



GLION HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE

Glion Human Rights Dialogue 2022 (16-17 May 2022)

The right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment - what does it mean for States, for rights-holders and for nature?

Programme

On 16-17 May 2022, the Governments of Switzerland and Liechtenstein, supported by the Universal Rights Group, and in partnership with the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Fiji, Iceland, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mexico and Thailand, will host the 8th edition of the Glion Human Rights Dialogue designed to provide an open platform for dialogue and fresh thinking on the most pressing human rights issues of our time. The Dialogue will take place at the *Hotel Le Mirador* in Chardonne (near Vevey), Switzerland.

The title of the 2022 Glion Human Rights Dialogue ('Glion VIII') is:

'The right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment - what does it mean for States, for rights-holders and for nature?'

The Glion Human Rights Dialogue is a retreat-style event bringing together around 65 human rights practitioners and thinkers. It is designed to provide an optimal atmosphere for honest and frank exchange, and new and innovative thinking. The meeting is held under the 'Chatham House rule.'

Monday 16th May

- 11h30-13h30: Registration
- 12h30-13h30: Lunch for all participants
Room: The Patio
- 13h45-15h10: Opening plenary
(*Interpretation EN-FR provided*)
Room: Montreux



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13h45-13h50: **Opening of the session** by the Chair, H.E. Mr. Jürg LAUBER, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Switzerland

13h50-14h00: **Welcome and introductory remarks**

H.E. Simon GEISSBÜHLER, Ambassador, Head of the Peace and Human Rights Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

H.E. Kurt JÄGER, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein

14h00-14h30: **Keynote addresses: 'The right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment - what does it mean for States, for rights-holders and for nature?'**

Keynote addresses:

H.E. Michelle BACHELET, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

H.E. Federico VILLEGAS, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, President of the UN Human Rights Council

Phyllis OMIDO, Executive Director, Center for Justice Governance and Environmental Action (CJGEA)

Dr. Agnès CALLAMARD, Secretary-General of Amnesty International (TBC)

14h30-15h10: **Q&A with the speakers**

15h15-18h30: **Parallel breakout groups**
(Including short coffee break at around 16h45)



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Participants will divide into three parallel break-out groups for more in-depth interactive discussion. Each will start with a short presentation of key themes and ideas generated by the three pre-Glion policy dialogues, convened by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Fiji, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mexico and Thailand.

Each break-out group will include around 20 participants and will be chaired by a facilitator-rapporteur.

Each group will be asked to produce a short summary of key conclusions together with three 'headline' goals and six specific, precise and achievable recommendations. The summaries will be presented during the closing plenary session (morning of Tuesday 17 May) by the three facilitator-rapporteurs.

The three parallel breakout groups are:

1. What is the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment?

- a. What is the scope and content of the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment?
- b. What is the international legal meaning of a right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment?
- c. Which parts/aspects of the right to a healthy environment are included in existing, legally binding human rights guarantees?

Room: Fontainebleau

Facilitator-rapporteur: Christine LÖW, Minister, Deputy Head of the Peace and Human Rights Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Short summary of main conclusions and proposed actions from the 17 February policy dialogue hosted by the Permanent Mission of Mexico



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- Key discussants:
- H.E. Tovar DA SILVA NUNES, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Brazil
 - H.E. Katharina STASCH, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Germany
 - Prof. Charles JALLOH, Member of the UN International Law Commission
 - Prof. Elisa MORGERA, Professor of Global Environmental Law and Director of UKRI GCRF One Ocean Hub, Strathclyde University

2. What has the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment meant where it is already recognised, at national and/or regional levels?

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- a. What has existing recognition of this right meant for domestic environmental/climate laws and policies, and for securing environmental justice?
- b. What has existing recognition of this right meant for environmental and climate jurisprudence?
- c. What has it meant for the protection and empowerment of environmental human rights defenders (EHRDs)?

Room: Vevey

Facilitator-rapporteur: Christophe POIREL, Director of Human Rights, Council of Europe

Short summary of main conclusions and proposed actions from the 26 April policy dialogue hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji and the Republic of the Marshall Islands





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Key discussants: H.E. Catalina DEVANDAS AGUILAR, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica

H.E. Aurora DÍAZ-RATO REVUELTA, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Spain

Sukhgerel, Chair of Oyu Tolgoi Watch

Prof. Daniel MAGRAW, Senior Fellow and Professorial Lecturer, Foreign Policy Institute, School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), John's Hopkins University

3. What are the implications of UN recognition of the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, both nationally and internationally?

- a. What are the implications of UN recognition for member States at the national level?
- b. What are the implications of recognition for domestic civil society, especially for environmental human rights defenders (EHRDs)?
- c. What are the implications of recognition for business (e.g., how does the universal right to a healthy environment intersect with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?)
- d. What are the implications of recognition for the UN Country Teams, including in the context of delivering on the Secretary-General's 'Our Common Agenda' and his 'Call to Action' on human rights?
- e. What are the implications for the international and regional human rights instruments and mechanisms (including the Treaty Bodies and the UPR)?

Room: Chardonne 1-3

Facilitator-rapporteur: Sandra EPAL-RATJEN, International Advocacy Director, Franciscans International





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Short summary of main conclusions and proposed actions from the 27 April policy dialogue hosted by the Permanent Mission of Thailand

Key discussants: H.E. Maira Mariela MACDONAL ALVAREZ, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bolivia

Farooq ULLAH, Strategist, The B Team

Todd HOWLAND, Chief, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures, and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

Igor Sacha GARAFULIC, Resident Coordinator, UN Resident Coordinators Office in Peru

19h30: Dinner

Tuesday 17th May

08h00-09h30: Breakfast and checkout

09h30-11h30: Closing plenary – reporting back, panel discussion, conclusions and recommendations

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Room: Vevey-Montreux

Chair: H.E. Mr. Jürg LAUBER, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Switzerland

09h30-09h40: **Welcome by the Chair**



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09h40-12h15:

Reporting back and panel discussion

(Including short coffee break at around 10h45)

Christine LÖW, Minister, Deputy Head of the Peace and Human Rights Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Christophe POIREL, Director of Human Rights, Council of Europe

Sandra EPAL-RATJEN, International Advocacy Director, Franciscans International

Kristof SMITS, External Outreach and Planning Officer, UN Human Rights Office Cambodia, OHCHR

Prof. Maria GAVOUNELI, President, Greek National Commission for Human Rights

Interactive discussion

12h15-12h30:

Conclusions and next steps

H.E. Mr. Jürg LAUBER, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Switzerland

12h30:

End of Glion Human Rights Dialogue