

2nd World Environmental Law Congress

High-Level Judicial Segment

The Role of Judges: Environmental Law 2030 and Beyond

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Wednesday, 8 December - Friday, 10 December 2021

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 8 December

OPENING

17:00–17:45 **Cultural Opening**

Masters of Ceremony:

- Daniela Bandeira (Judge and Special Advisor to the Chief Justice Office of the Supreme Court of Rio de Janeiro)
- Bruno Bodart (Judge and Special Advisor to the Chief Justice Office of the Supreme Court of Rio de Janeiro)

17:45–18:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

Brazilian Institutions

- Justice Henrique Carlos de Andrade Figueira (Chief Justice of the State of Rio de Janeiro)
- Justice Cristina Tereza Gaulia (Director, Judicial Academy of Rio de Janeiro)
- Judge Renata Gil (President, Brazilian Magistrates' Association – AMB)
- Judge Eduardo André Brandão (President, Brazilian Association of Federal Judges – AJUFE)

International Institutions

- Professor Christina Voigt (Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law – *Video Link*)
- Justice Walter Barrone (President, Latin American Federation of Judges – FLAM)
- Justice José Igreja Matos (President, International Association of Judges, Rome)

18:30–19:00 **Opening Video Addresses**

Chair:

- Judge Eunice Bitencourt Haddad (President-Elect, Association of Judges of the State of Rio de Janeiro – AMAERJ)

Speakers:

- Bruno Oberle (Director-General, IUCN, Geneva)
- Inger Andersen (Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme – UNEP, Nairobi)
- Achim Steiner (Administrator, United Nations Development Programme – UNDP, New York)

- Elizabeth Mrema (Executive-Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal)
- Thomas Clark (General Counsel, Asian Development Bank, Manila)

19:00–19:30 **Keynote Opening Lecture: Climate Change, Biodiversity and the Environmental Rule of Law**

Chair:

- Justice Elton Leme (Supreme Court of Rio de Janeiro)

Keynote Speaker:

- Christina Voigt (Professor, University of Oslo, Faculty of Law, Norway, and Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law – *Video Link*)

19:45–21:45 **Opening Reception**

Thursday, 9 December

Environmental Rule of Law and Climate Change

9:00–9:15 **Introduction to the Programme**

Programme Coordinators:

- Denise Antolini (Professor, University of Hawaii School of Law, and member of the WCEL Steering Committee)
- Nicholas Bryner (Professor, Louisiana State University, United States of America)

9:15–10:15 **Judges and Climate Change**

Co-Chairs:

- Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla (Supreme Court of Nepal)
- Lord Justice Keith Lindblom (Court of Appeal of England and Wales – *Video Link*)

Keynote Speakers:

- Justice Luc Lavrysen (President, Constitutional Court of Belgium and European Forum of Judges on the Environment – *Video Link*)
- Nicholas Robinson (Professor, Pace University, WCEL Chair Emeritus and Governor, International Council of Environmental Law – ICEL – *Video Link*)

10:15–10:45 **Climate Change, Biodiversity and the Environmental Rule of Law in the *Montevideo V Programme***

Co-Chairs:

- Andrea Brusco (Environmental Governance Regional Coordinator, Latin America and Caribbean, UNEP, Panama City – *Video Link*)
- Andrew Raine (Head of the International Environmental Law Unit, UNEP, Nairobi – *Video Link*)

Speakers:

- Patricia Kameri-Mbote (Professor, Nairobi University and Director, UNEP Law Division – *Video Link*)

- Marcelo Cousillas (Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the UNEP Montevideo V Program and Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Uruguay)

10:45–11:15 Discussion among Judges and Legal Scholars about Two Previous Panels

11:15–12:00 The Water Crisis and the 2018 Brasília Declaration of Judges on Water Justice

Chair:

- Justice Roberto Maia (Supreme Court of the State of São Paulo)
- Vincent Pfammatter (Academic Fellow, Center for Philanthropy of the University of Geneva, Switzerland)

Speakers:

- Michael Hantke Domas (former Justice, Environment Tribunal of Chile)
- Kunzang (Bhutan, Rapporteur Montevideo V Programme – *Video Link*)

