



Climate change and human rights

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▶ Paris Agreement

- ▶ Preamble “Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, **respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights**, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as **gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity**”



Efforts of integrating human rights in climate actions

- ▶ OHCHR – High Commissioner
- ▶ Treaty bodies
- ▶ Human Rights Council (HRC)
- ▶ Special Procedures
- ▶ Universal Periodic Review




Climate change, human rights and gender

- ▶ Human Rights Committee
 - ▶ General comment No. 36 - right to life
- ▶ Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
 - ▶ General recommendation No. 27 - Older women and protection of their human rights
 - ▶ General recommendation No. 37 - On Gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change
- ▶ HRC resolutions on climate change
 - ▶ Resolution 38/4 (June 2018)
 - ▶ HRC panel on gender at the 42nd session
 - ▶ A study on the integration of a gender-responsive approach into climate action for the full and effective enjoyment of the rights of women



Climate change and older persons

- ▶ Human rights of older persons
 - ▶ Ms. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte, the first Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
 - ▶ Open-ended Working Group on Ageing for the purpose of strengthening the protection human rights of older persons
 - ▶ Treaty on older persons?



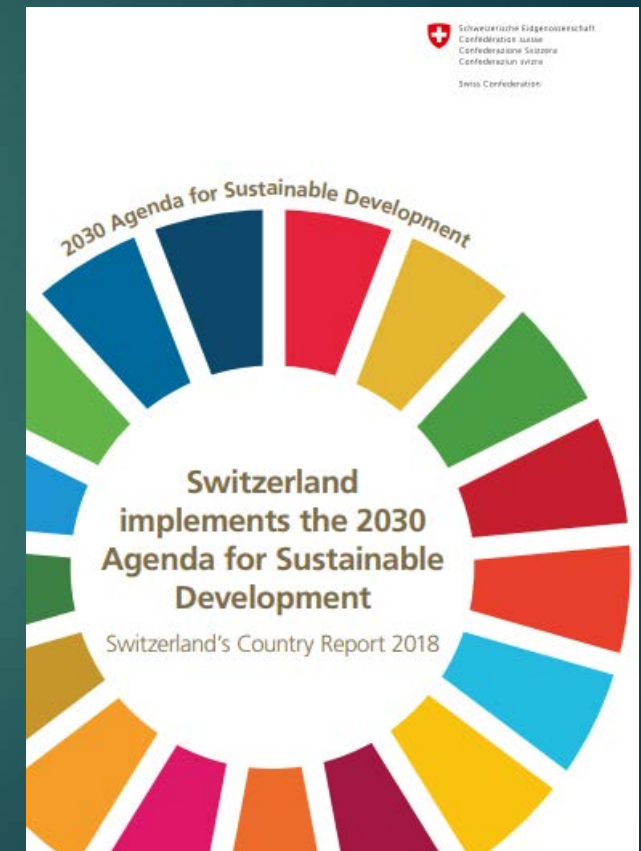
9th working session
**Open-Ended Working Group
on Ageing**

23-26 July 2018, Conference Room 4
United Nations Headquarters, New York

social.un.org/ageing-working-group
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@UNAgeing

Climate change and SDGs

- ▶ Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts




Switzerland

- ▶ Core group
 - ▶ HRC resolution on human rights and the environment
- ▶ Geneva Pledge
- ▶ Party to human rights treaties
- ▶ SDGs



Resolutions on human rights and the environment

Symbol	Languages
HRC resolution 37/8	E F S A C R
HRC resolution 34/20	E F S A C R
HRC resolution 31/8	E F S A C R
HRC resolution 28/11	E F S A C R
HRC resolution 25/21	E F S A C R
HRC resolution 19/10	EFSACR



The Post-Paris agenda: bridging human rights, climate change and the environment

Concept Note¹

Dialogue on the sidelines of the 22nd Conference of the Parties
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
Marrakech

Date:
Thursday, 17 November 2016
From: 12:30h to 14:00h (TBC)
Blue Zone, Bab Ighil site (or the green zone)

Organizers:
Signatories of the Geneva Pledge

General Objective:

To present the Geneva Pledge to a wider community within the UNFCCC and to initiate a dialogue on how the Paris Accord Preamble can be linked to specific mechanisms and domestic actions within the UNFCCC framework.

Building on the post-Paris Agreement preamble², Agenda 2030 and the Human Rights Council resolutions on human rights, climate change and environment respectively, we the signatories of the Geneva Pledge, come together at COP22 to identify opportunities to collaborate on both agendas at the international policy level and to promote concrete actions to further develop these links at the domestic level.

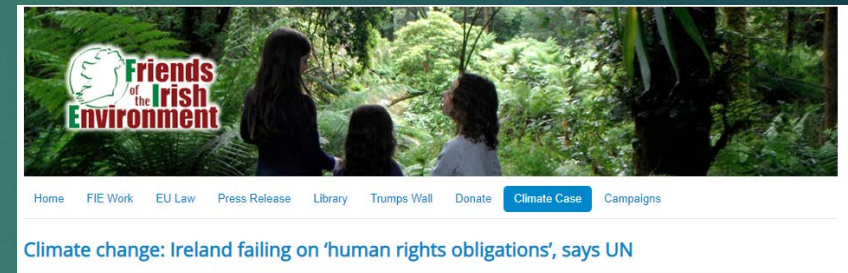
Kindly co-hosted by UNFCCC Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa, the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Geneva Pledge Country signatories, we hereby convey climate change and human rights experts, and other interested stakeholders to:

¹ This document has been enriched with the views and work of UNFCCC, OHCHR, Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment, among others
² The Paris Accord states that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights.

Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment



- ▶ Framework Principles
- ▶ Climate change report
- ▶ IPCC report press release
- ▶ Expert statement - climate change litigation
- ▶ Country visit to Fiji
- ▶ Right to a healthy and sustainable environment?



How Fiji is Impacted by Climate Change



Merci beaucoup