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"Integrated Legal Protection of Air, Ocean and Land"

Rabat, Morocco, May 5-7, 2025

Day 1: Monday 5 May 2025

08:00 am Registration opens

08:30am-10:00am High-Level Opening Ceremony

Welcoming Remarks:

1. Prof. **Christina Voigt**, Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)
2. **Ayman Cherkaoui**, Deputy Chair, IUCN WCEL & Director, Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training

Opening Remarks:

1. H.E. **Razan Al Mubarak**, President, IUCN (VIDEO ADDRESS)
2. **Grethel Aguilar**, Director General, IUCN
3. **Elizabeth Mrema**, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP (ONLINE)
4. **Mounir El Mountassir Billah**, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of the Judicial Power of Morocco
5. **Rima Lablaili**, Director of Cooperation and Communication, Ministry of Justice of Morocco

10.00am – 10.30am Coffee Break (Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training)

10:30pm – 12.00pm First Plenary Roundtable

Integrated protection of atmosphere, air, water and land

Chair: Prof. **Christina Voigt**, Chair, IUCN WCEL

1. Chief Justice **Antonio Herman Benjamin**, National High Court of Brazil / IUCN WCEL Steering Committee member
2. H.E. **Assia Ben Salah Alaoui**, Ambassador at Large of His Majesty Mohamed VI, the King of Morocco
3. **Olivier Rukundo**, CBD
4. **Robin Merlier**, United Nations Development Program, UNDP
5. **Andy Raine**, Deputy Director, Law Division UNEP
6. **Donata Rugarabamu**, Assistant Director-General/Legal Counsel, FAO (ONLINE)
7. **Christine Adam**, Director, Legal Affairs Division, UNFCCC (ONLINE)
8. **Cheikh Tidiane Toure**, UNCCD

12.00pm – 1.00pm Lunch (Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training)

1:00pm-2:00pm First Congress Keynote

Environmental Multilateralism at a Crossroads?

Chair: **Ayman Cherkaoui**, Deputy Chair, IUCN WCEL & Director, Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training

Keynote Speaker: H.E. Ambassador **Rena Lee**, Singapore, Oceans and Law of the Sea issues

Commentators:

1. **John Scanlon**, Executive President, International Council for Environmental Law (ICEL)
2. **Fabiano de Andrade Correa**, Senior Counsel, The World Bank's International and Environmental Law Unit/ Deputy-Chair WCEL Climate Change Law Specialist Group
3. Prof. **Lavanya Rajamani**, University of Oxford / WCEL Steering Committee member (ONLINE)
4. Prof. **Tiina Palonitty**, Chair, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law / WCEL Steering Committee member (ONLINE)

2:00am – 2:30pm Break (Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training)

2.30pm – 04.00pm First Parallel Sessions (4)

Parallel session 1

Governance: Emerging Trends in Global Environmental Governance

*Chair: Prof. **Agnès Michelot**, University of La Rochelle / WCEL Steering Committee member*

1. **Alvin Gachie***¹, **Patricia Kameri-Mbote** and **Juliana Almeida**: The Montevideo Environmental Law Programme: a decade of action on environmental rule of law
2. **Elisa Cavallin**: The potential role and limitations of the One Health Approach for advancing environmental protection
3. **Michael Picard***, **Rachael Crawford-Smith** and **Rania Djojosugito**: Space-Earth Governance: A Polycentric Approach
4. **Paolo Solano**: How Trade Agreement Mechanisms Facilitate Public Participation in Environmental Law Enforcement and Access to Justice (ONLINE)
5. **Rakhyun E. Kim**: From global environmental governance to Earth system governance: A planetary turn?
6. **Marina Dutra Trindade**: Law's Path Dependence and the challenges to sustainable energy: insights from the Energy Charter Treaty and stranded resources and stranded assets research

Parallel session 2

Integrated Climate and Nature Protection

*Chair: Prof. **Francesco Sindico**, Co-Chair, WCEL Climate Law Specialist Group*

