



## HUMAN RIGHTS IN AZERBAIJAN AHEAD OF UNFCCC COP29

MARCH 21  
16:00-17:00 CET

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### SPEAKERS

- Dr. David R. Boyd - UN SR on human rights and environment (by video)
- Emin Huseynov - human rights defender, IHR
- Natalia Nozadze - Amnesty International's South Caucasus Researcher (by video)
- Arif Mammadov - former Ambassador of Azerbaijan to EU and the Council of Europe

**In light of the upcoming UNFCCC COP 29 and its focus on environmental sustainability, it is imperative to shed light on the human rights violations occurring in Azerbaijan, particularly in relation to the exploitation of oil and gas resources.**

Building upon the findings outlined in the report A/HRC/55/43 by Dr. David R. Boyd, we wish to underscore the significance of responsible and conscientious business practices, particularly in the context of extensive oil and gas production in the Caspian Sea region.

During the side event, we will also discuss the suppression of environmental activism in Azerbaijan, emphasizing the significance of investigative environmental journalism.

The side event will outline human rights concerns in regard to safe participation in COP29.

This side event aims to foster a nuanced understanding of the interplay between governance, economic factors, and human rights in Azerbaijan.

By promoting dialogue and cooperation, it seeks to identify opportunities for enhancing human rights protections while supporting the common sustainable development goals

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