



## Human Rights and Pollution: Advancing Pollution Controls through a Rights-based Approach

Monday, 4 December 2017, 13h30 – 15h00 (Conference Room 14, Upper Concourse, United Nations Office, Nairobi)

**A side event to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly**

Co-sponsored by

**The Government of Costa Rica, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)**

This side event will examine the human rights harms caused by all forms of pollution and the corresponding human rights obligations of duty-bearers to prevent and remedy them. The event will promote effective action to prevent and remedy pollution-related human rights harms and preserve a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment for current and future generations.

### Invited Speakers and Programme:

- Opening Remarks:
  - **Honourable Minister Edgar Gutierrez** (President of the UN Environment Assembly and Minister of Environment – Costa Rica)
- Panel Discussion among invited Ministers and Expert Panelists and High-Level Representatives from UN Organizations and other relevant stakeholders<sup>1</sup> including:
  - **Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema** (Director, Law Division, UN Environment)
  - **Prof. John H. Knox** (Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment)
  - **Ms. Sarojeni Rengam** (Pesticide Action Network Asia Pacific)
  - **Ms. Yuyun Ismawati** (International POPs Elimination Network)



<sup>1</sup> The following have been invited to speak on the panel (subject to confirmation): **Minister Sergio Bergman** (Ministry of Environment, Argentina) and **Ms. Patricia Espinosa** (Executive Secretary, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change).