



Human Rights and Pollution: Advancing Pollution Controls through a Rights-based Approach

Monday, 4 December 2017, 13h30 – 15h00 (Conference Room 14, Upper Concourse, United Nations Office, Nairobi)

A side event to the 3rd Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly

Co-sponsored by

The Government of Costa Rica, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)

This side event will examine the human rights harms caused by all forms of pollution and the corresponding human rights obligations of duty-bearers to prevent and remedy them. The event will promote effective action to prevent and remedy pollution-related human rights harms and preserve a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment for current and future generations.

Invited Speakers and Program:

- **Opening Remarks:**
 - **Honourable Minister Edgar Gutierrez** (President of the UN Environment Assembly and Minister of Environment – Costa Rica)
- **Panel Discussion among invited Ministers and Expert Panelists and High-Level Representatives from UN Organizations and other relevant stakeholders¹ including:**
 - **Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema** (Director, Law Division, UN Environment)
 - **Professor John H. Knox** (Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment)
 - **Ms. Sarojeni Rengam** (Pesticide Action Network Asia Pacific)



¹ The following have been invited to speak on the panel (subject to confirmation): **Minister Sergio Bergman** (Ministry of Environment, Argentina), **Ms. Patricia Espinosa** (Executive Secretary, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change), and **Mr. Bjorn Beeler** (IPEN).