

# The Human Rights Guide to the Sustainable Development Goals

Linking human rights with all Sustainable Development Goals and targets

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Goal	Target	Instrument	Article / Description
Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.	By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity.  Indicators 6.4.1 Change in water-use efficiency over time 6.4.2 Level of water stress: freshwater witdrawal as a proportion of available freshwater resources	UDHR Universal Declaration of Human Rights	Show all articles 22 Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.
		ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Show all articles 11.1 The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living for himself and his family, including adequate food, clothing and housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions. The States Parties will take appropriate steps to ensure the realization of this right, recognizing to this effect the essential importance of international co-operation based on free consent.
			12.1  The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.
			12.2 The steps to be taken by the States Parties to the present Covenant to achieve the full realization of this right shall include those necessary for: 12.2.b  The improvement of all aspects of environmental and industrial hygiene;
		CRC Convention on the Rights of the Child	Show all articles 24.2 States Parties shall pursue full implementation of this right and, in particular, shall take appropriate measures: 24.2.c To combat disease and malnutrition, including within the framework of primary health care, through, inter alia, the application of readily available technology and through the provision of adequate nutritious foods and clean drinking-water, taking into consideration the dangers and risks of environmental pollution;
		CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women	Show all articles 14.2 States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in rural areas in order to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women, that they participate in and benefit from rural development and, in particular, shall ensure to such women the right: 14.2.h To enjoy adequate living conditions, particularly in relation to housing, sanitation, electricity and water supply, transport and communications.
		CRPD Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Show all articles 28.2 States Parties recognize the right of persons with disabilities to social protection and to the enjoyment of that right without discrimination on the basis of disability, and shall take appropriate steps to safeguard and promote the realization of this right, including measures: 28.2.a. To ensure equal access by persons with disabilities to clean water services, and to ensure access to appropriate and affordable services, devices and other assistance for disability-related needs;
		Escazú Agreement Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean	Show all articles  1 The objective of the present Agreement is to guarantee the full and effective implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the rights of access to environmental information, public participation in the environmental decision-making process and access to justice in environmental matters, and the creation and strengthening of capacities and cooperation, contributing to the protection of the right of every person of present and future generations to live in a healthy environment and to sustainable development.
			4.1 Each Party shall guarantee the right of every person to live in a healthy environment and any other universally-recognized human right related to the present Agreement.
			4.2 Each Party shall ensure that the rights recognized in the present Agreement are freely exercised.

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Each Party shall adopt the necessary measures, of a legislative, regulatory, administrative or any other nature, in the framework of its domestic provisions, to guarantee the implementation of the provisions of the present Agreement.

# 6.1

Each Party shall guarantee, to the extent possible within available resources, that the competent authorities generate, collect, publicize and disseminate environmental information relevant to their functions in a systematic, proactive, timely, regular, accessible and comprehensible manner, and periodically update this information and encourage the disaggregation and decentralization of environmental information at the subnational and local levels. Each Party shall strengthen coordination between the different authorities of the State.

## 6.3

Each Party shall have in place one or more up-to-date environmental information systems, which may include, inter alia:

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information on the use and conservation of natural resources and ecosystem services;

# 6.9

Each Party shall promote access to environmental information contained in concessions, contracts, agreements or authorizations granted, which involve the use of public goods, services or resources, in accordance with domestic legislation.

### 6.10

Each Party shall ensure that consumers and users have official, relevant and clear information on the environmental qualities of goods and services and their effects on health, favouring sustainable production and consumption patterns.

### 6.12

Each Party shall take the necessary measures, through legal or administrative frameworks, among others, to promote access to environmental information in the possession of private entities, in particular information on their operations and the possible risks and effects on human health and the environment.

# 11.1

The Parties shall cooperate to strengthen their national capacities with the aim of implementing the present Agreement in an effective manner.

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The Parties shall give particular consideration to least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States from Latin America and the Caribbean.

