

## PREPARATORY MEETING OF EXPERTS

First Floor Meeting Room  
Palais Wilson  
Geneva  
Monday 14-Tuesday 15 2002

Chair: Judge Thomas Mensah

Joint Rapporteurs: Prof. Philippe Sands and Dr Adriana Fabra

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08.45-09.00		<b>Welcome:</b> Mr Z Kedzia, OHCHR.
09.00-11.00	Session 1	<b>Introduction, overview and theoretical framework</b> <i>Professor Dinah Shelton</i> Introduce the theoretical linkages between human rights and environmental issues. Set out the human rights and environmental frameworks at the international level, noting differences of each, similarities, what one can learn from the other, and the historic lack interaction. Provide an overview of the developments since Rio at international and selected domestic levels. Look at the way Rio principles have affected the international debate on human rights and the environment.
11.00-11.15		<b>Coffee</b>
11.15-12.30	Session 2	<b>Integration in the decision-making of international agencies</b> <i>Dr Adriana Fabra</i> How has the approach to HR+Env developed in the UN agencies and other international organisations (incl. WB, IMF) since Rio. Look at the HR approach taken towards environmental issues in a growing number of policy review mechanisms, including the Dams Commission and WB Inspection Panel.
12.30-14.00	Lunch	<b>Lunch</b> Hosted by the High Commissioner for Human Rights
14.00-15.30	Session 4	<b>An integrated normative approach</b> <i>Justice P. N. Bhagwati</i> Consider the trends of including human rights and environment issues in national constitutions and examples of how the two have been integrated in national case law.
15.30-15.45		<b>Coffee</b>
15.45-17.00	Session 5	<b>Information, participation, and access to justice: the model of Aarhus</b> <i>Professor Jonas Ebbesson</i> Highlight the particular success of Rio in inspiring 'procedural' rights relating to information, participation and access to justice. Focus on the

		model of Aarhus and possibilities for similar instruments outside Europe.
17.00-17.15		<b>Break</b>
17.15-18.30	Session 6	<b>Human rights and environmental issues in the context of sustainable development</b> <i>Prof Philippe Sands</i> The integrated approach to HR+env in Rio came out of the sustainable development debate. Consider future linkages between the two.

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09.00-10.00	Session 7	<b>Human rights and environmental issues in the context of sustainable development</b> (Con't)
10.00-10.15		<b>Coffee</b>
10.15-11.30	Session 8	<b>Human rights, environment and indigenous populations</b> <i>Saami rep, Prof EI Daes</i> Consider the special position of indigenous populations in both the environment and human rights debates. Identify lessons from how both debates intersect in the context of indigenous populations.
11.45-13.00	Session 9	<b>Obstacles to integration</b> <i>Professor Michael Anderson</i> What has experience shown to be the obstacles and challenges to the integration of HR+Env?
13.00-14.15		<b>Lunch</b> – independent
14.15-17.00	Session 10	<b>Drafting of the Preparatory Meeting's output document</b>

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