

Side event to the 53rd session of the Human Rights Council

Voices from Fukushima's IDPs

How does international human rights law protect those displaced by the nuclear disaster?

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The Fukushima nuclear disaster forced hundreds of thousands of residents to flee their homes. How many people remain displaced today? Are the Fukushima's internally displaced persons (IDPs) receiving the assistance and protection they are entitled to? Which durable solutions are envisaged for them?

Join us for this side event aimed at presenting the findings and recommendations of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs on her official visit to Japan. Fukushima IDPs will also share their experiences and protection needs.



Illustration by an 8-year-old Fukushima IDP with an IDP portrait artist

Opening remarks:

Paula Gaviria Betancur, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of Internally Displaced Persons.

Speakers:

Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, former UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of Internally Displaced Persons (online).

Krishnan Raghavan, Associate Human Rights Officer supporting the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of IDPs at OHCHR.

Fukushima's IDPs and their lawyers (by video)

Mitsuko Sonoda, Fukushima evacuee and human rights activist

Moderator: Micòl Savia, IADL permanent representative to the United Nation in Geneva.

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