

Climate Change: New Players, New Methods, New Duty Bearers

As the human impact of climate change becomes clearer the overlap between human rights and climate issue is becoming more pronounced.

3 impacts:

1. CC becoming an issue of **justice**, mobilizing new constituencies to join the movement: e.g. HR groups, indigenous groups, children.
2. New avenues of law are opening up to hold environmental offenders to account: e.g. IHRL or even ICL.
3. Growing recognition that govts are not the only bodies that can violate HR – and shouldn't therefore be the only subjects of IHRL.



Public Participation: Trends and Challenges

Social media age is providing greater opportunity to participate in public life and expose corporate abuse. Corporations are increasingly responding with new tactics to silence criticism. One of the most insidious threats are SLAPPs:

- Designed not to win on the merits but to use the litigation process to drain resources and intimidate critics: e.g. Uniontown, Alabama.
- Often used with other intimidation tactics, including violence: e.g. Berta Caceres and Daphne Caruana Galizia.
- Often accompanied by a campaign of vilification, building on similar efforts by governments: e.g. GP/Standing Rock
- Civil society is now fighting back, most notably in USA with PTP coalition.