1. **Ivano Alogna**: Corporate Climate Litigation as a Global Toolbox for Integrated Environmental Protection: Climate Governance, Ecosystem and Biodiversity Protection, and Indigenous Rights
2. **Jessica Owley**: The Role of Private Land Conservation Organizations in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
3. **James Correia***, **Yves Tiberghien**, **Sheena Leong**: Climates of Cooperation - How International Environmental Organizations Coordinate their Activities and Align their Instruments to Achieve their Policy Objectives (ONLINE)
4. **Joel Ong Jie Hao**: Interconnected Governance Challenges of Addressing Climate Change and Shipping
5. **Temitope Tunbi Onifade**: Effective Tripartite Regulation of Low-Carbon Economies
6. **Angela Van der Berg**: A climate justice reading of South Africa's Climate Change Act 22 of 2024

Parallel session 3

Procedures: Environmental Impact Assessment and Risk Assessment

¹ NB: The presenter of a co-authored abstract is marked with an asterisk (*).

*Chair: Prof. **Claudia de Windt**, Executive Director, Inter-American Institute on Justice and Sustainability (IIJS) / WCEL Steering Committee member*

1. **Morten Walløe Tvedt**: How can Environmental Impact Assessment be applied in the course of regulation of gene-editing in animals
2. **Rebekah Church* et al.**: A new approach to assessing global nature-related regulatory risk
3. **Nicholas Renzler and Isabella Uria**: Restoring the Coastal State: Compensatory Damages in Inter-State Disputes Concerning IUU Fishing in the EEZ (ONLINE)
4. **Ndumiso Innocent Nzaca**: Meaningful public participation in environmental decision-making on South African law perspective: The Wild Coast struggle in Sustaining the Wild Coast & Others v Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy (ONLINE)
5. **Rachael Chasakara* and Ntemesha Maseka**: From doctrine to duty: Public trust and human rights as legal tools to fortify South Africa's ocean space (ONLINE)

Parallel session 4

Operationalising biodiversity protection to support areas affected by armed conflict

*Chair: Prof. **Karen Hulme**, Chair, WCEL Environmental Security and Conflict Law Specialist Group*

1. **Britta Sjöstedt**, Lund University: Area-based protection and military responses
2. Prof. **Daniëlla Dam-de Jong**, Leiden University / Deputy Chair, WCEL Environmental Security and Conflict Law Specialist Group: Use of biodiversity MEAs to curb the flow of conflict resources
3. **Doug Weir**, Director, Conflict and Environment Observatory: Components of conflict-sensitive conservation
4. **Stavros Pantazopoulos**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens: Climate change impacts relating to armed conflict
5. **Eva Baudichau**: Safeguarding terrestrial and marine protected areas in Ukraine: Legal responses to wartime environmental threats under selected MEAs

04:00pm – 04:30pm Coffee Break

04:30pm-06:00pm Second High-Level Plenary Roundtable

An IUCN view on integrated environmental management

*Chair: Prof. **Claudia de Windt**, Executive Director, Inter-American Institute on Justice and Sustainability (IIJS) / WCEL Steering Committee member*

1. **Maher Mahjoub**, Director, IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (ONLINE)
2. **Maud Lelièvre**, President, IUCN National Committee, France
3. **Gloria Ujor**, IUCN Councillor Africa Region
4. **Yacouba Savadogo**, Ministry of Environment, Water and Sanitation, of Burkina Faso
5. **Sonia Peña Moreno**, Director, IUCN Centre for Policy and Law (ONLINE)
6. **Madhu Rao**, Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) (ONLINE)
7. **Manuel Pulgar-Vidal**, Chair, IUCN Climate Crisis Commission (CCC) (ONLINE)
8. **Catherine Iorns**, Councillor, IUCN

06:15pm: Group Photo

Transport to Dinner

07:30pm Dinner

Day 2: Tuesday 6 May 2025

09:00am – 10.30am Second Round of Parallel Sessions (4)

Parallel session 5

Biodiversity Governance and Law

Chair: Emmanuel Kasimbazi, Chair, WCEL Biodiversity Law Specialist Group - A Leap Forward for Biodiversity Litigation in Africa

1. **Prof. Markus Gehring:** Biodiversity and Trade - Integrated Legal Protection advancing the Global Biodiversity Framework?
2. **Margaret Palaghicon Von Rotz:** Decolonising 30x30: Using Fourth World Approaches to International Law to Establish Indigenous Protected Areas
3. **Siemen Kalders:** Knowing the Unknown. The protection of insects in the EU Habitats Directive in light of scientific uncertainty.
4. **Rimona Afana:** Individuals vs. Species: A Critique of Environmental Law's Focus on Biodiversity
5. **Catherine Iorns:** Legal and governance tools to better protect Antarctic biodiversity
6. **Gustavo Alanís Ortega*, Juan Carlos Carrillo Fuentes, Tomás Severino Ortega:** El Acuerdo de Escazú, una herramienta innovadora para el Cumplimiento Global de Biodiversidad.
7. **Chad Patrick Osorio*, Francesca Leucci, Nancy Wu and Donatella Porrini:** Is Biodiversity a Worldwide Concept in Climate Change Litigation?

