



The Geneva Climate Change Concertation Group (GeCCco) and the Geneva Interfaith Forum on Climate Change and Human Rights (GIF), and further NGOs concerned about the impact of climate change on human rights, cordially invite you to a side event to the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the HRC

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS: THE WAY FORWARD IN THE HRC

FRIDAY 6 MARCH, 1.00 – 3.00 PM; ROOM XXVII, PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

While the direct impact of climate change on human rights is obvious, so are the potentially negative impacts of mitigation and adaptation measures directly planned and designed in response to climate change. However, safeguards within the UNFCCC system to sufficiently protect those who are most vulnerable remain underdeveloped.

Within the HRC, various debates revolve around the following issues: Where are the lines between moral and legal obligations? How do human rights obligations relate to UNFCCC principles, such as the Principle of Inter-generational Equity and the Principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities? What are the implications of extra-territorial human rights obligations with respect to climate change? To address these questions many NGOs called for the creation of a new Special Procedure mandate on climate change and human rights at the 2010 Social Forum of the HRC. How could such a mandate make a useful contribution to safeguarding the climate and promoting and protecting human rights? This side event will provide a space to explore this approach and other areas of action for the HRC.

## SPEAKERS

- ❖ **OPENING REMARKS BY HRC PRESIDENT, AMBASSADOR JOACHIM RÜCKER**
- ❖ **PELENISE ALOFA**, National Coordinator, Kiribati Climate Action Network and Coordinator, EU Global Climate Change Alliance (University of the South Pacific)
- ❖ **ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ OSUNA**, Legal advisor, Climate Change Program, AIDA, Mexico
- ❖ **VALERIANE BERNARD**, Brahma Kumaris
- ❖ **RICHARD PEARSHOUSE**, Human Rights Watch
- ❖ **NICO SCHRIJVER**, Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Professor of Public International Law, Leiden University

## MODERATION

- ❖ **FELIX KIRCHMEIER**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Geneva

🍷 Sandwiches and light refreshments will be served 🍷

**NB:** valid UN accreditation for the HRC session is needed to attend the event. Please notify the organizers should you need accreditation to access the Palais des Nations via [neberle@fes-geneva.org](mailto:neberle@fes-geneva.org)