



## Side Event

### The Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment: Consensus Building on its Scope and Links with Other Human Rights

**5 March 2024  
14.30-15.30  
Room XXVII, Palais des Nations**

On 18 October 2021, at its 48th session, the UN Human Rights Council took the landmark step of recognizing the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment (HR2HE). Less than a year later, on 28 July 2022, the UN General Assembly adopted its resolution 76/300, confirming by consensus a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right. The text of the resolution calls on countries to work together, and with other partners, to implement the breakthrough.

While it is clear that the General Assembly's recognition of the HR2HE is a win in and of itself, emphasis should now be put on building consensus on its content and scope.

At this side event to the HRC 55th session, the organizers invite States, NGOs, international organizations and human rights experts to discuss the scope of the HR2HE and its links with other human rights. Panelists will highlight differences and similarities in the approaches to the HR2HE at national, regional and international levels, and they will discuss how these approaches influence the content and scope of the HR2HE and correlated states obligations, in the spirit of seeking a common understanding. They will also discuss how the main elements of the HR2HE and correlative states obligations are based on the key components of other human rights.

At this occasion, a publication on this topic will be presented by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

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| 14.30 – 14.35 | <b>Welcoming Remarks</b><br><br>H. E. Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva   |
| 14.35 – 15.25 | <b>Panel discussion</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof. David R. Boyd, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment</li><li>• Natalia Kobylarz, Senior Lawyer, Registrar of the European Court on Human Rights</li><li>• Sébastien Duyck, Senior Attorney, Human Rights and Climate Campaign Manager, CIEL</li><li>• Dr. Baïna Ubushieva, Associate Research Fellow, Geneva Academy</li></ul> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Christophe Golay, Senior Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy</i></p> |
| 15.25-15.30   | <b>Closing remarks</b><br><br>H.E. Ambassador Dr. Smiljana Knez, Ambassador for Climate Diplomacy, Republic of Slovenia   |

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