Parallel session 6

Human Rights: Indigenous Rights, Environmental Human Rights and Environmental Justice

Chair: Prof. Cristiane Derani, Deputy Chair, WCEL Ethics Specialist Group

1. **Verena Kahl:** The Right to a Safe Climate - Leading Human Rights Law into the Anthropocene (ONLINE)
2. **Richard Humphreys:** Prioritising the climate emergency in planning decisions: an integrated view of the right to a healthy environment
3. **Abbas Poorhashemi:** Role of Environmental Justice in Integrated Legal Protections for Vulnerable Ecosystems (ONLINE)
4. **Elena Kavanagh:** From Summit of the Future to CBD COP16: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge in Global Governance
5. **Pag-yendu M. Yentcharé :** Le droit « adapté » du brevet au secours du droit de l'environnement : pour une vraie protection juridique des savoirs traditionnels médicaux des peuples autochtones et des communautés locales
6. **Delphine Missone:** Harnessing science, policy and law to deliver clean air and a healthier environment (ONLINE)

Parallel session 7

Safeguarding the environment during and past wars and conflicts

Chair: Prof. Daniëlla Dam-de Jong, Deputy Chair, WCEL, Environmental Conflict and Law Specialist Group

1. **Anne Dienelt* & Britta Sjöstedt:** Tech Guardians: Empowering Citizens and Innovations to Safeguard the Environment in Warfare
2. **Federica Montanaro:** Criminalization trends in the green transition(s): protecting the environment or securing it?
3. **Bellantuono Giuseppe:** Integrating legal pluralism into transition theories (ONLINE)

4. **Lea Weimann:** Transforming the Mandate of the International Criminal Court: Advancing Global Justice through Ecocide Law

Parallel session 8 (PL)

Rights of Nature

Chair: Prof. **Philippe Cullet**, Chair, WCEL Rights of Nature Task Force

1. **Julian Suarez:** Towards a rights of nature approach to environmental protection beyond performance, aspirations and symbolism
2. **Violaine du Pontavice:** Making the rights of Nature operational through their implementation in territories by integrated legal protection
3. **Michelle Bender***, **Lydia Slobodian**, **Kristina M. Gjerde**, **Philippe Cullet**, **Pradeep Singh:** The Rights of Nature and Legal Personhood in an Ocean Context (ONLINE)
4. **Rupa Basnet**, Bagmati River Case Analysis on River Conservation in Nepal

10:30am – 11:00am Coffee Break Location (Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training)

11:00am – 12:30pm Third Plenary Roundtable

IUCN at International Courts

Chair: Prof. **Christina Voigt**, Chair, IUCN WCEL

Speakers:

1. Prof. **Francesco Sindico**, Co-Chair WCEL Climate Change Law Specialist Group
2. Prof. **Claudia de Windt**, WCEL Steering Committee member
3. Prof. **Cymie Payne**, Chair, WCEL Ocean Law Specialist Group (ONLINE)
4. **Sandeep Sengupta** - Global Policy Lead, Climate Change, Centre for Policy and Law (ONLINE)
5. **Corina Heri**, WCEL Human Rights Specialist (ONLINE)
6. **Anastasia Kantzelis**, Pump Court
7. **Yusra Suedi**, University of Manchester

12:30pm-01:30pm Lunch Location: (Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training)

