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The Geneva Climate Change Concertation Group (GeCCco) and further NGOs concerned about the impact of climate change on human rights cordially invite you to a side event to the 31st session of the HRC

After Paris: Continuing the conversation on climate change and the right to health **3 March 2016, 17:00 - 18:30, Palais des Nation, Room XXIV**

Climate change degrades air quality, reduces food security, and compromises water supplies and sanitation. Experts predict that, by 2030, climate change will be causing an additional 250,000 deaths each year from malaria, diarrhoeal disease, heat stress, and undernutrition alone. The heaviest burden will fall on children, women, and the poor, widening already unacceptable gaps in health outcomes.

The Paris agreement at COP21 represents a milestone in recognizing the health impacts of climate change. The Agreement contains explicit references to health which include a reference to the “right to health” in the preamble, while the “co-benefits” of climate mitigation for “adaptation, health and sustainable development” are also recognized.

This side event follows the High Level Panel Discussion on climate change and the right to health and the presentation of the reports by the Special Rapporteur on the environment to the Council in the morning and aims to outline civil society perspectives. The impacts of climate change on the right to health, human rights obligations by state parties to effectively regulate pollutive industries as well as public health policies will be addressed.

Speakers

- ❖ John Knox, Special Rapporteur on human rights and environment
- ❖ Palash Mondal, CARE Bangladesh - Impacts climate change on community health
- ❖ Yves Lador, Earthjustice – climate change impact on public health policies
- ❖ Budi Tjahjono, Franciscans International – Impact on communities

Moderation

- ❖ Hannah Peters, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Geneva Office

Light refreshments will be served from 16:30

NB: valid UN accreditation for the HRC session is needed to attend the event.