

Exploitation by exposure: Human rights and toxic exposures

22 October 2018, 3:00PM to 4:30 PM
UN Headquarters, New York, Conference Room E



Today, the evidence has grown that the vast majority of the global population lives on the wrong side of a toxic divide. For over 20 years, the mandate on human rights and toxics (formerly toxic waste) has reported to the UN Human Rights Council on human rights violations arising from toxic pollution. Given the need for stronger action at the global level, the mandate was requested in 2017 to begin reporting on the issue to the UN General Assembly.

This side event, organised parallel to the 73rd Session of the U.N. General Assembly, aims to further unfold the impacts of toxic pollution through the lens of human rights, and discuss potential solutions to these impacts. The panel will discuss pressing issues related workers' rights, childhood exposure, and the need for greater ambition at the international level to protect everyone's human rights, including the rights to life, health, food, water, just conditions of work, and a healthy environment.

Introductory Remarks

- **Karolina Skog**, Minister of the Environment and Energy, Sweden

Panellists

- **David Michaels**, Professor, Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University
- **Richard Fuller**, President, Pure Earth
- **Hilal Elver**, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food
- **Baskut Tuncak**, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and toxics

Note: All attendees must register by Friday 19 October 2018 (10AM EST) for admission by sending an email to srtoxicwaste@ohchr.org, and bring a valid ID, and a copy of this invitation to the UN Visitors Entrance (East 46th Street and 1st Avenue)