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## HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE

The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in practice

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### Draft Programme

Palais de l'Europe (room 11), Strasbourg, Wednesday 3 May 2023

**9:30 – 10:00**      **Welcome address**

- **Katrín JAKOBSDÓTTIR**, Prime Minister of Iceland [*Vidéo message*]
- **Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**10:15 – 10:45**      **Keynote speech**

- **Robert SPANO**, former President of the European Court of Human Rights

**10:45 – 12:00**      **PANEL 1**

***Why a right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment?***

With urgent global challenges posed by environmental degradation and the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution, and nature and biodiversity loss, the question of the need for an autonomous right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment has never been timelier. The panel will address this question and its implications for present and future generations.

Moderator:

**Krista OINONEN** (*Finland*)

Vice Chairperson of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)

Panel Discussion with:

- **Rik DAEMS**, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment
- **Shara DUNCAN-VILLALOBOS**, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva
- **Todd HOWLAND**, Chief of Development and Economic and Social Rights Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva
- **Pegah MOULANA**, Secretary General of Youth for Environment Europe

**12:00 – 13:30**      **LUNCH BREAK**

**13:30 – 14:45 PANEL 2 [ Hybrid ]**

***The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in practice – European perspectives***

The panel will explore the practical implementation of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment by examining the relevant jurisprudence and best practices from Belgium, Hungary, Norway, and Ukraine as well as the wider European context.

Moderator:  
**Spyros PAPADATOS** (*Greece*)

Chair of the Council of Europe  
Advisory Council on Youth

Panel Discussion with:

- **Luc LAVRYSEN**, President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium, Centre for Environmental & Energy Law, Ghent University, President of the European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment
- **Marcel SZABÓ**, Judge, Constitutional Court, Hungary
- **Ganna VRONSKA**, Judge, Supreme Court, Ukraine
- **Thom Arne HELLERSLIA**, Judge, Court of Appeal, Norway

**14:45 – 15:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:00 – 16:15 PANEL 3 [ Hybrid ]**

***The right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in practice – Global perspectives***

The panel will explore the practical implementation of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in jurisdictions outside of Europe, by examining the relevant jurisprudence and best practices from Argentina, Pakistan, and Australia, as well as the relevant jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Moderator:  
**Nicola WENZEL** (*Germany*)

Rapporteur of the CDDH Drafting  
Group on Human Rights and  
Environment (CDDH-ENV)

Panel Discussion with:

- **Ricardo LORENZETTI**, Former President, Judge of the Supreme Court of Argentina
- **Ayesha A. MALIK**, Judge, Supreme Court, Pakistan
- **Nicola PAIN**, Judge, Land and Environmental Court, Australia
- **Marta CABRERA**, Senior Lawyer at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

**16:15 – 16:30 Closing remarks**

**Kristine LĪCIS** (*Latvia*)

Chairperson of the CDDH and of the CDDH-ENV