

PROMOTING THE HUMAN RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

1 Safe and Stable Climate

A safe and stable climate is key for humanity's survival and is crucial to human rights. We need a safe and stable climate to stay healthy, to grow our food, water our crops, and preserve our homes. To protect the rights of those who are the most affected by climate change, often while having contributed the least to its occurrence, we must stabilize the climate.



2 Healthy Ecosystems

Protecting the lands and waters around us is in the best interest of current and future generations. Preserving healthy ecosystems and biodiversity can slow the spread of zoonotic diseases, contribute to productive and sustainable food systems and livelihoods, and enrich our lives and cultures by ensuring all people the opportunity to enjoy the bounty and beauty of nature.

3 Non-toxic Environment

Stopping pollution and related environmental degradation will save lives and prevent a wide array of human rights violations. Pollution is the largest source of premature death in the developing world and it disproportionately affects children, older persons, persons with disabilities, and those who live in situations of poverty or marginalization. All people are entitled to clean air to breathe, clean water to drink and safe food to eat.



4 Justice and Inclusion

We all have a right to stand up to protect our environment. To do that, we need access to accurate environmental information, to include everyone in environmental policy making and to ensure access to justice for those affected by environmental harms. We have to guarantee participation for all people, especially those who have too often been left out of discussions.