

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
 SECOND ANNUAL FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
 Panama City, Panamá, 26-28 de september 2023

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER	
PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES	
Time: 8:00 am-7:45 pm	
8:00-17:45	Registration and badge collection
8:00-13:45	Open preparatory meeting of the public Room: Great Room 1 (in-person participation) Coordinators: Elected representatives of the public
13:45-14:30	Pause
14:30-15:30	Open meeting of the ad hoc Working Group on human rights defenders in environmental matters Room: Great Room 1 (In-person participation with live web streaming) Coordinators: Secretariat of the Escazu Agreement (ECLAC)
15:30-17:30	Open meeting: “Introduction to the work of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance”. Room: Great Room 1 (In-person participation with live web streaming) Coordinators: Presidency of the Committee
17:30-17:45	Pause
17:45-19:45	Documentary “The Illusion of Abundance” Room: Great Room 1 (In-person participation) Coordinators: Plataforma Regional de Defensoras y Defensores de la Tierra and el Territorio y International Land Coalition (ILC)

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WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER	
FIRST SESSION OF THE FORUM	
Time: 8:30 am – 17:30 pm (in-person participation with live web streaming)	
Room: Great Room 1	
8:00-13:30//14:30-17:30	Registration and badge collection
8:30-9:00	<p>FORUM OPENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Carlos de Miguel, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC • Mr. Marcelo Cousillas, Director of the Legal Department of the Ministry of Environment of Uruguay, Presidency of the Presiding Officers of the Escazú Agreement. • Ms. Nicole Leotaud, Elected representative of the public of the Escazu Agreement • Ms. Ana Patricia Graça, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Panama • Mr. Milciades Concepción, Minister of Environment of Panama
9:00-11:00	<p>PANEL 1. <i>Defending freedom of expression and participation for sustainable development: new challenges and risks faced by human rights defenders on environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Sara Nuero, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p><i>Opening remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Xavier Mena, Deputy Regional Representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in South America: “Sustainable development and freedom of expression: why voice matters”. Remarks on the Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lady Nancy Zuluaga Jaramillo, Business and Human Rights Centre. Presentation of the Report on Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (SLAPPs) in Latin America and the Caribbean. <p><i>Round table of testimonies and cases:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Carlos Baraona, Chile, Presentation of the case BARAONA BRAY VS. CHILE (ICHR). • Mr. Javier Mamani, environmental human rights defender from Apurimac, Perú. • Mr. José Marcelo Galicia, community journalist, Radio La Vos de Mi Gente and member of the Association of Community Radio Broadcasters of El Salvador. • Ms. Theresa Rodriguez-Moodie, Jamaica Environment Trust (JET), Jamaica. • Ms. Akilah Jaramogi, Fondes Amandes Community Reforestation Project (FACRP)Trinidad & Tobago.
11:00-11:30	Pause
11:30-13:30	<p>PANEL 2: Lessons and challenges in the implementation of initiatives and mechanisms for the promotion, prevention and protection of the rights of individuals, groups and organizations that promote and defend human rights in environmental matters.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Andrea Brusco, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p> <p><i>Round of presentations</i></p> <p><i>1. International and regional initiatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Fernanda Hopenhaym, Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises. • Mr. Darío Mejia, President, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). • Mr. Matteo Banti, Head of Regional Cooperation with Central America and Cooperation with Costa Rica and Panama, European Union Delegation. • Ms. Soraya Marie Claire Senosier, Inter-American Development Bank, Sector Social Specialist, Environmental and Social Solutions Unit. • Mr. Junior Nicacio Wapichana, Conselho Indígena de Roraima no Brasil. • Ms. Cecilia Alemany, UN Women deputy regional director for the Americas and the Caribbean.

