



**Telebriefing:**

**Opportunities for Local, Regional, and National Action at the Nexus of  
CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS -  
YOUTH AND LITIGATION AS POWERFUL EXAMPLES**

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***Speakers:***

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- [Kelly Matheson](#), Senior Program Manager, WITNESS
- [Julia Olson](#), Founding Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel, Our Children's Trust
- Guest commentator: [Edward Cameron](#), Director, Partnership Development and Research, Business for Social Responsibility

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The climate crisis threatens access to food, water, shelter, security and life itself and merits comprehensive government action at domestic and international levels. However, 20 years of international "climate talks" have accomplished little and, in the end, the lack of rigorous enforcement and compliance at the international level make any binding agreement tenuous.

This webinar explored opportunities for funders at the intersection of climate change and human rights to support concrete strategies at local, state and national levels for comprehensive climate solutions. Participants examined a specific strategy to combat the climate crisis: binding legal actions that youth are taking to compel governments to address violations of basic human rights resulting from climate change. Participants:

- Learned more about "atmospheric trust litigation" and other effective grantmaker strategies
- Exchanged directly with a youth leader about his climate justice and human rights activism
- Shared their own solutions and strategies for addressing the impact of the climate crisis on human rights