

# What Human Rights at 75 means for Climate Justice Now

## A COP28 Side Event (Dubai, UAE)



Side Event Room 2  
Sunday, 3 December 2023  
13:15 - 14:45

### Speakers

#### Moderator:

- Ana Paula Souza, UN Human Rights Office

#### Opening remarks:

- RALPH REGENVANU, Minister of climate change, adaptation, meteorology and geo-hazards, energy, environment and disaster risk-management for Vanuatu
- JOSÉ MANUEL SALAZAR-XIRINACHS, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

#### Panel discussion:

- RENEE GIFT, Legal Officer, UN Environment Programme
- YESSIE MOSBY, Torres Strait 8 claimant and Masigilgal Traditional Owner
- SAGARIKA SRIRAM, Founder, Kids4abetterworld, Children's Advisory Board for CRC General Comment 26
- MWANAHAMISI SINGANO, Senior Global Policy Lead, WEDO
- HARJEET SINGH, Head of Global Political Strategy, Climate Action Network
- MANSI SHAH, Coordinator, Self Employed Women's Association
- TISHIKO KING, Climate Advocate, Our Islands Our Home

#### Closing remarks:

- MICHEL FORST, UN Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention
- EMTITHAL MAHMOUD (Emi) Poet, Activist and Goodwill Ambassador for UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency

### Organization

UNEP, UNDP, UNFPA, FAO, UNICEF, WHO, UN Women, UNECE, IOM, UNODC, ILO, ECLAC, UNHCR under the umbrella of the UN Environment Management Group Issue Management Group on human rights and environment

### Concept

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in line with findings of IPCC's 6th Assessment Report and the [Agreed Conclusions](#) of the 66th Session of the Commission on Status of Women, and in the run up to the 30th Anniversary of the ICPD, the event will explore how rights-based and gender-responsive approaches, including in climate litigation, lead to more effective and sustainable climate action. The event will highlight recent outcomes of intergovernmental processes regarding human rights and climate change. It will examine how human rights arguments are increasingly made in climate cases and empower marginalised communities, as outlined in UNEP's 2023 [Global Climate Litigation Report](#). It will focus on advancing accountability for climate action and inaction through law and policy, including at the UNFCCC.

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