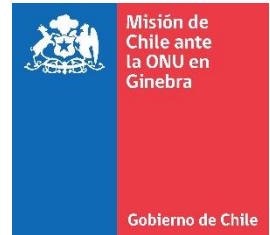




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Conference Agenda

Environment, Climate Change and Women and Children's Rights: Challenges, Perspectives and the Role of Indigenous Peoples

6 September 2023

Hybrid meeting – Palais des Nations, Geneva

Room XXIII 10 am – 1 pm CEST

Opening session of the Conference

Allocution by the Guest of Honor :

Ms. Nathalie Fontanet, State Councillor in charge of the Department of Finance, Human Resources and External affairs, Republic and Canton of Geneva

Conference Moderator: **Dr. Umesh Palwankar**, Executive Director, Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue *conference organizer*

Welcome remarks

Ambassador (retd.) Ghazi Jomaa, Chairman of the Board of Management, Geneva Centre

Opening Statements

H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fuentes Julio, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva *conference cosponsor*

High Representative of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Keynote Addresses

Mr. Todd Howland, Chief, Development, Economic and Social Issues Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Dr. Ian Fry, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the context of Climate Change

Panel 1: Promoting and protecting the rights of women and ensuring gender equality in the context of climate change and environmental degradation

Dr. David Boyd, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Environment. (*pre-recorded video address*)

Prof. Liliana Andonova, Professor of Political Science and International Relations and Academic Co-Director, Center for International Environmental Studies, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Ms. Nahla Haidar El Addal, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Ms. Gina Cortès Valderrama, co-Focal Point of the UNFCCC Women and Gender Constituency

Panel 2: Children's rights, environment and climate change: integrating children's rights into climate action

H.E. Ms. Shamma Al Mazrui, Minister of Community Development and COP28 Youth Climate Champion in the government of the United Arab Emirates **TBC**

Dr. Octavian Bivol, Deputy Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, UNICEF

Representative of the Child Rights Working Group of the UNFCCC Children and Youth Constituency

[*A Voice for Children*](#)

Ms. Licypriya Kangujam, Environmental Activist and Founder of The Child Movement, India

Panel 3: Traditional knowledge and practices of Indigenous peoples in reconciling pursuit of livelihoods with environment protection: innovative approaches to addressing climate change and safeguarding natural resources

Mr. José Francisco Cali Tzay United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (*pre-recorded video address*)

Dr. Pasang Dolma Sherpa, Executive Director, Center for Indigenous Peoples' Research & Development (CIPRED), Nepal

Dr. Handaine Mohamed, President, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordination Committee (IPACC)

Question & Answer Session

Concluding remarks by the Moderator.

