

# Marc Pallemmaerts Memorial Conference on Human Rights and the Environment

Fondation Universitaire/Universitaire Stichting  
Egmontstraat 11/Rue d'Egmont, 11, Brussels  
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## Agenda

9:00 Registration

### 9:30 **Session 1: Marc and his work - linking human rights and environmental protection**

Moderator: Gretta Goldenman

**Peter Wittoeck:** On Marc's work on the international framework for climate change

**Abou Thiam:** On Marc's work in support of the concept of prior informed consent (Rotterdam Convention)

**Baskut Tuncak:** On following Marc as the UNHCR Special Rapporteur on the human rights aspects of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

### 11:30 **Session 2: The Aarhus Convention: Successes and Challenges**

Moderator: Veerle Heyvaert

**Christian Vanden Bilcke:** Marc and the drafting of the Aarhus Convention

**Luc Lavrysen:** Access to Justice in environmental matters – perspectives from the EU Forum of Judges for the Environment

**Jerzy Jendroska and Magdalena Bar:** Access to justice in environmental matters: key issues in the implementation of Article 9 of the Aarhus Convention in European Union

Discussion

13:00 Luncheon

### 14:00 **Session 3: The Aarhus Convention: Successes and Challenges (continued)**

Moderator: tba

**Ludwig Kramer:** The human right of access to (environmental) information and the European Court of Justice's piece-by-piece curtailing this right

**Yves Lador:** Article 15 of the Aarhus Convention, laying down the basis for the Compliance Committee

**Katrien Debeuckelaere:** Applying the Aarhus Convention during EIA – lessons from a practitioner

Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

### 16:00 **Session 4: Challenges applying a rights-based approach to the environment**

Moderator: Patrick Ten Brink

**Nicolas de Sadeleer:** The environment principle as encapsulated in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU

**Bandi Gyula:** The concept of human dignity in Hungary's 2011 Fundamental Law, as an environmental right

**Esther Pozo Vera:** The right to water – what have we learned so far?

Discussion

### 17:30 **Conclusion**

19:00 Celebratory dinner in honour of Marc's contributions to human rights and environmental protection

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