

# The impact of megaprojects on the human rights to water and sanitation



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Megaprojects are often linked to human rights violations. From the lack of free, prior and informed consent to long-lasting environmental impacts, the consequences for the enjoyment of human rights are visible and recurrent.

In order to prevent and mitigate the risks arising from such projects and to ensure compliance with human rights, the Special Rapporteur on safe drinking water and sanitation is introducing a megaproject cycle framework for the realization of these human rights, consisting of seven stages, each of them entailing impacts on access to water and sanitation, challenges and enabling factors to realize the human rights to water and sanitation.

This side-event will provide an opportunity to discuss the findings of the Special Rapporteur ahead of the official presentation of his report to the General Assembly and explore key developments in human rights law based on testimonies from Colombia, Guatemala, and Zambia.

## Panelists

**Léo Heller**

Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

**Rolando Lemus**

Independent consultant on human rights in Guatemala on issues related to water and environmental justice

**Morgan Katati**

Executive Director of the Zambia Institute of Environmental Management (ZIEM)

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## Moderator

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- **Date:** 12 September 2019
- **Time:** 10.00 - 11.00