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Subject: Resolution 53/6 – Human Rights and Climate Change

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution [53/6](#) of 7 July 2023 entitled “Human rights and climate change”. In the above-mentioned resolution (para. 17), the Council has requested the Secretary-General to consult Member States and other relevant stakeholders in order to conduct and submit to its fifty-seventh session an analytical study on the impact of loss and damage from the adverse effects of climate change on the full enjoyment of human rights, exploring equity-based approaches and solutions to addressing the same. Consequently, the Office would be grateful to receive inputs for this report by e-mail to ohchr-registry@un.org with copy to ohchr-right2environment@un.org **no later than 31 January 2024**.

In formulating their inputs, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights invites Member States to respond, as appropriate, to the attached questionnaire. For environmental considerations, electronic submissions not exceeding five pages are encouraged. Please submit your inputs in MS Word or compatible format in either of the official working languages of the United Nations (French or English). The inputs received will be posted on our website.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Geneva, 12 October 2023



**Questionnaire in relation to Human Rights Council resolution 53/6
on human rights and climate change**

1. Please describe through concrete examples and stories the impacts of loss and damage from the adverse effects of climate change on the full enjoyment of human rights in your country. Please indicate whether the impact was exceptional or whether an example of many similarly situated cases. Please estimate the number of cases that may be similar in your country.
2. Please describe any relevant quantitative and qualitative data as well as mechanisms and tools to measure, monitor, report on, and evaluate the impacts of loss and damage, including from extreme weather and slow-onset events, on the full enjoyment of human rights. Please take into account, inter alia, the disproportionate effects on women and girls, children, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, migrants, persons living in poverty and others in vulnerable situations.
3. Please describe any specific measures, including public policies, legislation, practices, strategies, or institutional arrangements that your Government has undertaken or plans to undertake at a national, sectoral or sub-national level, in compliance with applicable international human rights law, to avert, minimize and address loss and damage, including equity-based approaches and solutions. Please also identify any relevant mechanisms for ensuring accountability, including means of implementation.
4. Please identify and share examples of promising practices and critical challenges in the promotion, protection, and fulfilment of the full enjoyment of human rights in the context of loss and damage, including examples that highlight multilateral cooperation and approaches, at global and regional levels, including equity-based approaches and solutions.
5. Please provide specific recommendations, if possible, on how to address the critical challenges that have been identified, including actions to be taken at country, regional, and global levels, as well as by different groups of stakeholders, Governments, development agencies, financing institutions, and others.
6. Please provide any additional information you believe would be useful to support climate action and justice that promotes the full enjoyment of human rights in the context of loss and damage.