

ENVIRONMENT:

WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK IN #GENEVA

Weekly News Edited by the Geneva Environment Network

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The weekly newsletter announces meetings, events and the latest job opportunities in the Geneva region. The Geneva Environment Network website being temporarily unavailable check genetwork.unepgrid.ch & our social networks for updates.

This week the international community of standards bodies is in Geneva for the **ISO week 2018**. A **side event on Standards for the Sustainable Development Goals** will take place at CIGG. Check the links in this newsletter for further information on these and other events taking place this week.

VACANCIES

Environmental Affairs Officer, P3

UN Economic Commission for Europe

Closing: 25 September [Read more](#)

Communication Officer, P3

Minamata Convention on Mercury

Closing: 26 September [Read more](#)

Environment Affairs Intern

UN Environment Chemicals & Health Branch

Closing: 26 September [Read more](#)

Banking Principles Launch Consultant

UN Environment Finance Initiative

Closing: 27 September [Read more](#)

Deputy Secretary General

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Closing: 28 September [Read more](#)

Environment Affairs Intern

UN Environment Chemicals & Health Branch

Closing: 28 September [Read more](#)

Director – Global Marine and Polar Programme

International Union for Conservation of Nature

Closing: 30 September [Read more](#)

Team Assistant, G4

UN Environment Crisis Management Branch

Closing: 30 September [Read more](#)

Environmental & Social Risk Analysis (ESRA) Online Course in French Consultant

UN Environment Finance Initiative

Closing: 1 October [Read more](#)

Finance and Budget Assistant, G6

Basel, Rotterdam & Stockholm Conventions

Closing: 4 October [Read more](#)

Communications Coordinator & Campaign Manager - Banking Team Consultant

UN Environment Finance Initiative

Closing: 14 October [Read more](#)

MEETINGS & EVENTS



39th Session of the Human Rights Council

10–28 September 2018

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ISO Week 2018

24–28 September 2018

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International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

26 September 2018

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27th Session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy

26–27 September 2018

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La Fête de l'Abeille et du Terroir 2018

29 September 2018

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LAST GEN EVENTS



70th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee Briefing

21 September 2018 - 10:00

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39th Session of the Human Rights Council

10–28 September 2018

The 39th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council will be held on 10–28 September 2018, at the Palais des Nations. The Human Rights Council holds three regular sessions a year, for a total of at least ten weeks.

The Report of the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substance examining the situation of workers implicated and affected by occupational exposure to toxic and otherwise hazardous substances worldwide was presented at this session (12 September).

Find out more on this report on the Special Rapporteur website at <http://www.srtoxics.org/resources/thematic-reports/workers-rights-and-toxic-exposures-hrc-2018/>

Interesting event taking place this week in the margins of this session:

24 September - 11:00-12:00

HRC39 Side - Event: Rights of the indigenous peoples

Center for Environmental and Management Studies
Room XXII

ISO General Assembly 2018

24–28 September 2018

This year's ISO Week brings the global ISO community together in Geneva.

The ISO General Assembly 2018, taking place in Geneva this week, is about sharing knowledge and innovating new ideas on how International Standards can make the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development a reality. By providing a roadmap for policy makers, businesses and institutions, International Standards can help achieve a more sustainable future.

Conference website: <https://ga2018.iso.org/>

Interesting event taking place this week in the margins of this session:

26 September - 14:00-18:00

Standards for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Jointly organized by UNECE and ISO
International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG)

Taking place as a side session to the 41st ISO General Assembly (GA), the Standards for the SDGs event will bring together representatives of the standards community, UN agencies, corporate entities, diplomats and national policymakers. This multi-stakeholder engagement will showcase the role of standards for the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Read more at <http://www.unece.org/sdgs-isoweek2018.html>

REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON



Fostering the engagement of the agri-food sector in resilience to climate change
29-31 October 2018

[Read more](#)

Please note that the list of events and vacancies provided in our weekly newsletter is non-exhaustive. Stay tuned and follow us also on twitter, Facebook and other social network for additional updates.

Briefing on the 70th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee

21 September 2018 - 10:15

A briefing on issues that will be addressed by the 183 Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) at the 70th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee (SC70), organized within the framework of the Geneva Environment Network, took place at the International Environment House II, on Friday 21 September 2018.

SC70 will be held in Rosa Khutor, Sochi, Russian Federation, from 1 to 5 October 2018 and will consider a wide array of issues concerning the international trade in, and conservation and sustainable use of, CITES-listed wild animals and plants.

This briefing brought the Geneva-based stakeholders up-to-date with the key issues to be discussed as CITES Parties prepare for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Colombo, Sri Lanka, May-June 2019).

Welcome and Introduction

David MORGAN, Officer-in-Charge, CITES Secretariat

Legal and compliance issues

Juan Carlos VASQUEZ, Chief, Legal Affairs & Compliance, CITES Secretariat

National legislation for the implementation of CITES

Sofie FLENSBORG, Legal Officer, CITES Secretariat

Synthetic DNA, demand reduction and the electronic management of CITES permits

Yuan LIU, Programme and Communications Officer, CITES Secretariat

Enforcement matters: combating illegal trade in wildlife

Ben Janse VAN RENSBURG, Chief, Enforcement Support, CITES Secretariat

Species issues: elephants, rosewood, marine species and more.

Tom DE MEULENAER, Chief, Scientific Services, CITES Secretariat

Preparations for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Samantha SAYASURIYA, Sri Lanka Permanent Mission




CITES entered into force in 1975. Today, over one million cross-border transactions are regulated under CITES each year, worth several hundred billion USD.

CITES Parties meet every 3 years at the Conference of the Parties meetings to review progress in implementation and agree policy and a workplan for their Secretariat. Between these meetings, the senior inter-sessional body is the Science Committee, which meets annually.


For this SC70 session 103 documents, some 3000 pages, have been produced, ¼ million words translated. These are available on CITES website at: <https://cites.org/eng/com/sc/70/index.php>

- Various SC70 agenda items focus on the legal and compliance issues. Find out more on [Juan Carlos Vasquez notes](#).
- For updates on the national legislation for the implementation of CITES and a brief presentation on the situation in Lao PDR and other procedural and substantive legal aspects, read [Sofie Flensburg notes](#).
- 97% of species listed under CITES can be traded, as long as trade is sustainable and legal (Appendix II). [Yuan Liu briefing notes](#) also introduce documents on demand reduction, electronic trade facilitation, and synthetic DNA.
- Illegal trade in wildlife has attracted significant national and international attention in recent years. Find updates on this topic in [Ben Janse Van Rensburg notes](#).
- Of the 75-odd agenda items for SC70 in Sochi, some 30 are grouped under the title "Species specific matters". Find out more on [Tom de Meulenaer presentation and notes](#).
- The logo of the upcoming CoP was presented for the first time. Check [Samantha Sayasuriya presentation](#).

A [video](#) of this event is available on our [facebook page](#).

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