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	<p><i>2. Initiatives of the legislative and judicial powers and institutions for the protection of human rights in LAC:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Janelle Chanona, Vice-President of Oceana and NGO Senator, Belice, Parliamentarians for Global Action, PGA. • Mr. Eduardo Leblanc, Ombudsman of Panama, Representative of the Network of National Human Rights Institutions (RIDHNCA). • Ms. Alejandra Rabasa, Head of the General Unit of Scientific Knowledge and Human Rights, Supreme Court of Mexico. <p><i>Round of questions and answers with the panelists</i></p>
13:30-14:30	Pause
14:30-15:45	<p>PANEL 3: The Escazú Agreement as a Framework for Action: Towards a Regional Action Plan on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Carlos de Miguel, ECLAC</p> <p><i>Opening remarks:</i> <i>Presentation of the progress made in the preparation of the Action Plan proposal.</i> Representatives of the Coordinating Countries of the Working Group on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Constance Nalegach, Head of International Relations, Ministry of Environment of Chile. • Mr. Juan Diego Stacey Chiriboga, Minister, Department of Environment and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador. <p><i>Round of comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Maureen Hyman, Senator and Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Legal Affairs, Government of Antigua and Barbuda, Vice chair of the Presiding Officers of the Escazu Agreement. • Ms. Joara Marchezini, Elected representative of the public of the Escazú Agreement, Brazil. • Mr. César Artiga, Elected representative of the public of the Escazú Agreement, El Salvador. • Mr. Mariano Castro, Director, Unidos por los Bosques de la FCDS-Perú. <p><i>Dialogue with participants of the public</i></p>
15:45-16:00	Pause

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PANEL 4: National implementation plans and the fulfillment of Article 9 of the Escazú Agreement

Moderator: Andrea Sanhueza, ECLAC

Introduction by the Secretariat of the Escazú Agreement. Carlos de Miguel, ECLAC.

Presentations:

- Ms. Fernanda Ruano, Advisor at the Secretariat for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina.
- Ms. Constance Nalegach, Head of International Relations, Ministry of Environment of Chile.
- Mr. Holger Zambrano (to be confirmed), Director of Environmental and Water Information, Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition of Ecuador.
- Ms. María Fernanda Cámara, Director for the Green Agenda, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico.
- Ms. Kate Wilson, Legal Affairs Officer, Department of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender and Sustainable Development of Saint Lucia.
- Mr. Marcelo Cousillas, Director Legal Area, Ministry of Environment of Uruguay.

Open dialogue with participants

Closing of the day

16:00-17:30

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THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER SECOND SESSION OF THE FORUM			
Time: 8:30 – 17:30 HORAS			
8:30-9:15	BREAKOUT GROUPS FOR THE ELABORATION OF THE REGIONAL ACTION PLAN Room: Great Room 1 (in-person participation with live web streaming)		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>General introduction on the objectives and methodology of the breakout groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Barrio, Secretariat of the Escazú Agreement, ECLAC. • Ms. Andrea Sanhueza, Secretariat of the Escazu Agreement, ECLAC. 		
9:15-9:30	Transfer to breakout group rooms		
9:30-11:00	Breakout groups		
Breakout Group 1 (In-person and virtual participation) " Generation of knowledge". Moderator: Mr. Ignacio Roncaglolo, OHCHR. Rapporteur: Irene Murillo, Elected Representative of the Public.	Breakout group 2 (virtual) "Recognition" Moderator: Jessica Young, UNDP. Rapporteur: César Artiga, Elected Representative of the Public.	Breakout group 3 (In-person and virtual participation) “Capacity building, national implementation support and cooperation" Moderator: Andrea Sanhueza, ECLAC.	Breakout group 4 (in-person and virtual) "Follow-up and review of the regional action plan". Moderator: María Candela Zaffiro, UNEP Rapporteur: Joara Marchezini, Elected Representative of the Public

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		Rapporteur: Nicole Leotaud, Elected representative of the public.	
11:00-11:30	Pause		
11:30-13:30	Continuation of breakout groups		
13:30-14:30	Pause		
14:30-15:45	Plenary (in-person with live web streaming) Room: Great Room 1 Moderator: CEPAL <i>Presentation of breakout groups reports</i> <i>Next steps</i>		
15:45-16:00	Pause		
16:00-17:00	Closing (in-person with live web streaming) Room: Great Room 1 <i>Keynote speaker (tbc)</i> <i>Final remarks:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of the Government of Panama • Representative of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights • Representantive of the UNEP • Representative of the UNDP • Mr. Bastián Pastén, Senior Attorney, Environmental and International Law Unit, World Bank. • Mr. David Barrio, Secretariat of the Escazu Agreement, ECLAC 		