Programme

21st Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHRS21): Human Rights & Climate Change

16-18 March 2022
Luxembourg

Co-organisers:

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Host:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG
Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022
Location: The European Convention Center Luxembourg & online
All times are displayed in Luxembourg time (GMT+1)

Welcome Remarks
Ambassador Toru MORIKAWA
Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Keynote Address
Mr Jean ASSELBORN
Minister of Foreign & European Affairs, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Dr David R. BOYD
United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment

Ms Michelle BACHELET
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

09:30 – 10:05 Official Welcome

Presentation of Background Paper

Lead Rapporteur, Dr Annalisa SAVARESI,
Associate Professor of International Environmental Law,
University of Eastern Finland (UEF)

Dr Stellina JOLLY,
Associate Professor at the Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University (SAU)

10:05 – 10:40

10:40 – 11:00 Plenary discussion with audience

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

Conversation with European Investment Bank (EIB)

Speakers:
- Ms Mariana RUIZ ALVARADO, Senior Social Development Specialist at the Environment, Climate and Social Office of the European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Ms Moa WESTMAN, Gender Specialist at Environment, Climate and Social Office of the European Investment Bank (EIB)

11:15 -11:30

Panel Discussion on Migration, Human Rights and Climate Change
(Organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg)

Speakers:
- Prof. Vittit MUNTARBHORN, Chulalongkorn University
- Dr Sara VIGIL, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- Marıa Theresa LAURON, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung
- Mr Atle SOLBERG, Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD)

Moderator: Ms Elissa JOBSON, International Crisis Group

11:30 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

15:00–17:00 For participants in Luxembourg:
Visit to the European Court of Justice of the European Union

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DAY 2 – THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2022
Venue: The European Convention Center Luxembourg & online

08:30 - 12:00 (with two coffee breaks)

Working Group 1
Theme: Reinforcing socio-ecological resilience of communities through information and public participation

Rapporteur: Mr Sébastien DUYCK, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
Moderator: Mr Md. Ekhtekharul ISLAM, Independent University, Bangladesh

Working Group 2
Theme: Promoting the full enjoyment of human rights by all persons affected by climate change

Rapporteur: Dr Stellina JOLLY, South Asian University
Moderator: Dr Sabin BIERI, University of Bern

Working Group 3
Theme: Green, equitable and inclusive: Innovative ideas on international cooperation to address the impacts of climate change on human rights

Rapporteur: Dr Linda Yanti SULISTIAWATI, National University of Singapore
Moderator: Professor Robert HARMSEN, University of Luxembourg

Working Group 4
Theme: Taking stock of national and international human rights regimes to protect against the consequences of climate change

Rapporteur: Dr Annalisa SAVARESI, University of Eastern Finland (UEF)
Moderator: Ms Caleen C. OBIAS, Human Rights Commission of the Philippines

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch & Networking

15:00
For participants in Luxembourg:
Visit to Esch-sur-Alzette, European Capital of Culture 2022

19:00
For participants in Luxembourg:
Dinner at KUFA, Esch-sur-Alzette

DAY 3 – FRIDAY, 18 MARCH 2022
Venue: The European Convention Center Luxembourg & Online

09:30 - 12:30 Closing Plenary
The European Convention Center Luxembourg

Chair: Mrs Jenny PIAGET,
Head of Human Rights Diplomacy Section, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

Rapporteur: Mr Sébastien DUYCK
Theme: Reinforcing socio-ecological resilience of communities through information and public participation
– 10 min

09:30 - 10:15 Rapporteurs’ Summary on Each Workshop

Rapporteur: Dr Stellina JOLLY
Theme: Promoting the full enjoyment of human rights by all persons affected by climate change
– 10 min
Rapporteur: Dr Linda Yanti SULISTIAWATI
Theme: Green, equitable and inclusive: Innovative ideas on international cooperation to address the impacts of climate change on human rights
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- 10 min

10:15 - 11:00 Q&A Session
11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

Closing Discussion – Human Rights and Climate Change: Defining opportunities and prospects for joint action in Asia and Europe

Moderator: Mr Rolf RING, Deputy Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute

11:15 - 12:15 Speakers:
(7-10 min each)
- Mr Eamon GILMORE, European Union’s Special Representative for Human Rights
- Ms Irum AHSAN, Lawyer and environmental and climate rights specialist
- Mr Roberto Eugenio CADIZ, Commissioner, Commission of Human Rights of the Philippines
- Ms Marie-Claire GRAF, Swiss representative of Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC (YOUNGO)

Closing remarks on behalf of the Host:
Ms Carole DIESCHBOURG, Minister for Environment of Luxembourg

12:15 - 12:30 Official Closing
Closing remarks on behalf of the organisers:
Mr Achsanul HABIB, Director for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (tbc)

12:30 End of Programme

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The 21st Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHRS21) provides a platform for various stakeholders working in the area of human rights and climate change across ASEM Partner countries with the aim of contributing to a better understanding of the interplay between human rights and climate change and sharing best practices and innovative ideas for better integration of human rights in climate change policies and actions.