Respecting and Protecting Rights while Combating Climate Change

Events Schedule - May 2017 UNFCCC session

All parties to the UNFCCC have committed to a broad range of human rights obligations. Under the Paris Agreement, the parties reaffirmed that they must respect, promote and consider their respective human rights obligations when taking action to address climate change. During the following events, experts from intergovernmental organisations and civil society will share experiences on the integration of human rights to climate policies and offer practical proposals to ensure that the implementation of the Paris Agreement fully reflect State human rights commitments.

Mon. 8. May	Presidency Event: Technical Briefing on Climate Change and the Rights of
13.15-14.45	the Child

Room New York Morocco - COP-22 Presidency

Children are disproportionately impacted by climate change. This technical briefing will inform decision-makers attending the May negotiations about existing obligations related to the protection of child rights in the context of climate change.

Wed. 10 May Indigenous peoples rights: implementation gaps and the IP platform 11:30-13:00 as a first step

Foundation, Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities

Indigenous peoples' rights are increasingly being recognised and the decision of establishing an indigenous peoples' platform contributes to policy coherence and implementation of the PA preamble.

Wed. 10 May Enhanced Climate Action and Human Rights in the Land Sector 16:45-18:15 ActionAid International, Action Against Hunger (ACF), MISEREOR

Room Berlin Limiting warming to 1.5°C on the basis of equity & sustainable development

demands ambitious and equitable action in the land sector that protects food security and human rights, while and achieving real emission reductions.

Thu. 11 May Integrating human rights in climate action after Paris

13:15-14:45 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Room Berlin This side event will explore some of the critical human rights issues raised in the

context of climate change as well as key entry points for States to follow

through on their commitment to respect, promote and consider human rights when

taking climate action.

Thu. 11 May Delivering on Paris: Combating Climate Change while Protecting Rights

15:00-16:30 Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Human Rights Watch

Room Berlin This side event will discuss recommendations for developing the Paris Rule Book

in a manner that promotes human rights, gender equality, a just transition, food security, indigenous peoples' rights, public participation, and ecosystem integrity.

Fri. 12 May Child rights, climate change and climate action

13:15-14:45 UNICEF, World Vision International

Room Bonn This event will focus on practical solutions for States & other actors to implement

a child rights based approach in their climate policies and programming, increasing

the efficacy, sustainability and legitimacy of interventions.