



Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Center for International Environmental Law, Earthjustice and WaterLex cordially invite you to a parallel event to the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the UN HRC on

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2011, 1.00 – 3.00 PM**

**GENEVA, PALAIS DES NATIONS, ROOM XXIV**

The impact of climate change on the enjoyment of human rights is now well established as reflected in both Council resolutions and conclusions of the last Social Forum.

The Maldives UPR as well as some submissions from the United States of America's UPR also demonstrate that these impacts are already being felt on the ground. As the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is currently insufficient to fully address those impacts, the Council has a responsibility to act.

In this side event we want to take stock of current developments under the UNFCCC from a human rights perspective and debate what will be necessary in achieving greater coherence between both processes.

Might the establishment of a Special Procedure on Climate Change and Human Rights be a promising avenue? Could such a procedure consolidate the voices of the human rights system, clarify legal issues and undertake fact finding missions into concrete violations?

### Panelists

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| ❖ <i>Ahmed Irfan</i>                 | Maldivian Democracy Network                |
| ❖ <i>Joshua Cooper</i>               | Oceania HR / University of Hawaii          |
| ❖ <i>Alyssa Johl</i>                 | Center for International Environmental Law |
| ❖ <i>Yves Lador</i>                  | Earthjustice                               |
| ❖ <i>Maria Francisca Ize-Charrin</i> | WaterLex                                   |

### Moderation

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| ❖ <i>Felix Kirchmeier</i> | Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung |
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☞ Sandwiches and light refreshments will be provided ☞

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