

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

18-22 SEPTEMBER 2023
IN GENEVA AND ONLINE

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In October 2021, at its 48th session, the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council adopted a landmark resolution recognizing for the first time the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a separate human right. In addition, a number of regional human rights judicial and quasi-judicial bodies, including the European Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, have been dealing with environment-related cases, applying concepts such as the right to life, right to respect for private life or right to property, to a wide range of issues including pollution, man-made or natural disasters, access to environmental information and climate change. These recent developments illustrate the growing understanding that the protection of the environment and the protection of human rights are deeply interconnected.

This training course will explore the major international and regional instruments for the promotion of human rights, as well as with their implementation and enforcement mechanisms; and provide practical insights into the different UN human rights mechanisms pertinent to advancing environmental issues and protecting environmental human rights defenders. It will also address the synergies and tensions between international human rights law and international environmental law, and address the procedural dimension of environmental rights, with specific regard to access to justice and information. Furthermore, the training course will assess the use of environmental oversight mechanisms to support human rights claims and the currently growing wealth of climate change litigation before different regional and international bodies.

AUDIENCE

This training course is designed for staff of NGOs, development and human rights institutions, UN bodies and other international organizations, as well as representatives of governments and members of academia.

METHODOLOGY

The training course will be interactive and participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and perspectives on the issues covered. The training sessions will include lectures and discussions with a wide range of experts as well as practical examples and case studies. Sessions will be designed to enhance substantive and practical knowledge exchange with peers and facilitators.

ACCESS TO A DEDICATED COMMUNITY PLATFORM

All participants in our training course have access – ahead, during and following their course – to a dedicated community platform (on Mighty Network). This community brings together all the participants to our courses who have unlimited access to the training materials and resources shared during their course and can exchange with all the alumni of the Geneva Human Rights Platform Training Hub.

IN GENEVA AND ONLINE

The course can be followed in Geneva or online.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEE

- Fees for on-site participation: [CHF 1,530 Swiss Francs](#)
(There is a 30 percent discount for PhD and master students*).
- Fees for online participation: [CHF 1,250 Swiss Francs](#)
- Application end (with visa): [11 August 2023](#)
- Application end (without visa and online): [25 August 2023](#)

* *These two discounts cannot be combined.*