



Center for International Environmental Law



Program

Expert Meeting on Human Rights and Climate Change

Château de Bossey, Geneva, Switzerland

22-24 January 2009

Thursday, January 22, 2009

17:00 **Leave Geneva** for conference center (participants are also free to go to the conference center on their own).

18:00 **Arrival** at conference center

19:00 ***Introduction and Welcome to the Expert Meeting***
Türkan Karakurt (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung)
Daniel B. Magraw (Center for International Environmental Law)

19:30 **Welcome Dinner**

Friday, January 23, 2009

8:00 – 9:00

Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 **Welcome: Daniel Magraw and Türkan Karakurt**

Background on the ongoing process under Human Rights Council Resolution on Human Rights and Climate Change (HRC 7/23) –

OHCHR

HRC 7/23 calls on the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to conduct a study on the relationship between climate change and the full enjoyment of human rights. The results of the study together with a summary of the Council debate will be sent to the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC for their consideration (as part of the Bali Process).

Introduction and objectives of the Meeting – Daniel Magraw, CIEL

The expert discussions will be based on a discussion paper prepared by the organizers, which sets out approaches how the linkages between climate change and human rights might be made operational or institutionalized and how human rights aspects could be mainstreamed into the Copenhagen conference.

Self-introduction of the participants

DISCUSSION OF APPROACHES HOW TO OPERATIONALIZE HUMAN RIGHTS – CLIMATE CHANGE LINKAGES

Moderation: Daniel Magraw

10:00 – 11:00 **Introduction and discussion of approaches 1-2 of discussion paper**

The Human Rights Council establishes a special procedure on CC&HRs.

Existing special procedures address the implications of climate change for their mandates.

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee / Tea Break

11:15 – 13.00 **Continuation of discussion of approach 2, if necessary;
Introduction and discussion of approaches 3-4 of discussion paper**

The Human Rights Council remains directly engaged on CC&HRs in ways other than special procedures.

The UNFCCC Conference of the Parties uses a new or existing specialized body or process tasked with operationalizing the CC&HRs linkage.

13:00 – 14:00 **Buffet Lunch**

14:00 – 16:00 **Continuation of discussion of approach 4, if necessary;
Introduction and discussion of approaches 5-6 of discussion paper**

Existing human rights treaty and other bodies engage the CC&HRs linkage within their mandates.

The UN General Assembly or another competent body requests an Advisory Opinion from the International Court of Justice regarding specific aspects of the CC&HRs linkage.

16:00 – 16:15 **Coffee / Tea Break**

16:15 – 17.15 **Continuation of discussion of approach 6, if necessary;
Introduction and discussion of approach 7 of discussion paper**

The international community creates a new international agreement addressing the CC&HRs linkage.

17.15 – 18.00 **Consideration of Multiple Approaches and Final Observations**

19:30 **Dinner**

Saturday, January 24, 2009

8:00 – 9:00

Breakfast

REVIEW OF REVISED DISCUSSION PAPER

Moderator: Daniel Magraw

9:00 – 12:00 Participants will review a revised discussion paper based on the discussions that took place on the previous day. The organizers will then prepare a final report based on the revised paper and the discussion. The report will be made public and forwarded to countries for possible use with respect to the Council debate relating to Resolution HRC7/23 in March 2009.

12:00 – 13:30

Buffet Lunch

14:00

Return to Geneva