**Agenda 2030, the Paris Agreement, and**

**rights-based climate action**

**Date and Time:** 1 April 2019 from 12.45 – 13.45

**Location:** UN City Copenhagen, CR 32

**Background:** States have human rights obligations with respect to climate change. Such obligations derive from their legally binding commitments under international human rights treaties as well as the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC itself, which calls upon Parties to respect, promote and consider their respective human rights obligations when taking climate action. The 2030 Agenda is underpinned by human rights and demonstrates the interlinkages between climate change, sustainable development and human rights.

This event aims to further explore the role of existing human rights obligations in national and international action to address climate change in the context of implementation of the Paris Agreement and efforts to achieve the SDGs while highlighting the human dimension of climate action. A number of States and other actors are already taking action to put these commitments into practice. The discussion will reflect upon concrete examples of how integrating rights in climate policies can help shape more effective long-term climate action that benefits all persons, particularly the most vulnerable. It will reflect on next steps for rights-based climate action.

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