Programme

21st Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHIRS21): Human Rights & Climate Change

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Host:

THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG
Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
### DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022
Location: The European Convention Center Luxembourg & online

*All times are displayed in Luxembourg time (GMT+1)*

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<td>10:15 – 10:50</td>
<td>Presentation of Background Paper</td>
<td>Keynote Address&lt;br&gt;Dr David R. BOYD&lt;br&gt;United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment&lt;br&gt;Ms Michelle BACHELET&lt;br&gt;United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights&lt;br&gt;Mr Jean ASSELBORN&lt;br&gt;Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg</td>
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<td>11:25 – 11:40</td>
<td>Conversation with European Investment Bank (EIB)</td>
<td>Moderator: Ambassador Leon FABER, Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)&lt;br&gt;Lead Rapporteur, Dr Annalisa SAVARESI, Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland (UEF)&lt;br&gt;Dr Stellina JOLLY, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University (SAU)</td>
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<td>11:40 – 13:00</td>
<td>Panel Discussion on Migration, Human Rights and Climate Change (Organised by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg)</td>
<td>Speaker(s):&lt;br&gt;• Ms Mariana RUIZ ALVARADO, Senior Social Development Specialist at the Environment, Climate and Social Office of the European Investment Bank (EIB)&lt;br&gt;• Ms Moa WESTMAN, Gender Specialist at Environment, Climate and Social Office of the European Investment Bank (EIB)&lt;br&gt;Speaker(s):&lt;br&gt;• Prof. Vitit MUNTARBHORN, Chulalongkorn University&lt;br&gt;• Dr Sara VIGIL, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)&lt;br&gt;• Maria Theresa LAURON, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung&lt;br&gt;• Mr Atle SOLBERG, Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)&lt;br&gt;Speaker(s):&lt;br&gt;• Ms Elissa JOBSON, International Crisis Group</td>
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<td>For participants in Luxembourg: Visit to the Court of Justice of the European Union</td>
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DAY 2 – THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2022
Venue: The European Convention Center Luxembourg & online

08:30 -12:00 (with two coffee breaks)

Working Group 1
Theme: Reinforcing socio-ecological resilience of communities through information and public participation
Rapporteur: Mr Sébastien DUYCK, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
Moderator: Mr Md. Ekhtekharul ISLAM, Independent University, Bangladesh

Working Group 2
Theme: Promoting the full enjoyment of human rights by all persons affected by climate change
Rapporteur: Dr Stellina JOLLY, South Asian University
Moderator: Dr Sabin BIERI, University of Bern

Working Group 3
Theme: Green, equitable and inclusive: Innovative ideas on international cooperation to address the impacts of climate change on human rights
Rapporteur: Dr Linda Yanti SULISTIAWATI, National University of Singapore
Moderator: Professor Robert HARMSEN, University of Luxembourg

Working Group 4
Theme: Taking stock of national and international human rights regimes to protect against the consequences of climate change
Rapporteur: Dr Annalisa SAVARESI, University of Eastern Finland (UEF)
Moderator: Ms Caleen C. OBIAS, Human Rights Commission of the Philippines

12:00 -13:30 Lunch & Networking

15:00 For participants in Luxembourg:
Visit to Esch-sur-Alzette, European Capital of Culture 2022

19:00 For participants in Luxembourg:
Dinner at KUFA, Esch-sur-Alzette

DAY 3 – FRIDAY, 18 MARCH 2022
Venue: The European Convention Center Luxembourg & Online

09:30 -12:30 Closing Plenary
The European Convention Center Luxembourg

Chair: Mrs Jenny PIAGET,
Head of Human Rights Diplomacy Section, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

Rapporteur: Mr Sébastien DUYCK
Theme: Reinforcing socio-ecological resilience of communities through information and public participation
– 10 min

09:30 - 10:15 Rapporteurs’ Summary on Each Workshop

Rapporteur: Dr Stellina JOLLY
Theme: Promoting the full enjoyment of human rights by all persons affected by climate change
– 10 min
Rapporteur: Dr Linda Yanti SULISTIAWATI  
Theme: Green, equitable and inclusive: Innovative ideas on international cooperation to address the impacts of climate change on human rights  
- 10 min

Rapporteur: Dr Annalisa SAVARESI  
Theme: Taking stock of national and international human rights regimes to protect against the consequences of climate change  
- 10 min

10:15 - 11:00  Q&A Session

11:00 - 11:15  Coffee Break

Closing Discussion – Human Rights and Climate Change: Defining opportunities and prospects for joint action in Asia and Europe

Moderator: Mr Rolf RING, Deputy Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute

11:15 - 12:15  Speakers:  
(7-10 min each)  
- Mr Eamon GILMORE, European Union’s Special Representative for Human Rights  
- Ms Irum AHSAN, Lawyer and environmental and climate rights specialist  
- Mr Roberto Eugenio CADIZ, Commissioner, Commission of Human Rights of the Philippines  
- Ms Marie-Claire GRAF, Swiss representative of Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC (YOUNGO)

Closing remarks on behalf of the Host:  
Ms Carole DIESCHBOURG, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development

12:15 - 12:30  Official Closing  
Closing remarks on behalf of the organisers:  
Mr Achsanul HABIB, Director for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

12:30  End of Programme

About #ASEMHIRS21

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe. It presently comprises 53 Partners: 30 European and 21 Asian countries, the European Union and the ASEAN Secretariat. ASEM addresses political, economic, social, cultural, and educational issues of common interest, in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership.

The 21st Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHIRS21) provides a platform for various stakeholders working in the area of human rights and climate change across ASEM Partner countries with the aim of contributing to a better understanding of the interplay between human rights and climate change and sharing best practices and innovative ideas for better integration of human rights in climate change policies and actions.