

Environmental human rights defenders in the pandemic: the Geneva Roadmap and strengthening IUCN action

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Faced with the deteriorating situation of environmental human rights defenders during the pandemic, how can the conservation community respond more effectively? Specifically, how can the IUCN Secretariat, membership networks and partner efforts be mobilized and strengthened? This webinar brings together environmental defender voices, conservation organizations and others with high level participation of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders, Ms. Mary Lawlor and the IUCN Director General, Bruno Oberle. Several IUCN Congress events, resolutions and activities address the needs and rights of environmental human rights defenders. How to respond effectively in a context of uncertainty? The event will also launch the film “Responding to the Environmental Defenders Crisis”.

14:00 Introduction	Opening remarks, 5 minutes Kristen Walker, CEESP Jörg Balsiger, University of Geneva/ Environment of Peace initiative (EP2022, University of Geneva) Liliana Jauregui, IUCN Netherlands
14:10 Film launch	Introduction, 5 minutes (Peter Bille Larsen) Film launch, Responding to the Environmental Defenders Crisis: The Geneva Road Map, Launch, 7 minutes
14:22 Environmental defenders in pandemic situation: changing challenges	Ms. Judy Pasimio, Purple Action for Indigenous Women's Rights, LILAK, Philippines 5 minutes Mr. Kanyinke Sena, The Indigenous Peoples of Africa Co-ordinating Committee, IPACC, 5 minutes Ms. Agustina Calcagno, Fundación Plurales, 5 minutes
14:45 Learning from experience; lessons learned in supporting EHRDs	Liliana Jauregui, IUCN NL, 5 minutes José Aylwin, ICCA Consortium, 5 minutes Yves Lador, Earthjustice IUCN Congress as training opportunity for conservation, 2 minutes
15:00 Moving ahead: how can IUCN efforts be strengthened in the current pandemic context?	IUCN Director General Bruno Oberle, General remarks and Union perspectives 5 minutes Mary Lawlor UN Special Rapporteur: lessons from the human rights field, 5 minutes GVA Roadmap revisited and mobilizing Union action: Peter Bille Larsen, 3 minutes

15:15 Open Floor discussion/ Q& A	Moderation Kristen Walker, CEESP
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