

# HUMAN RIGHTS DAY DISCUSSIONS: CLIMATE JUSTICE WEBINAR

10 December 2021  
10:00 hrs (GMT+3)

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Climate change is an important human rights issue and disproportionately affects people. It is not only an environmental problem, but also a part of the root of long-standing systemic injustices considering its interaction with social systems. Climate justice is the fulfilment of human rights in the face of climate change. It is a process of addressing the climate crisis as a human rights crisis and using the court of law to hold corporations and governments accountable. Climate justice inevitably requires that climate action is consistent with existing human rights agreements, obligations, standards and principles.

Whether it is environmental, institutional, cultural, social, economic or humanitarian, climate change has been defined as one of the biggest threats to public well-being and one of the greatest human rights challenges of our time. The consequences of climate change are directly associated with fundamental rights such as right to life, health, food, water and sanitation. Effective policy development and implementation is crucially important considering its impacts on environment and embedded injustices. In line with 2021 theme of UN International Human Rights Day which addresses inequalities, UN Turkey will organize a Webinar on climate justice.

The event program on climate justice will address significant climate and human rights issues combined with integrated, inclusive and transparent solutions that involve strong governance. Multi-sectoral approaches for sustainable recovery of unequal problems and injustices which vulnerable communities face will be targeted with a broad perspective of climate justice.

The subjects that are going to be discussed during the program are:

- Foundations and importance of Climate Justice concept
- Policies and governance mechanisms related to Climate Justice
- Climate Justice legislation, litigation, and environmental law
- Role of civil society, local administrations and private sector related to Climate Justice and its connection with social protection
- Human rights and climate justice nexus
- Just transition and human rights in the context of climate change
- Women empowerment and youth engagement and in relation to Climate Justice

The program duration is 2.5 hours with opening remarks and multi-stakeholder panel discussions.

## GÜNDEM

<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Louisa Vinton</b> , Chair of UN Result Group on Good Governance and Rule of Law/Human Rights, Resident Representative of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) <b>Sir Dominick Chilcott</b> , Ambassador of United Kingdom to Turkey <b>Malin Stawe</b> , Counsellor/Head of Pre-Accession & Humanitarian Assistance, Embassy of Sweden, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
<b>10:30 – 11:30</b>	<b>Panel 1: Governance of Climate Justice, Multi-Stakeholder Participation in Policy Design and Implementation</b> <b>Moderator: Ms. Nuran Talu</b> , Environment and Climate Change Policy Expert <b>Foundations of Climate Justice</b> <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasemin Kaya</b> , Vice Dean of Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Uludag University <b>Climate Case Litigation, Legislation and Environmental Law</b> <b>Gökhan Candoğan</b> , Greenpeace Mediterranean Legal Consultant <b>Cost of Action vs Cost of Inaction: A Vision for Just Transition and Transformation of Society</b> <b>Özlem Katisöz</b> , Climate and Energy Policies Coordinator for Turkey, Climate Action Network Europe <b>Impact of Climate Crisis on Working Life</b> <b>Haydar Özdemiroğlu</b> , President of Tez-Koop-İş Union <b>Business Perspective for Just Transition in the Context of Climate Change</b> <b>Pelin Öztürk Yudu</b> , TİSK International Relations Director <b>Reflections and Q&amp;A</b>
<b>11:30 – 11:40</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:40 – 12:30</b>	<b>Panel 2: Climate Justice and Human Rights Nexus in Climate Change</b> <b>Moderator: Ms. Nuran Talu</b> , Environment and Climate Change Policy Expert <b>Impact of Climate Change on Human Rights</b> <b>M. Emre Küçükşahin</b> , Human Rights and Equality Expert, Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey (TİHEK) <b>Climate Justice, Gender Equality and Women Empowerment</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Gülay Toksöz</b> , Chair of Executive Board, Association for Monitoring Gender Equality (CEİD) <b>Civil Society, Youth and Climate Justice</b> <b>Assist. Prof. Dr. Barış Gençer Baykan</b> , Deputy Chair of Public Administration Department, Yeditepe University <b>Youth Engagement for Climate Justice Action</b> <b>Melisa Akkuş</b> , Climate Activist and 'İklim Öncüleri' Representative <b>Reflections and Q&amp;A</b>

\* Interpretation will be provided both in English and Turkish.

\*This webinar will be recorded and shared on UNDP Turkey's social network.

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