



Programme

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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

09:30 – 10:05

Official Welcome**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

10:05 – 10:40

Presentation of Background Paper**Moderator:****Ambassador Leon FABER,**

Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

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)

10:40 – 11:00

Plenary discussion with audience

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee Break**Conversation with European Investment Bank (EIB)**

11:15 -11:30

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)

Moderator: **Professor Robert HARMSSEN**, University of Luxembourg

11:30 – 13:00

Panel Discussion on Migration, Human Rights and Climate Change

(Organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg)

Speakers:

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

Moderator: **Ms Elissa JOBSON**, International Crisis Group

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

15:00–17:00

For participants in Luxembourg:

Visit to the European Court of Justice of the European Union

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**Simultaneous Working Groups****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

09:30 – 10:15

Rapporteurs' Summary on Each Workshop**Rapporteur:** Mr Sébastien DUYCK**Theme:** Reinforcing socio-ecological resilience of communities through information and public participation

– 10 min

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*
– 10 min

Rapporteur: Dr Annalisa SAVARESI
Theme: *Taking stock of national and international human rights regimes to protect against the consequences of climate change*
– 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)

12:15 – 12:30

Official Closing**Closing remarks on behalf of the Host:****Ms Carole DIESCHBOURG**, Minister for Environment of Luxembourg**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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ASEM addresses political, economic, social, cultural, and educational issues of common interest, in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership.

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.