INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

8 February 2024 | 10:00 - 11:00 CET | IEH1 & Online

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Events

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- Deadline for side events applications (NGOs)
  - 22 January 2024 | 12:00 CET

- Organizational meeting for the 55th session of the Human Rights Council
  - 12 February 2024 | 10:00 - 18:00 CET | Palais des Nations, Room XX & Online

- Opening of the session and Oral update by the High Commissioner
  - 26 February 2024 | 9:00 - 12:00 CET | Palais des Nations, Room XX & Online

- Side Event with SR on human rights and the environment
  - 5 March 2024 | TBC | Palais des Nations, Room XX & Online

- Interactive Dialogue with SR on the right to food
  - 6 March 2024 | 15:00 - 16:00 CET | Palais des Nations, Room XX & Online

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H.E. Leila BENALI

The Kingdom of Morocco as President of UNEA-6
Joint civil society letter calling to ensure live online modalities of participation for UN human rights bodies and mechanisms

Over 200 organizations sent a joint letter to UN Representatives calling on them to ensure live online modalities of participation for UN human rights bodies and mechanisms in light of concerns regarding access and participation of civil society in these spaces.
TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- Throughout the event, you may raise your questions in the Q&A box
- Automatically translated subtitles in many languages are available through the captions button on the bottom left of your screen
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SPEAKERS

By order of intervention.

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Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment

The United Nations General Assembly’s historic decision in July 2022 to recognize that everyone has the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment has placed this landmark recognition at the forefront of the human rights agenda, following the same recognition by the Human Rights Council in October 2021. Not only is this a catalyst for accelerated action to tackle the triple planetary crisis, but it also places our attention on people and communities in vulnerable situations.

The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is the usual main environmental theme of the Council’s March sessions, with the Special Rapporteur’s annual Report to the Council

Report | Business enterprises, planetary boundaries and the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment

Scientific evidence that humanity is exceeding planetary boundaries calls for an urgent rethinking of the business and economic paradigms that have pushed civilization to the brink of disaster.

Presenting his annual report to the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/43) on the magnitude of ongoing business contributions to the planetary crisis, the UN Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment evaluates the inadequacies of voluntary normative frameworks for ensuring that businesses respect human rights and clarifies State obligations to protect the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment from harms caused by businesses.
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World Wildlife Day 2024
04 MAR 2024 14:30 – 16:00
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Launch and Panel Discussion | Climate Impacts of Plastics: Global Actions to Stem Climate Change and End Plastic Pollution
20 MAR 2024 14:00 – 15:30
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