

# Informal Consultation on Human Rights and Climate Change

**Monday, 18 May, Hotel Epsom, Rue de Richemont 18, Geneva**

Implications of climate change on the enjoyment of human rights are an issue of growing importance. With a study prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (A/HRC/10/61) and various debates and side events during the 10th session of the Human Rights Council, this topic has arrived at the center of interest of the human rights community.

Given the prominent role of CESCR in the defense and promotion of human rights, the Committee can be a crucial player in elaborating on the implications of the climate change and human rights linkage.

In this Consultation, we would like to contribute to the evolving thinking of ways to address climate change-related human rights concerns. In particular, we would like to explore ways in which the climate change & human rights linkage could inform and deepen the dialog with State Parties. Further, we would like to explore how the Committee could promote human rights in the climate debate, which until now has not been very attentive to human rights concerns.

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- 18:15 **Welcome / Purpose of the meeting**  
*Türkan Karakurt (FES-Geneva), Dyebo Shabalala (CIEL)*
- 18:30 **Presentation of the links between Human Rights and Climate Change**  
*Ulrik Halsteen (OHCHR), Marcos Orellana (CIEL)*
- 18:50 **Introduction of an analysis of the Committee's previous work on Climate Change**  
*Felix Kirchmeier (FES-Geneva)*
- 19:00 **Discussion on the role of the CESCR**  
Opened by *Virginia Bras-Gomes (CESCR)*

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20:15 **Dinner, Continuation of the discussion**

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