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

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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 stakeholders\(^1\) 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).