01:30pm – 03:00pm Fourth Plenary Roundtable

Hunger, Poverty and the Environment: Integrated Approaches

Chair: Prof. **Cristiane Derani**, Deputy-Chair, WCEL Ethics Specialist Group

1. **Osmar Ribeiro de Almeida Júnior**, Executive Secretary of Ministry of Development and Social Assistance, Family and Combating Hunger, Brazil
2. **H.E. Ambassador Alexandre Parola**, Ambassador of Brazil to the Kingdom of Morocco
3. **João Paulo Santos**, Head of the Legal Advisory Office of the Ministry of Development and Social Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger, Brazil
4. **H.E. Ambassador Jimoh Murtala**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria
5. **Auxence Estimé Malongo Iyangui**, Gabon, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Law of the Sea General Directorate)
6. **Donald Kaniaru**, Former UNEP Law Division Director
7. **Tianbao Qin**, Director, Research Institute of Environmental Law (RIEL), Wuhan University (ONLINE)
8. **Riad Balaghi**, Adaptation de l'Agriculture Africaine (AAA)

03:00pm – 03:30pm Break Location: center

03:30pm – 05:00pm Third Round of Parallel Sessions (4)

Parallel session 9

Integrated environmental ethics and law

Chair: Katy Gwiazdon, Chair, WCEL Ethics Specialist Group

1. **Danilo B. Garrido Alves:** When development banks fund environmental destruction: an assessment of environmental non-compliance investigations and actions (not) taken by the IFC to address them
2. **Gitanjali Nain Gill:** Environmental public hearing in India: The need for a corrective gender-balance legal framework to promote environmental justice
3. **Hillary Renick:** Green Colonialism and the Protection of Biodiversity
4. **Kelvin Kariuki Muli*, Elizabeth Nyambura, and Joel Onyango:** Preservation of Knowledge Systems through Integration of Indigenous Knowledge System: A Case Study of Ogiek Community in Mau Forest, Kenya. (ONLINE)
5. **Maria Antonieta Nestor* and Freddy Sebastián Medina:** Towards Environmental Justice: Indigenous Rights, Sustainable Development, and the Defense of Ancestral Lands.
6. **Séverine Carrez:** Pour une éthique des droits de la Nature.
7. **Eugenio Sartoretto*, Francesca Coli & Lola Nihotte:** The Sustainable Wildlife Management Legal Hub: turning legal analysis into a catalyst for integrated biodiversity protection

Parallel session 10

Integrating different objectives in Ocean Governance

Chair: Pradeep Singh, Deputy Chair, WCEL Ocean Law Specialist Group

1. **Frances Disiga:** Strengthening Ocean Governance in Oceania: Advancing the BBNJ Treaty for Regional Conservation and Sustainability. (ONLINE)
2. **Amiel Ian Valdez:** Examining the Interplay Between Precautionary Principle and Environmental Impact Assessment in the Conduct of Deep-Sea Mining in the High Seas
3. **Bastiaan E. Klerk:** Dynamic Area-Based Management Tools for a Changing Ocean: A Case Study
4. **Zunaida MoosaWadiwala:** Navigating the New: Implications of the 2024 ITLOS Ruling for Domestic Marine Legislation
5. **Youness Taissir*, Samira Idlilene Nawal Alioua:** La répression des rejets illicites des hydrocarbures par les navires en Afrique : le problème de la preuve et les horizons de la protection du milieu marin.
6. **Lea Weimann:** Exploring rights of nature for coral reefs: an ecocentric legal framework for climate resilience.
7. **Marie Bonnin*, Jihad Zahir, Youssef Al Mouatamid, Margot Perdereau, Younes Taissir and Chaymae Kaouri:** Evaluer la protection juridique des océans à l'AI de l'IA : Le projet NAWRAS.

Parallel session 11

Integrated legal protection to secure the multifunctionality of soils

Chair: Dr. Irene Heuser, Chair, WCEL Soil and Sustainable Agriculture Law Specialist Group - Introduction to Soil Security Law

1. **Edwin Alblas:** Integrated legal protection of soils: the need to bridge law and soil science
2. **Enrico Mezzacapo:** Converging Pathways: Analyzing the synergies between the EU Nature Restoration Law and the Common Agriculture Policy in the transition to sustainable food systems
3. **Julie Celia Itey:** Strengthening Soil Protection through Judicial Transparency and Public Access: Insights from French Case Law
4. **Rahel Zimmermann:** Are site contamination law apt to handle forever chemicals?

