



## Programme

### 21<sup>st</sup> Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHRS21): Human Rights & Climate Change

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Luxembourg

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**DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022**

Location: The European Convention Center Luxembourg &amp; online

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

**Welcome Remarks****Ambassador Toru MORIKAWA**

Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

**Keynote Address****Dr David R. BOYD**

United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment

**Ms Michelle BACHELET**

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Mr Jean ASSELBORN**

Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

09:40 – 10:15

**Official Welcome**

10:15 – 10:50

**Presentation of Background Paper****Moderator:****Ambassador Leon FABER,**

Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

**Lead Rapporteur, Dr Annalisa SAVARESI,**

Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland (UEF)

**Dr Stellina JOLLY,**

Associate Professor at the Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University (SAU)

10:50 – 11:10

**Plenary discussion with audience**

11:10 – 11:25

**Coffee Break****Conversation with European Investment Bank (EIB)**

Speakers:

- **Ms Mariana RUIZ ALVARADO**, Senior Social Development Specialist at the Environment, Climate and Social Office of the European Investment Bank (EIB)
- **Ms Moa WESTMAN**, Gender Specialist at Environment, Climate and Social Office of the European Investment Bank (EIB)

11:25 -11:40

Moderator: **Professor Robert HARMSSEN**, University of Luxembourg**Panel Discussion on Migration, Human Rights and Climate Change**

(Organised by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg)

Speakers:

- **Prof. Vitit MUNTARBHORN**, Chulalongkorn University
- **Dr Sara VIGIL**, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- **Maria Theresa LAURON**, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung
- **Mr Atle SOLBERG**, Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)

11:40 – 13:00

Moderator: **Ms Elissa JOBSON**, International Crisis Group

13:00 – 14:00

**Lunch**

15:00–17:00

For participants in Luxembourg:

**Visit to the Court of Justice of the European Union**

**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

**Simultaneous Working Groups**

**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

09:30 – 10:15

**Rapporteurs' Summary on Each Workshop**

**Rapporteur:** **Mr Sébastien DUYCK**

**Theme:** *Reinforcing socio-ecological resilience of communities through information and public participation*

– 10 min

**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)

12:15 – 12:30

**Official Closing**

**Closing remarks on behalf of the Host:**

**Ms Carole DIESCHBOURG**, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development

**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 #ASEMHRS21



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ASEM addresses political, economic, social, cultural, and educational issues of common interest, in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHRS21) 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.