



## **Human rights and gender equality in the context of climate change, the environment and disaster risk reduction**

**Tuesday 22 March 2022 - 12:00 – 13:30 EST - [Register here](#)**

**A [CSW66](#) side event organized by the [UN Human Rights Office](#) with the co-sponsorship of UNEP, UNDRR and the Permanent Missions of Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Morocco, Slovenia and Switzerland**

**Moderated by Nahla Haidar - Vice Chairperson, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

**Panellists:**

**David Boyd, Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment**

**Siobhán Mullally, Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children**

**Ndivile Mokoena, Project Coordinator - Gender CC Southern Africa, Member of the UNFCCC Women & Gender Constituency**

**Mrinalini Rai, Director Women4Biodiversity, CBD Women Caucus**

The triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution poses a threat to the lives, livelihoods, economies, culture and health of people around the world. Entrenched and systemic gender-based discrimination contribute to climate change disproportionately impacting the rights of women including their rights to life, health, food, water and sanitation, culture, self-determination, and a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. Many women are also leaders in environmental action – as managers of resources and advocates of sustainable lifestyles – and staunch defenders of land, water, nature, and communities.

Recently issued policy guidance from the international human rights mechanisms including [General recommendation no. 37 of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on Gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change](#) highlights the role of women in advancing rights-based, gender-responsive action in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies. The milestone Human Rights Council resolution 48/13 recognizing the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is another tool for driving urgent, rights-based climate and environmental action.

This event will aim to advance the human right to a healthy environment by inspiring rights-based, gender-responsive actions and policies on climate change, the environment and disaster risk reduction. During the event, stakeholders will discuss the gendered challenges and opportunities created by the triple planetary crisis and actions to address it. The discussions will be informed by the recently issued [OHCHR, UNEP and UN Women Key Messages on human rights, the environment, and gender equality](#) and [Human Rights Council resolution 48/13 on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment](#).

