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Side event 36 | Human rights-based approaches to global challenges and climate action for the right to adequate food for all

Organized by:

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- Germany
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- United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
- International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

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Iran Room & via Zoom

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Abstract

At a time of compounded and multiple crises where conflicts and wars, COVID-19, the climate crisis and loss of biodiversity put high pressure on countries, humans and nature, this side event aims to highlight how a human rights-based approach driven by the right to adequate food, can provide game changing solutions.

Climate change, biodiversity loss, nature and soil degradation, as well as pollution are affecting the life and health of billions around the world. Negatively impacting the full and effective enjoyment of a wide range of human rights and entrenching the fragility of countries and vulnerable and marginalised groups. In the last year, key milestones such as the COP27 on climate change and COP15 on biodiversity as well as the recent recognition of the human right to a clean environment, and the issuance of General Comment 26 on Land have illustrated the inextricable nexus between nature and the people who depend on it.

The Right to Adequate Food is realized when everyone always has physical and economic access to adequate food or means for its procurement. Fundamentally, the human right to food illustrates this connection and how its realization depends on this correlation with a healthy and climate stable environment.

Objectives

- The side event is meant to move away from silos and consciously contribute to building the nexus between nature and the people who depend on it, while also creating bridges between the teams and all people working on those themes;
- Country examples, best practices and challenges will allow to formulate concrete and effective recommendations for consolidated strategies and actions on the ground;
- Participants will learn how the human right to food illustrates this connection and how its realization depends on its correlation with a healthy and climate stable environment;
- Participants will also learn how CFS products are relevant to tackling global challenges through a human rights-based approach.



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