



Conference

Business and Climate justice - What role can business play in tackling the adverse human rights impacts of climate change?

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, December 10, 2015 – Room 1, Climate Generations space, Le Bourget

Overview

Organized by the Global Compact France with the support of UNHCR, this conference provides an opportunity to discuss climate change through a human rights lens.

Thanks to a multi-stakeholder panel, participants will be able to analyze the different links between Human Rights and climate change, related challenges and opportunities, but also share examples of companies' best practices in promoting human rights while taking action on climate change.

The debate will address how climate change undermines human rights, what is the role of business, and how international organizations can support.

Agenda

Opening speech – Brice Lalonde : - 5'

- A few words about the Global Compact & Caring for Climate
- Setting the Background on Climate Change, Human Rights and Climate displaced population
- Relationships between the UN Global Compact's principles, the Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights and the challenges of climate change.

Introduction of the panel led by Mary Robinson: Panel members share their background and commitments in favor of climate justice, leadership experiences, etc. – 5'

Panel discussion: Constructive debate led by Mary Robinson around the following questions: - 45'

- How climate change undermines human rights, including the right to adequate food, water and health, and the adverse impacts of climate change on people.
- What are the challenges and risks to face while addressing these issues?
- How could we make sure companies are aware and willing to tackle these issues? E.g. sub-national/national due diligence laws.
- What are the opportunities for business to be involved? What kind of business innovations / business models could arise?
- How can international organizations and stakeholders support private sector to understand and integrate these issues?
- How to involve companies' internal & external stakeholders?
Including workers, women, children, indigenous people and disabled people, as value creators and change agents for companies.
- What are the needs for education, training and skills?

- How social responsible investment can tackle climate justice?
- How to integrate these issues into strategic business policies and operations? (risk analysis, adaptation mechanisms, crisis support programs etc.)

Interactive discussion: Open discussions among participants, challengers and panel. -30'

Closing remarks by Mary Robinson, highlighting the main conclusion messages, announcing any new ideas and commitments made during the session. -5'

Opening

Brice LALONDE, Special Advisor on Sustainable development, United Nation Global Compact

Potential Speakers

Severin	FISCHER	Head of environment and extra financial accountability	BNP Paribas
Didier	TERROLLE	Head of Sanofi's CSR Excellence Direction	SANOFI
Philippe	LECLERC	Representative in France and Monaco	UNHCR
Philip	BLOOMER	Executive Director	Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
Victoria	TAULI-CORPUZ	Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples	United Nations Commission on Human Rights

Moderator

Mary ROBINSON, President, Mary Robinson Foundation

Challengers

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Logistics :

- Please make sure you are in the room 15 minutes before the conference
- No powerpoint slides allowed

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