



# “Sustainable Development, Climate Change and the Right to Health”

A side event to the 2nd United Nations Environment Assembly

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1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Conference Room 1, Lower Concourse  
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The Preamble to the newly signed Paris Agreement reflects a global consensus that all human rights, particularly the right to health, must be respected in actions to combat climate change. Furthermore, advocacy and recent reports by OHCHR, CIEL, UNICEF and UNEP suggest that rights-based climate action is the only way to ensure sustainable development that guarantees the enjoyment of all human rights by all. Highlighting relevant work of their organizations, panel discussants will focus on:

- ✚ The implications of the human rights language in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change
- ✚ The elements and benefits of a rights-based approach to sustainable development
- ✚ Next steps to promote sustainable and inclusive climate action that benefits and is accountable to all people, particularly those living in vulnerable situations.

An interactive dialogue will follow the panel presentations.

## Programme

**Moderator: Mr. Marcos Orellana**, Director of the Human Rights & Environment Program at the Centre for International Environmental Law.

**Ms. Elizabeth Mrema**, Director, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP.

**Mr. Benjamin Schachter**, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR.

**Mr. Alex Heikens**, Senior Adviser, Climate and Environment, UNICEF.

**Ms. Milka Chepkorir**, Sengwer Community, Kenya.

For more information about these subjects please see: OHCHR’s analytical study, *Climate Change and Enjoyment of the Right to Health* (A/HRC/32/23); UNICEF’s publication, *Unless we Act Now: the Impact of Climate Change on our Children*; and UNEP’s publication, *Climate Change and Human Rights*.