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# CLIMATE CHANGE: ONE OF THE GREATEST HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME

**THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2015 (HUMAN RIGHTS DAY)**

**HALL 4, OBSERVER ROOM 12**

**11:30 – 13:00**

The severe impacts of climate change are an issue of justice and inequality for those experiencing them. These impacts — and responses taken to address them — threaten internationally recognized human rights. In light of these threats, the Paris Agreement must take steps to protect these rights. This side event thus lends support for the core human rights language in the operative text of the agreement. Each of the panelists will be providing a unique perspective on why human rights protections are critically needed.

## **WELCOME**

- ❖ **FANNY PETITBON**, Advocacy Manager, CARE France

## **SPEAKERS**

- ❖ **PATRIZIANNA SPARACINO-THIELLAY**, Ambassador for Human Rights of France
- ❖ **MARY ROBINSON**, President of Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice
- ❖ **JOHN KNOX**, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment
- ❖ **ADRIANA MURILLO**, Human Rights, Gender and Climate Change Specialist, Costa Rican Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ❖ **URSULA RAKOVA**, Executive Director of Tulele Peisa

## **RESPONDENT**

- ❖ **CRAIG MOKHIBER**, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

## **MODERATION**

- ❖ **YVES LADOR**, Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva, Earthjustice
- ❖ **ALYSSA JOHL**, Senior Attorney, Center for International Environmental Law

**NB:** a valid UNFCCC accreditation badge for the second week is needed to attend the event