More than 1.7 million children under the age of five lose their lives every year as a result of preventable environmental impacts, while millions more suffer disease, disability, and an array of other forms of harm, some of which can result in lifelong effects. The international community has long recognized that environmental harm interferes with a vast range of the rights of the child. Yet, a clear strategy to devise and implement a child rights-based approach to the environment, including normative guidance, is still missing. The aim of this intersessional event is to create a platform to exchange on priorities to be raised and addressed during the 2020 Human Rights Council annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child on "Realizing the rights of the child through a healthy environment". This meeting will also inform about the related annual Resolution on the Rights of the Child. The event will also hear from diverse and relevant stakeholders on how they are addressing children's call for action, with a view to building a coherent child rights-based approach to the environment.

The panel will be live streamed through the Child Rights Connect Facebook page and participants will be able to send questions through Facebook and Twitter in advance or during the event using: @ChildRightsCnct #2020ADRCEnvironment

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided before the event.