5. **Marko Perišić:** Soil Remediation and Soil Protection Together: An Impossible Story? Let's Talk about Phytoremediation
6. **Matteo Fermeglia:** Unpacking the legal conundrum of nature-based soil remediation and sustainable biofuels production in the European Union

Parallel session 12 (PL)

Human Right to a clean and healthy environment

Chair: Prof. David Forman, University of Hawai'i at Manoa - William S. Richardson School of Law / WCEL Steering Committee member

1. **Evelyn Li Wang:** The Right to a Healthy Environment: Recognised as a Human Right but to What Extent Can Environmental Wrongs be Righted?
2. **Akono André:** Contractualisation de la justice environnementale et garantie du droit à un environnement sain dans le secteur minier en Afrique subsaharienne francophone (ONLINE)
3. **Roger Joseph Guzman:** Towards the Development of a Regional Framework for Environmental Rights in ASEAN: Evolution and Experiences
4. **Otamirzaev Oybek:** Environmental rights of citizens (ONLINE)
5. **Maria Gabriela Mesias Zambrano:** Gobernanza climática en Ecuador ¿es suficiente con el reconocimiento de los derechos de la naturaleza? (ONLINE)
6. **Oumayma Nejjar:** L'urgence proclamée de reconnaissance de la personnalité juridique comme levier de protection : vers une nature sujette de droit et une voie d'entente avec l'Homme
7. **Kleoniki Pouikli:** The 'Ilva' Saga before the Court of Justice of the European Union: Judgment C-626/22 and Its Implications for EU Environmental Law and Human Rights Across Europe (ONLINE)

06.00pm Book Launches and Reception

Day 3: Wednesday 7 May 2025

9:00am-10:00am Fifth Plenary Roundtable

The Model Forest Act Initiative (MoFAI)

*Moderator: **Andy Raine**, Deputy Director, Law Division, UNEP*

Opening Remarks:

Antonio Herman Benjamin, Chief Justice, National High Court of Brazil (STJ), MoFAI Chair (VIDEO MESSAGE)

Christina Pak, Principal Counsel, Asian Development Bank, and Head of the Secretariat of MoFAI (ONLINE)

Speakers on key provisions of the Model Forest Act:

1. Prof. **Nicholas Bryner**, **Louisiana State University**, MoFAI Co-Rapporteur
2. **Eeshan Chaturvedi**, Stanford University, MoFAI Co-Rapporteur (ONLINE)
3. **Juliana Almeida**, Law Division, UNEP, MoFAI Secretariat

10.00am-11:30am Sixth Plenary Roundtable

Oceans at the Crossroads (between land- and vessel-based pollution, climate change and biodiversity, conservation and use)

*Chair: **Pradeep Singh**, Deputy Chair, WCEL Ocean Law Specialist Group*

Keynote: Prof. **Nilufer Oral**, National University of Singapore / WCEL Steering Committee member (ONLINE)

Comments from:

1. Prof. **Sara Sefrioui**, Abdelmalek Essaâdi University
2. Prof. **Ronan Long**, World Maritime University (ONLINE)
3. Prof. **Cymie Payne**, Rutgers University; Chair, WCEL Oceans Law Specialist Group (ONLINE)
4. **Iatimad Zair**, Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection
5. Representative of the Fisheries Department
6. Representative of the French Embassy in Morocco

11.30am-12.00pm: Coffee Break (Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training)

12:00pm – 1:30pm Fourth Round of Parallel Sessions (4)

Parallel session 13

Agriculture: Integrating the protection of soils, biodiversity and climate change

*Chair: **Katy Gwiazdon**, Chair, WCEL Ethics Specialist Group*

1. **Szilvia Csevár*** and **Yasmine Rugarli**: Seeds of Power: from the 'green' revolution to Indigenous food sovereignty
2. **Michael Addaney*** and **Nastasia Thebaud-Bouillon-Njenga**: Food and climate justice in Africa: Human rights dimensions (ONLINE)
3. **Viktoriia Pylaieva**: EU "From Farm To Fork" Strategy As A Conceivably Global Standard For Sustainable Agriculture And Food Security
4. **Renee Valerie Fajardo**: Optimizing Legal Frameworks to Reduce Nitrogen Pollution from Agriculture
5. **Mei-Line Le Gouëff**, Balancing Agriculture and Solar Energy Development: Legal Challenges and Emerging Frameworks for Agrivoltaics integration in the European Union to Support Sustainable Development Goals.
6. **Roberto Talenti**: To Eat or Not to Eat (Too Much Meat) - An Analysis of the European Regulatory Framework Governing Livestock GHG Emissions and Its Compatibility with the Climate Neutrality Objective. (ONLINE)

