

# HRC51 Side Event:

Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights and Just Transitions

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The climate crisis is one of the major threats to human rights around the world. Especially economic, social, cultural and environmental rights face the brunt of the triple planetary crisis, affecting the livelihoods of millions of people. Efforts to promote a just green transition have been taken up also at the Human Rights Council with the most recent resolution A/HRC/49/L.16 on the right to work which was adopted without a vote at the 49th session of the Council.

Organisers want to thus emphasize the importance of the just transition to be guided by a human rights compass and to ensure that the current narrative around just transitions acknowledges that the just green transition goes beyond the right to work to include all economic, social, cultural and environmental rights. This is also highlighted in the briefing paper on ESCE right and a gender-just green transition by the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights which will be released at the event.

## SPEAKERS:

- **Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona**, Executive Director, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- **Joie Chowdhury**, Program Coordinator, Environment & ESCR, ESCR-Net
- **Michael Windfuhr**, Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- **Todd Howland**, Chief of Branch, Development, Economic, Social Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights