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GA Side Event “A human rights-based approach to climate change”

Convened by the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, the Government of Paraguay and the Government of The Bahamas

20 October 2022, 12:30-14:30

United Nations Secretariat, Conference Room 6 (and online)

Climate change is negatively impacting the full and effective enjoyment of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments. At the same time, human rights obligations, standards and principles have the potential to inform and strengthen international, regional and national policymaking in the area of climate change, thereby promoting policy coherence, legitimacy and sustainable outcomes.

This side event brings together seven UN Special Rapporteurs. Six of them will present their thematic reports focusing on climate change, while the Special Rapporteur on climate change will act as chair and moderator.

Objectives

- Present salient points from the thematic reports of six UN Special Rapporteurs, demonstrating how the climate crisis intersects and interacts with the realization of fundamental human rights and how it affects persons with different identities and vulnerabilities differently
- Shed light on the adverse effects of climate change on a wide array of human rights, and explore how to adopt a human rights-based approach to policymaking in the area of climate change
- Provide recommendations to inform the upcoming 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) which will take place in Egypt in November 2022

RSVP by Monday 17 October 2022 if UN access badge is required, or to attend online, to: hrc-sr-climatechange@un.org

Panelists

Ms. Reem Alsalem

*Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences
(online)*

Ms. Siobhan Mullally

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

Mr. Felipe González Morales

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

Ms. Tendayi Achiume

Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (prerecorded message)

Mr. David Boyd

Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

Mr. Balakrishnan Rajagopal

Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context (online)

Q and A session

Closing remarks

Mr. Ian Fry

Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change