Plastics Amendments | BRS COPS 2023 Side Event

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CICG | Room 3 & Online | YouTube
Basel Action Network, CIEL

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WHAT'S NEXT?

 genevaenvironmentnetwork.org



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Innovating and Unlocking Finance for Nature-based Solutions

11 MAY 2023 16:00 - 17:30
Palais des Nations | Room XXIV & Online
EU, IUCN, GEN

-  Green Economy | Nature
-  SDG8 | SDG9




2023 Geneva Dialogues on Human Rights and Climate Change

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17 MAY 2023 14:00 - 18:00
Palais des Nations, Room XXII & Online |
Webex
OHCHR, CIEL, Earthjustice, FES,
Luxembourg

-  Human Rights and Environment



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World Environment Day Celebration | Multilateral Solutions to End Plastic Pollution

05 JUN 2023 11:00 - 13:30
International Environment House II
(Chemin de Balexert 7-9, Châtelaine)

-  Chemicals and Pollution | Plastics
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