

HRC60 Side Event

PROTECTING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYERS ADVANCING CLIMATE JUSTICE

"Guarding Gaia"
Documentary preview 

Environmental lawyers play an indispensable role in defending the rule of law and advancing climate justice. Join us to discuss the growing risks they face and explore solutions to strengthen their protection.



22 September 2025
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (CEST)



Room VII
Palais des Nations

Keynotes

Michel Forst
Special Rapporteur on
Environmental Defenders
under the Aarhus Convention

Astrid Puentes Riaño
UN Special Rapporteur on
the Human Right to a
Healthy Environment

Speakers

- **Cătălina Rădulescu**, Environmental lawyer from Romania
- **Maureen Harris**, Senior Advisor, International Rivers
- **Sandra Epal Ratjen**, International Commission of Jurists
- **Xenia Rivkin**, Geneva Bar Association

Concluding remarks by Francesca Restifo, International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute

Moderated by Tara Fiechter, Lawyers for Lawyers

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for Human Rights

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