12:00–12:20 Discussion among Judges and Legal Scholars about Two Previous Panels

12:20–12:50 The 2021 IUCN Marseille Manifesto: Key Messages to Judges on Biodiversity and Climate Change

Co-Chairs:

- Norbert Bärlocher (Head, Rio Conventions Section, International Affairs Division, Federal Office of the Environment, and IUCN Councillor, Switzerland)
- Ana Di Pangracio (IUCN Regional Councillor, Meso and South America and Deputy Director, Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales – FARN, Buenos Aires – *Video Link*)

Keynote Speaker:

- Grethel Aguilar (IUCN Deputy-Director and Environmental Law Expert, Geneva – *Video Link*)

Lunch
12:50 - 14:30

14:30–15:30 Roundtable on Judicial Education on Climate Change and Biodiversity Law: The African and Asian Experiences

Co-Chairs:

- Robert Wabunoha (UNEP – Nairobi – *Video Link*)
- Justice Paul Kihwelo (High Court and Director, Institute of Judicial Administration, Tanzania)

Speakers (by last name alphabetical order):

- Gomolemo Moshoeu (Director, Judicial Academy of South Africa – *Video Link*)
- Christina Pak (Principal Counsel, Asian Development Bank – *Video Link*)
- Judge Elisa Samuel (Director, Judicial Academy of Mozambique – *Video Link*)
- Sandra Nichols Thiam (Environmental Law Institute – ELI – Washington DC, *Video Link*)

15:30–15:55 Discussion among Judges and Legal Scholars about Panel

15:55-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15–17:45 **Global Panorama of Climate Change Litigation: A Dialogue Among Judges** [Closed Session]

Co-Chairs:

- Justice Michael Wilson (Supreme Court of Hawaii, USA)
- Judge Fruzsina Bögös (Secretary-General, EU Forum of Judges for the Environment, Hungary – *Video Link*)

Opening Keynote Speakers (by last name alphabetical order):

- Justice Nambitha Dambuza (Supreme Court of Appeal, South Africa – *Video Link*)
- Justice Sayed Mansoor Ali Shah (Supreme Court, Pakistan – *Video Link*)
- Justice Brian Preston (Chief Justice, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, Australia – *Video Link*)

17:45–19:15 **Roundtable Discussion among Judges on Climate Change Litigation** [Closed Session]

Co-chairs:

- Justice Swatanter Kumar (Former Justice of the Supreme Court of India and former Chief Justice, National Green Tribunal, India – *Video Link*)
- Justice Ambeng Kandakasi (Deputy Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea – *Video Link*)

Discussants (by last name alphabetical order):

- Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed (Supreme Court of Bangladesh – *Video Link*)
- Judge Susan Biro (Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. EPA – *Video Link*)
- Justice José Eduardo Ayú Prado Canals (Supreme Court of Panama)
- Justice Ricardo Cintra Torres de Carvalho (Supreme Court of the State of Sao Paulo)
- Judge Marc Clément (President of Chamber, Administrative Tribunal of Lyon, France – *Video Link*)
- Justice Brian Cottle (Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, St. Vincent & the Grenadines – *Video Link*)
- Judge Patricia Antunes Laydner (Director, Judicial Academy of the State of Rio Grande do Sul)
- Justice Magdangal de León (Philippines Court of Appeals)
- Judge Pablo Lorenzetti (Provincial Judge, Argentina – *Video Link*)
- Judge Roque Camacho Negrete (Agro-Environmental Court of Santa Cruz, Bolivia)
- Justice Nicola Pain (Land and Environment Court, New South Wales, Australia – *Video Link*)
- Justice Antonio de Souza Prudente (Federal Court of Appeals of the 1st Circuit, Brazil – *Video Link*)
- Justice I Gusti Agung Samanatha (Supreme Court of Indonesia – *Video Link*)
- Judge Gabriel Wedy (Federal Judge, Brazil)

19:15 **Adjourn**

Friday, 10 December

Biodiversity and Judges

9:00–10:15 The Role of Courts in Protecting Environmental Defenders

Chair:

