

United Nations Human Rights Independent Experts Joint Press Conference

WHAT: Four experts will hold a joint conference to highlight priorities and opportunities for human rights-based climate action at COP28.

The experts are part of the largest-ever delegation of UN independent experts on human rights participating at the UN climate summit. They speak at events, hold bilateral meetings and informal discussions with delegations and constituencies, covering a diverse range of human rights issues falling under their mandates. These include the right to development, the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the right of indigenous peoples, foreign debt and other international financial obligations.

WHEN: Tuesday, 5 December 2023, 13:00 – 13:30

WHERE: Press Conference 1, Zone B8

Experts:

- Isabelle Durant, Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development
- Francisco Calí Tzay, Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples
- Attiya Waris, Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights
- David Boyd, Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment
- Brenda Akia, Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

More information on the UN Human Rights independent experts / mechanisms participating in the Joint Press Conference:

- **Isabelle Durant, Chair of the [Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development](#).** The Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development is a subsidiary body of the Human Rights Council providing thematic expertise on the right to development in searching for, identifying and sharing best practices with Member States and promoting the implementation of the right to development worldwide.
- **Francisco Calí Tzay, [Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples](#); Attiya Waris, [Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights](#); and David Boyd, [Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment](#).** Special Rapporteurs are part of what is known as the [Special Procedures](#) of the Human Rights Council. Special Procedures, the largest body of independent experts in the UN Human Rights system, is the general name of the Council's independent fact-finding and monitoring mechanisms that address either specific country situations or thematic issues in all parts of the world. Special Procedures' experts work on a voluntary basis; they are not UN staff and do not receive a salary for their work. They are independent from any government or organization and serve in their individual capacity.
- **Brenda Akia, Member of the [Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women](#) (CEDAW).** The CEDAW Committee is the body of independent

experts that monitors implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The CEDAW Committee consists of 23 experts on women's rights from around the world.