# 11.3

For the purposes of implementing paragraph 2 of the present article, the Parties shall promote activities and mechanisms, such as:

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discussions, workshops, expert exchanges, technical assistance, education and observatories;

# 11.3.b

developing, sharing and implementing educational, training and awareness-raising materials and programmes:

# 11.3.c

sharing experiences of voluntary codes of conduct, guidelines, good practices and standards;

# 11.3.d

committees, councils and forums of multisectoral development stakeholders to address cooperation priorities and activities.

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The Parties shall encourage partnerships with States from other regions, intergovernmental, non-governmental, academic and private organizations, as well as civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders to implement the present Agreement.

# 11.5

The Parties recognize that regional cooperation and information-sharing shall be promoted in relation to all aspects of illicit activities against the environment.

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Each Party, to the extent of its ability and in accordance with its national priorities, commits to provide the resources for national activities that are needed to fulfil the obligations derived from the present Agreement.

# Protocol of San Salvador

Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural rights (Protocol of San Salvador)

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The States Parties to this Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights undertake to adopt the necessary measures, both domestically and through international cooperation, especially economic and technical, to the extent allowed by their available resources, and taking into account their degree of development, for the purpose of achieving progressively and pursuant to their internal legislations, the full observance of the rights recognized in this Protocol.

# 10.1

Everyone shall have the right to health, understood to mean the enjoyment of the highest level of physical, mental and social well-being.

		11.2		
		The States Parties shall promote the protection, preservation, and improvement of the environment.		
	Inter-American Convention on discrimination against persons with disabilities Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities	Show all articles III.2		
disabilities		To work on a priority basis in the following areas:		
Elimination of All Forms of		III.2.a Prevention of all forms of preventable disabilities;		
ACHPR African Charter on Huma	ACHPR African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights	Show all articles 16.1		
		Every individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health.		
		16.2 States parties to the present Charter shall take the necessary measures to protect the health of their people and to ensure that they receive medical attention when they are sick.		
		22.2 States shall have the duty, individually or collectively, to ensure the exercise of the right to development.		
		24 All peoples shall have the right to a general satisfactory environment favourable to their development.		
ACRWC African Charter on the Ri	ACRWC African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	Show all articles 14.2		
the Child		State Parties to the present Charter shall undertake to pursue the full implementation of this right and in particular shall take measures:		
		14.2.c to ensure the provision of adequate nutrition and safe drinking water;		
Maputo Protocol Protocol to the African Cl		Show all articles 15		
and Peoples' Rights on the in Africa	and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women	States Parties shall ensure that women have the right to nutritious and adequate food. In this regard, they shall take appropriate measures to:		
		15.a provide women with access to clean drinking water, sources of domestic fuel, land, and the means of producing nutritious food;		
UNCCD UN Convention to Combi	UNCCD UN Convention to Combat Desertification	Show all articles 2.1 The objective of this Convention is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, through effective action at all levels, supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements, in the framework of an integrated approach which is consistent with Agenda 21, with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in affected areas.		
		2.2 Achieving this objective will involve long-term integrated strategies that focus simultaneously, in affected areas, on improved productivity of land, and the rehabilitation, conservation and sustainable management of land and water resources, leading to improved living conditions, in particular at the community level.		
		In order to achieve the objective of this Convention and to implement its provisions, the Parties shall be guided, inter alia, by the following:		
		3.c the Parties should develop, in a spirit of partnership, cooperation among all levels of government, communities, non-governmental organizations and landholders to establish a better understanding of the nature and value of land and scarce water resources in affected areas and to work towards their sustainable use;		
		17.1 The Parties undertake, according to their respective capabilities, to promote technical and scientific cooperation in the fields of combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought through appropriate national, subregional, regional and international institutions. To this end, they shall support research activities that:		
		17.1.g enhance the availability of water resources in affected areas, by means of, inter alia, cloud-seeding.		
Ramsar convention Ramsar Convention on V		Show all articles 3.1		
International Importance Waterfowl Habitat	Especially as	The Contracting Parties shall formulate and implement their planning so as to promote the conservation of the wetlands included in the List, and as far as possible the wise use of wetlands in their territory.		
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