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# MAKING HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRAL IN THE CHEMICALS AND WASTE DISCUSSIONS

**20 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 13:15 - 14:45 CEST | PALAIS DES NATIONS, ROOM H.307-1 & ONLINE**

# Making Human Rights Central in the Chemicals and Waste Discussions



## INVITATION

You are cordially invited to this session of the **Geneva Toxic Free Talks**, “**Making Human Rights Central in the Chemicals and Waste Discussions**”, taking place on the sidelines of the **54th session of the Human Rights Council**.

Various important international environmental negotiations taking place in 2023 in Geneva and beyond, are addressing chemicals, wastes and pollution, bringing developments in international law on toxic substances and pollution.

The Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions held their last meetings of the Conference of the Parties in Geneva in May 2023. The 5th International Conference on Chemical Management (ICCM 5) will take place in Bonn at the end of September 2023. The 5th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention will take place in November 2023, in Geneva, while the negotiations for a future treaty on plastics will held its third session in Nairobi in November 2023, and the future science-policy platform on toxic substances and pollution will be discussed at a meeting to be held in Jordan, in December 2023. In all these discussions human rights have a central role to play, as the *raison d'être* of these instruments and institutions is to protect humans and their natural environment.

At this session of this year’s **Geneva Toxic Free Talks**, panelists will discuss steps that have been taken on discussing and integrating human rights into ongoing negotiations, and will explore how these can be further strengthened in ongoing and future discussions.

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## REGISTRATION

The event will take place in a hybrid format, in Room H.307-1 at Palais des Nations and online. Participants attending in person can register through **Indico**. The event will be livestreamed on **Webex**.

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## SPEAKERS

By order of intervention.



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Deputy Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and International Organizations in Geneva



**Marcos ORELLANA**



UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights



**David OGDEN**



Deputy Executive Secretary (OiC), Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions



**Brenda KOEKKOEK**



Programme Management Specialist, Plastic Pollution INC Secretariat



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Programme Management Officer, Minamata Convention Secretariat



**Therese KARLSSON**



Science and Technical Advisor, IPEN



**Ana Paula DE SOUZA**



Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights



**Diana RIZZOLIO**



Coordinator, Geneva Environment Network | Moderator

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