7. **Stefano Teixeira Lopes Silveira:** Denmark's livestock carbon tax: a model for reducing agricultural emissions in global environmental governance. (ONLINE)

Parallel session 14

Governance: Measuring Effectiveness

Chair: Alejandro Iza, IUCN Secretariat, WCEL Steering Committee member

1. **Yacouba Savadogo:** La faible effectivité du droit de l'environnement en Afrique.
2. **Michel Prieur:** Mesurer l'effectivité de la mise en œuvre des objectifs de développement durable (ODD)
3. **Tejas Rao:** Legal Approaches in the Function of Implementation and Compliance Committees Across Air, Ocean, and Land Protection Treaties
4. **Angela María Amaya-Arias:** Proposal of legal effectiveness indicators for the protection of biodiversity in Colombia
5. **Michael Hantke-Domas:** Environmental Crimes: Between Legal Principles and Scientific Indicators
6. **Roberto Coll:** Measuring the effectiveness of environmental law through legal indicators and quality analyses

Parallel session 15

Integrated climate change law and governance

Chair: Ayman Cherkaoui, Deputy-Chair, IUCN WCEL & Director, Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training

1. **Gregorio Rafael P. Bueta:** We Didn't Start The (Climate) Fire: A Comparative Analysis of Climate Litigation and the evolving Concept of Climate Justice in Asia and the Pacific
2. **Jorge Alejandro Carrillo Bañuelos:** Climate Litigation and Nationally Determined Contributions: Above and Beyond Accountability
3. **Paulina Rundel:** From Protest to Policy: Strengthening Children's Participation Rights in Climate Justice.
4. **Mara Wendebourg:** Ocean Interventions for Climate Change Mitigation: Reinterpreting Ambition under the Paris Agreement?
5. **Leticia Elizeu Duarte:** Emissions Trading System in Brazil: Lessons from Learned from California's Cap-and-Trade Program
6. **Maria del Mar Martin Aragón:** Derechos Humanos en la Era del Cambio Climático (ONLINE)
7. **Varnika Chalwa:** How can legal frameworks balance sustainable development while respecting the knowledge and rights of indigenous and local communities

Parallel session 16 (PL)

Integrative legal principles and rules to address pollution, especially by plastics

Chair: Prof. Alexandra Harrington, Chair, WCEL Agreement on Plastic Pollution Task Force

1. **Ayoub Achbaro,** Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection
2. **Vasilka Sancin:** Implications of plastic pollution for the realization of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment (ONLINE)
3. **Abid Hussain:** Translating the 'Cooperation Principle' into the Operational Measures of the Global Plastics Treaty: Implications for Transboundary Plastic Regulation (ONLINE)
4. **Blaise-Pascal Ntirumenyerwa Mihigo:** La pollution plastique en République démocratique du Congo. Un regard analytique du cadre juridique sur les écosystèmes terrestres et aquatiques. (ONLINE)
5. **Olalekan A. Bello:** Making the Global Trade in Toxic and E-waste Ethical and More Sustainable: An Exploration of New Paradigms for the Governance of the Conventions on Transboundary Movement of Waste in Africa

6. **Samvel Gor:** Pollutant Release and Transfer Register Protocol: past and prospects

01:30pm-02:15pm Lunch Location: (Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training)

02:15pm-03.30pm Seventh Plenary Roundtable

Judicial Dialogue: The Role of Courts in Integrated Environmental Protection (organized together with GJIE)

Chair: Justice **Ambeng Kandakasi**, National and Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea

Opening Remarks: Chief Justice **Antonio Herman Benjamin**, National High Court of Brazil (STJ), President of GJIE (ONLINE)

1. Justice **Luc Lavrysen**: Constitutional Court of Belgium (ONLINE)
2. Justice **Swatanter Kumar**, (retired) Supreme Court of India
3. Lord **Robert Carnwath**, former Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom
4. Justice **Nambitha Dambuza** (ONLINE)
5. Judge **Elisa Samuel Boerekamp** (ONLINE)
6. **Anders Bengtsson**: How may networking increase efficiency and quality in managing environmental cases in court?

