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July

1:15 - 2:45pm  
Room 6  
Light lunch served



**SIDE EVENT - SECOND MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION**

# Human Rights, Biodiversity and SDGs

## Weaving together SDG 16 and the human right to a healthy environment into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

This event aims to raise awareness and build partnerships in the CBD process and with CBD Parties about the interlinkages between human rights and biodiversity and why recognising and implementing human rights is key not only for implementing the CBD and achieving the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 but also for achieving the SDGs.

The event will provide a platform for dialogue about integrated sustainability and human-rights based approaches in the achievement of the SDGs and incorporating SDG 16 and human rights principles into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework – such as in a new dedicated target and as crosscutting dimensions. It will also discuss tools and strategies for implementing the biodiversity and ecosystem dimensions of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, including in the context of key sectors (SBI Agenda Item 5 on mainstreaming biodiversity and SDG 12 on sustainable production and consumption patterns).

Key outcomes of the international peer to peer Dialogue on weaving together Sustainable Development Goal 16 and Human Rights in the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be presented. This Dialogue (Kenya, 28-31 May 2018) was convened by SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Center, International Development Law Organization, UN Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights - Special Procedures, UN Environment and Natural Justice.

**CHAIRS**

**Claudia Ituarte-Lima** SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Center  
**Robert Kibugi** University of Nairobi and International Development Law Organization

**SPEAKERS**

**Jyoti Mathur-Filipp** Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**Soo-Young Hwang** UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Andreas Obrecht** UN Environment

**Harry Jonas** Natural Justice

**Bolormaa Purevjav** Centre for Stakeholder Engagement and Sustainable Development, Mongolia

**Maurizio Farhan Ferrari** Forest Peoples Programme

**Holly Jonas** Territories of Life Consortium (ICCA) and Future Law



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The diversity of all forms of life on our planet and healthy ecosystems providing ecosystem services, are necessary for enjoying a broad range of universal human rights and the respect for, and exercising procedural rights, such as public participation, are necessary actions for a stronger engagement of a diversity of individuals and groups for safeguarding ecosystems for present and future generations. Similarly, sustainability, biodiversity and healthy ecosystems, and human rights are cross-cutting dimensions of the 2030 Agenda, with human rights principles specifically recognized in SDG 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions.

The links between human rights and the environment are rapidly moving from the periphery to the centre of the UN's agenda as evidenced by key UN Environment Assembly and Human Rights Council resolutions, the work of the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment (Prof. John Knox), and the [UN Environment Environmental Rights Initiative](#) -which includes a policy on environmental defenders.

As we mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 2018, it is an important moment to bring the discussion about the right to a healthy environment and the role of human rights and justice in sustainable development to the CBD.

#### Programme

##### Welcome and framing talk by the co-chairs

- **Claudia Ituarte-Lima** International Environmental Law Advisor at SwedBio and Researcher at Stockholm Resilience Centre
- **Robert Kibugi** Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi, and International Development Law Organization

##### How are the global recognition of the human rights to a healthy and sustainable environment and SDG 16 connected? How can human rights be integrated in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework? How can an enabling environment for environmental human rights defenders to exercise their rights be enhanced?

The speakers will address these questions, which will also be framing questions for dialogue with the audience.

- **Jyoti Mathur-Filipp** Director of Implementation, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- **Soo-Young Hwang** Human Rights Officer, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Andreas Obrecht** Programme Management Officer (Biodiversity), UN Environment
- **Harry Jonas** Director of Programmes, Natural Justice
- **Bolormaa Purevjav** Chair of the Centre for Stakeholder Engagement and Sustainable Development, Mongolia
- **Maurizio Farhan Ferrari** Environmental Governance Coordinator, Forest Peoples Programme
- **Holly Jonas** International Policy Coordinator, Territories of Life Consortium (ICCA) and Future Law

##### Wrapping up and concluding remarks by the co-chairs

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