- Justice Emmanuel Ugirashebuta (Minister of Justice, Rwanda, and former Chief Justice of the East African Court – *Video Link*)
- Claudia S. de Windt (Chief Executive IIJS, Adjunct Associate Professor, American University, Washington College of Law, and member of the WCEL Steering Committee)

Keynote Speakers:

- Arnold Kreilhuber (Deputy-Director, UNEP Law Division – *Video Link*)
- Ramiro Batzin Chojoj (IUCN Councillor and Global Coordinator, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity – *Video Link*)
- César Rodríguez-Garavito (Professor and Director, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York University School of Law – *Video Link*)

10:15–11:15 Judges and the Oceans Crisis

Co-Chairs:

- Justice Michelle Weekes (High Court of Barbados)
- Judge Wendy Martinez Mejia (Court of Appeals of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)

Speakers:

- Nilufer Oral (Professor, member of the United Nations International Law Commission and Director, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore – *Video Link*)
- Agnes Michelot (Professor, Université La Rochelle, former President of the Société Française pour le Droit de l'Environnement, France, and member of the WCEL Steering Committee – *Video Link*)

11:15–12:00 Discussion among Judges and Legal Scholars on two previous Panels

Lunch

12:30 - 14:15

13:45–15:15 The Promises of the Glasgow Climate COP 26 and Stockholm+50

Co-Chairs:

- Justice Ragnhild Noer (Supreme Court of Norway – *Video Link*)
- Justice Damaris Vargas (Supreme Court of Costa Rica)

Keynote Speakers:

- Lord Robert Carnwath (Former Justice, United Kingdom Supreme Court – *Video Link*)
- David R. Boyd (UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment and Professor, University of British Columbia, Canada – *Video Link*)
- Yann Aguila (Global Pact for the Environment, Paris – *Video Link*)

15:15–16:30 Rights of Nature

Co-Chairs:

- Émilie Gaillard (Professor, Sciences Po Rennes, France – *Video Link*)
- Justice Paulo Ayrosa (President, Environment Grand Chamber, Supreme Court of the State of São Paulo)

Speakers:

- Justice Alfredo Gutierrez (Supreme Court of Mexico – *Video Link*)
- Justice Agustín Grijalva Jiménez (Constitutional Court, Ecuador – *Video Link*)
- Justice Luis Tolosa (Supreme Court of Colombia – *Video Link*)

16:30–17:45 Judges, Forests and Protected Areas

Co-Chairs:

- Justice Nitin Jamdar (Bombay High Court, India – *Video Link*)
- Alejandra Rabasa (Jurisprudential Researcher, Center for Constitutional Studies, Supreme Court of Mexico)

Speakers:

- Braulio Dias (Professor and Former Executive-Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Brasília)
- Justice Norma Piña (Supreme Court of Mexico – *Video Link*)
- Judge Marcus Livio Gomes (National Judicial Council of Brazil – CNJ)

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18:15-18:35 Congress Outcomes

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18:35-19:45 Closing Keynote Addresses

Co-Chairs:

- Sheila Abed (Former Minister of Justice, Paraguay; Chair Emeritus, World Commission on Environmental Law)
- Justice Luis Felipe Salomão (National High Court of Brazil – STJ)

Keynote Speakers:

- Justice Fabien Raynaud (Conseil d'État, France – *Video Link*)
- Justice Ricardo Lorenzetti (Supreme Court of Argentina and Professor, University of Buenos Aires – *Video Link*)

19:45 – 20:15 Congress Closing

Chair:

- Justice Henrique Carlos de Andrade Figueira (Chief Justice of Rio de Janeiro)

Speakers:

- Ayman Cherkaoui (IUCN WCEL Deputy Chair, Morocco – *Video Link*)
- Jacqueline Alvarez (Regional Director and Representative, UNEP Latin America and the Caribbean Office)
- Alejandro Iza (Director, IUCN Environmental Law Centre, Bonn – *Video Link*)
- Judge Felipe Gonçalves (President, Association of Judges of the State of Rio de Janeiro)

20:15 – 23:00 **Closing Reception**



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