

OHCHR's 10 Points for Human Rights at Rio+20

Success at Rio, and an outcome that will advance human rights and sustainable development, would require that Member States:

- Commit to ensuring full coherence between efforts to advance the green economy, on the one hand, and the solemn human rights obligations of States on the other.
- Recognize that all policies and measures adopted to advance sustainable development must be firmly grounded in, and respectful of, all internationally agreed human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development.
- Resolve to work to advance a human rights-based approach to the green economy, based on the principles of free, active and meaningful participation, accountability (including mechanisms at the national and international levels), non-discrimination, empowerment, and the rule of law in green economy efforts.
- Hold that all actors, in both the public and private sectors, should exercise due diligence, including through the use of human rights (as well as environmental) impact assessments.
- Call for particular care to be taken to prevent and remedy any negative impacts on the human rights of vulnerable and marginalized groups, including indigenous peoples, minorities, migrants, persons living in poverty, persons living under repression and occupation, older persons, persons with disabilities, and children.
- Allow for the full engagement of indigenous peoples in green economy policies, respect for their human rights, and their free, prior and informed consent in matters affecting their traditional lands.
- Assure the empowerment of women, the protection of their human rights, and their meaningful participation in decision making.
- Pursue a model of economic growth that is socially and environmentally sustainable, just and equitable, and respectful of all human rights.
- Use human rights language and give explicit attention to protecting the human rights to food, to water and sanitation, to health, to housing, to education, and to participation in public affairs, in the context of a green economy.
- Reaffirm the principles of the Rio Declaration, including liability for perpetrators, compensation for victims, and legal development to ensure extra-territorial accountability