

International Conference on **Climate inequality, human rights and sustainable development**

21 November 2025
Room VII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

9:30 Registration

10:00-11:00 High Level Opening Session

Moderators: Prof Surya Deva, Special Rapporteur on the right to development and Dr Umesh Palwankar, Strategic Advisor, Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue

H.E. Sumbue Antas

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations Office in Geneva

H.E. Claudia Fuentes-Julio

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations Office in Geneva

H.E. Patricia Ann Hermanns

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the United Nations Office in Geneva

Ms Agi Veres, Director, United Nations Development Programme, Geneva

Mr Dimiter Chalev, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR

Ms Chantelle Khan, Commissioner, Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission, Fiji

Ms Camilla Noel, Executive Committee Member, Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Session 1 - Addressing adverse impacts on selected socio-economic rights
<i>Moderator:</i> Ana Maria Suarez Franco, Secretary General, FIAN International TBC
Mr Igor Gryshko , Human Rights Officer, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Section, OHCHR
Mr David Wilgenbus , Executive Director, Office for Climate Education (Online)
Dr Corinne Momal-Vanian , Executive Director, Kofi Annan Foundation
Ms Preeti Saran , Chair, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Video)
Ms Marianna Leite , Director of Programs, Center for Economic and Social Rights
Prof Jernej Letnar Črnič , Professor of Constitutional and Human Rights Law, New University, Slovenia
13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:30 Session 2 - Responding to differentiated and disproportionate impacts
<i>Moderator:</i> Dr Chitralekha Marie Massey, Chief, The Rights of Older Persons Section, OHCHR
Ms Hannah Wu , Chief, Women's Rights and Gender Section, OHCHR
Mr Sébastien Duyck , Senior Attorney, Center for International Environmental Law
Mr Abdulhadi Achakzai , Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Environmental Protection, Training and Development Organization, Afghanistan TBC
Prof Aoife Nolan , Professor and Director of the Human Rights Law Centre, School of Law, University of Nottingham (Online)
Ms Junecynthia Okelo , Economic Governance Officer, Pan African Lawyers Union (Online) TBC
Prof David Boyd , Professor, University of British Columbia; former Special Rapporteur on the right to the environment (Video)
15:30- 17:00 Session 3 - Right to development as a pathway to overcome climate inequality
<i>Moderator:</i> Dr Fabrice Cregut, Executive Director, Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue
Ms Shyami Puvimanasinghe , Human Rights Officer, Right to Development Section, OHCHR
Mr Sean O'Connell , Global Focal Point on Environmental Justice, United Nations Development Programme

Prof Miloon Kothari , Visiting Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; former Special Rapporteur on housing
Prof Surya Deva , Special Rapporteur on the right to development
17:00 Closing remarks