

COP 23 Presidency Event

Integrating human rights in climate action

Background

The Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC calls upon Parties to respect, promote and take into consideration their human rights obligations when taking climate action, explicitly recognizing that the Parties to the Paris Agreement should enhance integration of human rights in climate action. The negotiations of the Work Programme under the Paris Agreement at COP23 offer a critical opportunity to further shape long-term climate action in a way that respects, promotes and takes into consideration the rights of all persons, particularly the most vulnerable.

Objective of the event

This event aims to inform decision-makers at COP23 on the need to observe human rights obligations in the context of climate change and to highlight the human dimension of climate action. It also aims to increase support for integration of human rights considerations in the facilitative dialogue and relevant aspects of the negotiations of the guidelines for implementation of the Paris Agreement. Organized with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights.

Speakers

Representatives of UN Agencies, states, human rights mechanisms and civil society with diverse expertise related to the different elements of the human dimension of climate change referenced in the Preamble.

Logistics

The event will take place on Thursday, 16 November 2017 from 13:15 – 14:45 in Room 2 of the COP23 Bonn Zone and it is open to all conference participants. Questions about the event should be addressed to cop23presidencyevents@unfccc.int

Draft event agenda

Thursday, 16 November 2017, Bonn Zone (Room 2)

Moderator: **Ms. Kate Gilmore**, OHCHR

1:15
(5 min) **Opening**
COP 23 President and Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji,
H.E. Frank Bainimarama

1:20
(10 min) **Keynote**
President of the Marshall Islands,
H.E. Hilda Heine

1:25
(5 min) **Speech**
Senior Director for Policy and Programme Coordination, UNFCCC
Mr. Martin Frick

1:35
(60 min) **Panel discussion**
• Moderator: **Ms. Kate Gilmore**, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

Panellists:

- **H.E. Edgar Gutiérrez Espeleta**, UNEA President and Minister for Environment and Energy of Costa Rica
- **H.E. Aziz Mekouar**, Ambassador for Multilateral Negotiations, Morocco
- **Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Co-chair, International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change
- **Ms. Anabella Rosemberg**, Policy Officer, Climate and Occupational Health and Safety, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Questions and interventions from the floor (2 minutes per intervention)

2:35
(10 min) **Closing remarks**
President Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice,
Ms. Mary Robinson
