

# Environmental Governance Update - April 2021

Good governance for healthy planet and people

# Introduction

The United Nations Environment Programme promotes sound environmental governance; we strengthen the laws, policies and institutions that shape how humans interact with the environment. This Environmental Governance update showcases our work on the development of national, regional and international environmental laws, policies and institutions- between January to April 2021.

Our work, and this update, focuses on the following work streams:

1. Advancing Environmental Rights
2. Climate Action with OzonAction
3. Faith for Earth
4. Promoting Environmental Rule of Law
5. Strengthening Institutions
6. Supporting Environmental Treaties

# 1. Advancing Environmental Rights

UNEP supports the upholding of environmental rights through [The Environmental Rights Initiative](#), which is a coalition of state and non-state actors united to promote, protect, and respect environmental rights.

## [New UN resolution reinforces link between human rights and the environment](#)

The [United Nations Human Rights Council](#) adopted a [resolution](#) that calls for a human-rights-based approach to conserving & restoring natural spaces. Find out how this resolution will help safeguard the environment and contribute to sustainable development in a [Q&A with UNEP's Law Division Director](#). The resolution explicitly supports UNEP's work on environmental rights.

## [Joint statement of United Nations entities on the right to healthy environment](#)

We at UNEP were honored to present to the UN Human Rights Council, a powerful joint statement on behalf of 15 UN entities advocating that 'the time is now' for States to recognize at the global level a human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment. The joint statement, signed by 69 states, represents an unprecedented level of support for the global recognition of the right to a healthy environment, as well as a commitment to proceed with the process of formalising this recognition.



Universal recognition of the right to a healthy environment, video message by Ms Inger Andersen

## #WikiforHumanRights

UNEP, OHCHR and Wikimedia Foundation are co-sponsoring a month-long campaign on human rights and the environment. The #WikiforHumanRights campaign is a global call to action for volunteers to write and improve content on Wikipedia about human rights, a healthy environment, and the range of communities impacted by convergent environmental crises of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss.

The campaign, running from 15 April to 15 May 2021, was launched with an online event featuring discussions on human rights and the environment as well as instructions on how to edit Wikipedia content (recording available here). More information is additionally available on the campaign's event and participant challenge webpages.



## Human rights events in Asia

UNEP hosted three side events during the [% W M E 4 E G M ¢ G ' P M Q E X I](#) [Change Adaptation Forum](#). The events were:

1. Supporting Human Rights-based Inclusive Resilience for all- Mr. Saad Alfarargi, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to development, joined this event. His participation will support his consultations in preparation for his report on climate change, human rights and the right to development.

2. Enabling sustainable recovery with greater access to information, access to justice and public participation in environmental decision-making- A dialogue on a framework for [E G G I W W V M K L X W M R % W M E E R H X L I 4 E G M ¢ G W M Q M P E V X S G Y V V I R X V I K M S R E P](#) agreements in Europe as well as Latin America and the Caribbean (with the secretariats of these Conventions). Watch the event [here](#).

3. The Role of Environmental Human Rights Defenders (EHRDs) in supporting and enhancing sustainable Covid-19 recovery- Ms. Mary Lawlor, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders, and Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous People, Founder and Executive Director of the Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples' International Center for Policy Research and Education) joined the event.

## Resources

- [Six reasons why a healthy environment should be a human right](#)
- [Webinar- Defending the Defenders: Environmental Advocates in Southeast Asia in Focus](#)

## 2. Climate Action with OzonAction

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer protects human health and the environment by phasing out nearly 100 industrial chemicals known as ozone depleting substances

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Controlling trade in ozone depleting substances: iPIC breaks records

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## ASHRAE and UNEP launch three year workplan to support developing countries

For more than a decade, ASHRAE and UNEP's OzonAction have worked together to support the adoption of state-of-the-art technologies and practices in developing countries that avoid or replace ODS in refrigerants. ASHRAE is the largest engineering society in the world focusing on the advancement of the refrigeration and air-conditioning sector and has more than 55,000 members and 211 chapters worldwide.

In April, UNEP and ASHRAE launched their new 2021-2023 workplan under the theme 'Refrigeration Management for Developing Economies'. The services being delivered under this workplan are even more critical than ever as countries phase SYX L]HVSGLPSVS¥YSVSGEVFSR , '\*' VIJVMKIV current Montreal Protocol obligations, and prepare to phase down L]HVS¥YSVSGEVFSRW , '\*'W MR EGGSVHERGI [M Amendment to the Montreal Protocol.

## OzoNews is Turning 21!

OzonAction is proud to celebrate the uninterrupted and continuous dissemination of our bi-monthly information service- for 21 years. OzoNews brings you current information and updates on: the Montreal Protocol, ozone and climate protection, science and technological advances, news and stories, UNEP and partner activities, upcoming events, and much more.

## News in different languages

- Ciencia del Ozono, Cambio Climático y COVID-19
- Remise au niveau de formateurs en froid en Afrique francophone
- Evento virtual sobre códigos del Sistema Armonizado (SA) para  
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## Women in Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning

- Let's All Celebrate International Women's Day 2021, 8th March 2021!
- Stories from Nicaragua and Niger
- Stories from Nigeria
- Stories from Papua New Guinea

预览已结束，完整报告链接和二维码如下：

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