

# WASH, Women and Welfare Social Protection from a Gender Perspective

SIDE EVENT AT THE 31<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

**Social Protection**  
 **Human Rights**  
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## EVENT DETAILS

**7 March**

**14:00-16:00**

**ROOM XXII • Palais des Nations • Geneva**

## ABOUT THE EVENT

In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, States committed again to realize the rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, and related rights to social protection and gender equality.

Action is urgently needed: 2.4 billion people worldwide lack access to sanitation, resulting in 700,000 children under five dying each year. Women and girls risk sexual violence due to lack of private toilet facilities.

UN and academic panelists at this event discuss how to provide equal and non-discriminatory access to water and sanitation through a rights-based approach to ensure an adequate standard of living for all.

## PANELLISTS

**Lucinda O'Hanlon**

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Eduardo Pinto da Silva**

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