# ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS:

## CHALLENGES, PERSPECTIVES AND THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

## **PROGRAMME**

Allocution by Guest of Honor

Ms. Nathalie Fontanet, State Councillor, Republic and Canton of Geneva

Moderator

**Dr. Umesh Palwankar**, Executive Director, Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue

Welcome remarks

Ambassador [retd] Ghazi Jomaa, Chairman of the Board of Management, Geneva Centre

### **OPENING STATEMENTS**

**H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fuentes Julio**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the UN in Geneva

**H.E. Mrs. Clara Manuela da Luz Delgado Jesus**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Cabo Verde to the UN in Geneva

**H.E Ms. Lubna Qassim Albastaki,** Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the UN in Geneva

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

Mr. Todd Howland, Chief of Branch, Development, Economic and Social Issues, OHCHR

**Dr. Ian Fry**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the context of Climate Change

PANEL 1: PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND ENSURING GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION

PANEL 2: CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE: INTEGRATING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS INTO CLIMATE ACTION

**Dr. David Boyd**, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Environment. (pre-recorded video message)

**Dr. Octavian Bivol**, Deputy Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, UNICEF

**Prof. Liliana Andonova**, Professor of Political Science and International Relations and Academic Co-Director, Center for International Environmental Studies at IHEID

**Ms. Saher Rashid Baig**, Representative of the Child Rights Working Group of the UNFCCC Children and Youth Constituency

**Ms. Nahla Haidar El Addal**, Member of the CEDAW and ICJ Commissioner

A voice for children

**Ms. Licypriya Kangujam**, Young Environmental Activist and Founder of The Child Movement, India

**Ms. Gina Cortès Valderrama**, co-Focal Point of the UNFCCC Women and Gender Constituency

PANEL 3: TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN RECONCILING PURSUIT OF LIVELIHOODS WITH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND SAFEGUARDING NATURAL RESOURCES

**Mr. José Francisco Cali Tzay**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (pre-recorded video message)

**Dr. Pasang Dolma Sherpa**, Executive Director, Center for Indigenous Peoples' Research & Development (CIPRED)

**Dr. Handaine Mohamed,** President, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordination Committee (IPACC)







