

## AGENDA

### FIRST ANNUAL FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Quito, Ecuador, 22-23 November 2022



#### Tuesday, 22 November (DAY 1)

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm (in person and webcasting)

9:00-9:30 am (30')	<p><b>Opening ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. José Antonio Dávalos Hernández, Vice-Minister of Environment of Ecuador</li> <li>• Ms. Lena Savelli, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Ecuador</li> <li>• Mr. Derionne Edmeade, Saint Kitts and Nevis, coordinating country of the Ad hoc working group on human rights defenders in environmental matters of the Escazú Agreement</li> <li>• Ms. Irene Murillo, Representative of the public of the Escazú Agreement</li> <li>• Mr. Joseluis Samaniego, Director, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC</li> </ul>
10'	<p><b>Background and objectives of the Forum: Secretariat of the Escazú Agreement</b></p>
9:40-10:40 am (60')	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PANEL 1: The situation of human rights defenders in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean</b> Moderator: Ignacio Roncagliolo, Human Rights Advisor, OHCHR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presentation: Environmental human rights defenders in Latin America and the Caribbean in a global context</i> Mr. David Boyd, United Nations Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment (virtual) Ms. Mary Lawlor, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (video)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Round table of testimonies from defenders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Bernardo Caal, q'eqqchí people's leader, teacher and defender of rivers, Guatemala</li> <li>• Ms. Neidinha Cardoso, Kaninde de Defesa Etnoambiental de Rondonia, Brazil</li> <li>• Ms. Elvira Jossa, indigenous leader, Asociación de pensamientos ancestrales 'Oh Corey', Putumayo, Colombia</li> <li>• Mr. Víctor Zambrano, President of the Management Committee of the Tambopata National Reserve and owner of the Private Conservation Area Refugio K'erenda Homet, Madre de Dios, Peru</li> <li>• Ms. Raquel Zapién, Director and founder of Son Playas, Mexico</li> <li>• Ms. Alyssa White, Caribbean Youth Environment Network, Barbados</li> </ul>
<p><i>Break</i></p>	

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11 am-1:30 pm  
(150')

#### **PANEL 2: Experiences and good practices in the promotion, prevention and protection of environmental human rights defenders**

Moderator: Ms. Abi Márquez, Mexico Office, UNEP

##### *National experiences*

- Mr. Ramón Barrios, Chair of the Legislation and Constitutional Affairs Commission, Congress of Honduras
- Mr. Ángel González, Director of Human Rights Policies and Management, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Peru
- Ms. Eliane Moreira, Public Prosecutor of the State of Pará, Brazil
- Ms. Lucila Taboada, Head of Environment and Sustainable Development, Federal Ombudsoffice, Argentina
- Ms. Damaris Vargas, Judge of the Supreme Court, Costa Rica

##### Discussion with participants

Moderator: Ms. María Candela Zaffiro, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNEP

##### *Regional and global experiences*

- Ms. Isabelle Boittin, Head of Secretariat, ProtectDefenders, EU human rights defenders mechanism (virtual)
- Mr. Bastián Pastén, Senior Counsel, International and Environmental Law Unit, Legal Vice Presidency, World Bank
- Ms. Francisca Stuardo, Advisor, Land and environmental defenders, Global Witness (virtual)
- Ms. Luisa Magdalena González, parliamentarian from Ecuador, Parliamentarians for Global Action
- Mr. Joel Hernández, Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and Justice Operators, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (virtual)
- Ms. Sonia Sánchez, Mesoamerican Initiative of Women human rights defenders
- Ms. Fernanda Hopenhaym, Chairperson, United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights (virtual)
- Ms. Flavia Scabin, Professor and researcher, Fundação Getulio Vargas - FGV, Legal clinics alliance
- Mr. Osvaldo Lapuente, Programme Officer, Ford Foundation (virtual)
- Ms. Irma Pineda, member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (virtual)

##### Discussion with participants

*Break*

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3-5pm (120')	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PANEL 3: The Escazú Agreement as a framework for action</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator: Mr. Carlos de Miguel, Head, Policies for Sustainable Development Unit, ECLAC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Counsellor Walter Schmeling Schuldt Espinel, Director, Environment and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador, coordinating country of the Ad hoc working group on human rights defenders in environmental matters of the Escazú Agreement</li><li>• Ms. Joara Marchezini, Elected representative of the public for the Escazú Agreement</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Comments and expectations on the Annual Forum on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Natalie Roque, Minister, Human Rights Secretariat, Honduras</li><li>• Ms. Jean Larose, Arawak indigenous leader, Executive Director of the Amerindian Peoples Association, Guyana</li><li>• Ms. Kate Wilson, Legal Officer, Department of Sustainable Development, Saint Lucia</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Comments and expectations on the Plan of Action on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. José Ignacio Juárez, Head, Department of Civil and Political Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, México</li><li>• Mr. Nadino Calapucha, Technical coordinator of the programme for the defense of indigenous defenders, Coordinator of the Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA)</li><li>• Mr. Ángel Pedro, indigenous leader, president of Central Asháninka Río Ene, Peru</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summary of conclusions</b></p>
5pm	End of day

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### Wednesday, 23 November (DAY 2)

Time: 9am – 4pm (in person with webcasting)

9-10 am (60')	<p><b>General introduction about the objectives of the breakout groups: Secretariat of the Escazú Agreement</b></p> <p><b>Initial presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group 1: Ms. Malene Alleyne, Freedom Imaginaries, Jamaica</li> <li>Group 2: Mr. Enrique Eguren, Protection International</li> <li>Group 3: Mr. Andrés Napoli, FARN, Argentina</li> <li>Group 4: Mr. Mariano Castro, Fundación para la Conservación y Desarrollo Sostenible, Peru</li> </ul>			
Parallel breakout groups  10-11:30 am (90')	<p>Breakout group 1 <b>Safe and enabling environment (systemic and preventive approach)</b></p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p>	<p>Breakout group 2 <b>Protection measures</b></p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p>	<p>Breakout group 3 <b>Response measures and access to justice</b></p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p>	<p>Breakout group 4 <b>Cooperation and follow-up of the Plan of Action</b></p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p>
11:30 am-12 pm (30')	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
12-12:30 pm (30')	<u>Conclusions</u>	<u>Conclusions</u>	<u>Conclusions</u>	<u>Conclusions</u>
Break				
2-3:30 pm (90')	<p><b>Plenary</b></p> <p>Presentations by in person and virtual rapporteurs</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Constance Nalegach, Head, Office of International Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Chile, coordinating country of the Ad hoc Working Group on human rights defenders in environmental matters of the Escazú Agreement</p>			
3:30-4 pm (30')	<p><b>Closing ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Anabela Carlón, Yaqui indigenous lawyer, Mexico</li> <li>Ambassador Luis Ignacio Vayas Valdivieso, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador</li> <li>Francisco Xavier Mena, Deputy Regional Representative for South America, OHCHR</li> <li>Representative of UNEP</li> <li>Representative of ECLAC</li> </ul>			