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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 30th session of the HRC

From Geneva to Paris: One voice on rights for a just climate agreement

24 September 2015 – 10:00 - 11:30, Palais des Nation, Room XXIII

In its last Resolution on climate change the HRC has “expressed concerns that climate change has contributed to the increase of both sudden-onset natural disasters and slow on-set events, and that these events have adverse effects on the full enjoyment of all human rights”. Climate change is more and more likely to constitute one of the greatest human rights challenge of the century. The outcome of the UNFCCC 21 in Paris can vitally contribute to the response to this challenge. Incorporating an effective human rights dimension in the universal and legally binding Agreement under negotiation at COP21 in Paris is thus of crucial importance.

This side event will offer an opportunity to hear the joint call of constituencies of the civil society to include strong and effective human rights language in the Agreement in Paris and views of the States leading the UNFCCC process.

Opening remarks: H.E. Ambassador Rücker, President of the UN Human Rights Council and Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva

One voice on rights:

- ❖ Gender and climate change - Sascha Gabizon (Women in Europe for a Common Future) (tbc)
- ❖ Rights of Indigenous Peoples - Ghazali Ohorella (International Indian Treaty Council)
- ❖ Call for a Just Transition - ITUC (tbc)
- ❖ Threat on Food security - OXFAM (tbc)
- ❖ The call of Faith based organisations - Valériane Bernard, Geneva Interfaith Forum
- ❖ For a coherent rights base approach - Katarina Rall (Human Rights Watch) (tbc)

Current state of the negotiations: Sébastien Duyck, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

State parties to the COP on the way to Paris:

- ❖ Mission of Peru, Chair of COP20 in Lima, current Chair of the UNFCCC
- ❖ Mission of France, Up-Coming Chair of COP21 in Paris (tbc)
- ❖ Mission of Morocco, Up-Coming Chair of COP22 in Marrakesh (tbc)
- ❖ Mission of the Philippines, Chair of the Climate Vulnerability Forum (tbc)

Closing remarks: Mary Robinson, Former High Commissioner for Human Rights (tbc)

Moderation: Yves Lador, Earthjustice

NB: valid UN accreditation for the HRC session is needed to attend the event. Please notify the organizers before the 21st September, should you need accreditation to access the Palais des Nations via neberle@fes-geneva.org