Leaving no-one behind: the human right to a healthy environment and Agenda 2030

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Nature’s Contributions to People

Source: Ituarte-Lima et al 2018 building on MEA 2015 and Diaz et al 2018
Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
Conceptual Framework and Human Rights

Nature's contributions to people
Ecosystem goods and services
- Natures' gifts
- E.g. fish harvest for local communities

Nature
Biodiversity and ecosystems
- Mother Earth
- Systems of life
- Intrinsic values
- E.g. marine ecosystems

Institutions and governance
and other indirect drivers
- E.g. Human rights law, and policy instruments such as environmental impact assessments.
- PSTM such as legal assessment tools and legal empowerment methodologies

Good quality of life
Human wellbeing
- Living in harmony with nature
- Living well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth
- E.g. Clean and safe drinking water

Anthropogenic assets
- E.g. Funding necessary for facilitating participation

Natural direct drivers
- E.g. Natural disasters
- Anthropogenic direct drivers
- E.g. mining affecting the environment

Changing over time – Baseline-trend Scenarios

Source: Ituarte-Lima and Stromberg 2018 adapted from Diaz et al 2018
Types of impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems typically associated with mining

- Impact within the project, and within the time period that the mine is commercially active
- Impacts beyond the project site
- Induced impacts
- Cumulative impacts

Source: Ituarte-Lima & Stromberg 2018
Sustainable development requires healthy ecosystems
UN Human Rights Council resolution (34/20)

Source: Ituarte-Lima et al 2018 building on MEA 2015 and Diaz et al 2018
Human right to a healthy and sustainable environment

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Environmental human rights defenders are “risking their today for our tomorrow”
John Knox (2017), UN special rapporteur on human rights and the environment.

Environmental defenders voice interests of their communities but also of others who are voiceless namely plants, animals and future generations
Ituarte-Lima 2018
Human rights may be local in direct manifestations yet an outcome of multi-level complex dynamics.
Sustainable Development Goal 16, the global recognition of the human right to a healthy environment

Source: ituarte-Lima et al 2018; Rocktrom et al. Illustration: Azote
## Sustainable Development Goal 16 and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

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| **Participation and inclusion** | 16.7 Responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels  
16.10 Public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms |
| **Accountability and the rule of law** | 16.3 Rule of law at the national and international levels and equal access to justice for all  
16.5 Reduction of corruption and bribery in all their forms  
16.6 Effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels |

Source table: own elaboration based on Agenda 2030 and UN Common Understanding of the Human Rights Based Approach
Peer to peer Dialogue

Weaving SDG 16 and human rights law with the post 2020 global biodiversity framework

28-31 May 2018, KENYA
Sustainable Development Goal 16 and biodiversity: mainstreaming biodiversity, ecosystem services and human rights in the mining sector

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Sustainable Development Goal 16, the human right to a healthy environment and biodiversity

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Dialogue and policy report informing legal/policy processes

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Thank you for your attention!

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