The Environmental Rights Initiative is a coalition of state and non-state actors united to promote, protect, and respect environmental rights.

The Initiative is managed by UN Environment at its headquarters in Nairobi and implemented globally through offices in Bangkok, Geneva, New York and Panama.

A GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR ACTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS

UN Environment uses the Initiative to support the work of its partners on research, legal and technical support, implementation tools and practices, and capacity-building activities on environmental rights.

Benefits of joining the Environmental Rights Initiative

A. Gain access to organisations and institutions working on environmental rights
B. Access UN sister agencies and inter-governmental processes
C. Gain assistance securing UN Environment accreditation
D. Engage with an international network of environmental rights organisations with peer-to-peer learning and knowledge-sharing

JOIN US!

Do you provide legal and policy advice and guidance on environmental human rights matters?
Do you work with or identify as an environmental defender?
Do you provide public interest litigation/pro bono legal services?
Are you a National Human Rights Institution?
Are you an environmental civil society organization?
Are you a journalist or editor?
Are you a business?
None of the above, but interested in learning more and contributing to the realization of environmental rights?
IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL
YOU CAN SUPPORT US BY:

A Pledging your support for the promotion, protection and fulfilment of environmental rights
B Reporting violations of environmental rights to your local environmental authority

IF YOU ARE A UNIVERSITY OR RESEARCH INSTITUTION
YOU CAN SUPPORT US BY:

A Undertaking research on environmental rights
B Developing trends analyses
C Developing model law provisions
D Publishing research on environmental rights
E Developing implementation tools and practices on environmental rights

IF YOU ARE A MEDIA ORGANIZATION OR JOURNALIST
YOU CAN SUPPORT US BY:

A Implementing media trainings with us on environmental rights
B Integrating our environmental rights curricula, including data, stories and testimonials into your media training
C Raising awareness of the plight of environmental defenders worldwide
D Sharing stories with us on environmental defenders and environmental rights violations
E Informing us of upcoming activities and existing campaigns on environmental rights

IF YOU ARE A LAW FIRM OR LAWYER
YOU CAN SUPPORT US BY:

A Joining our database of national pro bono legal services providers and public interest law clinics
B Finding out about networks of environmental defenders in your region

IF YOU ARE A GOVERNMENT OR FOUNDATION
YOU CAN SUPPORT US BY:

A Helping us to produce guidelines and other useful material to help governments better fulfill environmental rights obligations
B Funding our Initiative or specific activities within the Initiative
C Sharing your resources on environmental rights with the world through the Initiative
D Sponsoring our partners’ interventions

IF YOU ARE A BUSINESS, DEVELOPMENT BANK OR A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
YOU CAN SUPPORT US BY:

A Pledging to respect the environmental rights of individuals and communities
B Sponsoring media trainings on environmental rights and other regional and international events on environmental rights
C Sponsoring environmental defenders seeking justice for the violations of their rights
D Using your influence to promote the importance of environmental rights to other businesses
E Helping us to produce useful materials for businesses on how to realise their environmental rights responsibilities

IF YOU ARE A CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION
YOU CAN SUPPORT US BY:

A Engaging us in projects on the ground
B Building awareness on environmental rights in local communities
C Advising us on our approaches, organizational policies and guidelines to help us formulate effective strategies on environmental rights