# UN side-event on Human Rights at COP29: Achieving transformative climate action through gender-responsive, rights-based economic approaches

Tuesday, 12 November, from 13:15-14:45 in Side Event Room 3.

The event organized by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations University (UNU), and UN Women and also supported by UNODC, UNU-VIE, UNU-FLORES, UNDP, UNFPA, ECLAC, WHO, UNECE, UNEP and IOM.

Event will focus on how COP outcomes, particularly those related to finance, article 6 of the Paris Agreement, and just transition, can achieve transformative, ambitious climate action by integrating elements of a human rights economy and capacity building that prioritises people and the environment.

**Objectives**

This event will draw from a wide range of research and reports including by the IPCC, the Secretary-General and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant work under UN treaties to highlight the importance of rights-based, gender responsive approaches and capacity building to economic transformation. A human rights economy prioritises people, the environment and sustainable development. This event will feature concrete examples to highlight how integration of elements of a human rights economy and capacity building in COP29 outcomes will lead to more effective and sustainable long-term climate action, including through the promotion of justice and good governance.

Speakers will discuss:

1) the need for holistic approaches to climate finance including mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage as well as qualitative and flexible targets grounded in human rights including gender equality.

2) human rights safeguards and exclusionary criteria for Article 6 mechanisms.

3) how the just transition work programme can support an equitable and just transition to a sustainable economy that benefits all people and the environment.

4) the role of capacity building to create the enabling environment for achieving a transformative climate action.

**Agenda**

Moderation by Benjamin Schachter, OHCHR

1. Keynote Address - Anita Montoute, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, Saint Lucia

2. Opening remarks – Elisa Morgera, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change

Panel:

3. Rabeb Aloui, YOUNGO

4. Mary Joyce M. Crisanto, Director, Human Rights Policy Centers Office, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines

5. Janene Yazzie

6. Rebecca Iwerks, Namati

7. Gina Cortes, UNFCCC Women and Gender Constituency

8. Ambe Emmanuel Cheo, UNU Vice-Rectorate in Europe

**Closing remarks:**

9. Michel Forst, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention

**Q&A**