03:30pm – 04:00pm Break Location: Center

04:00pm – 05:30pm Fifth Round of Parallel Sessions (4)

Parallel session 17

Forests at the crossroads: legal protection regimes

Chair: Prof. **Nick Bryner**, Louisiana State University / Chair, WCEL Global Judicial Institute on the Environment Task Force

1. **Kenny Cetera**: The Legal Influence of EU trade policies to tackle Deforestation in Southeast Asia
2. **Romy Klimke**: Trade policy as an effective instrument for forest protection? A critical analysis of the EU's common commercial policy (ONLINE)
3. **Kumarjeeb Pegu**: Voices of the Forest: A Socio-Legal Exploration of Tribal Identity, Rights, and Human-Wildlife Conflicts in India
4. **Salimataa Berte***, **Clarissea Kone Yelakan**, **Ahua Renéa Koffi**: Implication de la communauté dans la préservation du Parc National d'Azagny (PNA) en Côte d'Ivoire : cas du village de Braffedon (ONLINE)
5. **Justine Bendel*** and **Federica Catonini**: Does the sea dominate the land? The protection of coastal forests between ocean and land governance. (ONLINE)
6. **Anastasia Telesetsky***, **Afshin Akthar-Khavari** and **An Cliquet**: Generation Restoration: Developing a Model Law to Incentivize Practical Ecological Restoration Efforts

Parallel session 18

Environmental Governance: New principles to regulate risk and the unknown

Chair: Prof. **Michael Prieur**, Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement (CIDCE)

1. **Petros Patronos**: The principle of biodiversity integration (ONLINE)
2. **Tom Baycock**: "Ecological Embassies": Reimagining Legal and Ecological Space to Protect Biodiversity' (ONLINE)
3. **Volker Mauerhofer**: Phrasing down and opting out: Legal perspectives for net improvements through the KM-Global Biodiversity Framework, exemplified by ALPMEMA
4. **Cristiane Derani**: Integrating Indigenous Peoples Cosmologies into Justice: An Analysis of the Request for an Advisory Opinion on the Climate Emergency and Human Rights submitted to the IACtHR

5. Prof. **Nabil Madani**: Perspectives on Environmental Law in Morocco: Toward an Integrated Protection of Ecosystems

Parallel session 19 (PL)

The need for freshwater legal regimes: A manifesto for freshwater

Chair: **Michael Hantke-Domas**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, Universidad San Sebastián / Deputy-Chair, WCEL Specialists Group on Water and Wetlands Law

1. **Francesco Sindico**: Islands and Sustainable Freshwater Management: what role for domestic and international law? (VIDEO ADDRESS)
2. **Samira Idlallène***, **Mouch Mohamed**, **Afifi Abdessamad** and **El Azali Monia**: Tester les indicateurs juridiques d'effectivité du droit de l'environnement au Maroc. Une étude pilote de terrain
3. **Klaudia Szabelka**: Unpacking the EU Water Reuse Policy: A Justice-Oriented Analysis for Sustainable Governance (ONLINE)
4. **Ravi Sharma Aryal**: Integrated Legal Protection for Water Resources in Nepal
5. **Andrés Martínez Moscoso**: El agua como mecanismo para la paz. Gobernanza hídrica por medio de la Comisión Binacional Ecuador-Perú
6. **Alejandro Iza**: The legal dimension on glaciers conservation

Parallel session 20

A perspective from the Pacific: Challenges of environmental human rights and access to justice and solutions

Chair: **Maria-Goreti Muavesi**, WCEL Steering Committee Member

1. **Georgina Lloyd**: Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, UNEP
2. **Briony Eales**: Team Leader for Judicial Capacity Building in Env't'l and Climate Change Law, ADB (ONLINE)
3. Justice **Ambeng Kandakasi**: Deputy Chief Justice, National and Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea
4. **Tevita Cagilaba**: Senior Legal Officer, Office of the Attorney General, Fiji
5. **Martin Cosier**: Environmental Law Specialist (Consultant)

05.30 – 06.00 pm Coffee Break (Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training)

06:00 – 07.00pm Closing Plenary

Can a right to a safe and healthy environment ensure integrated environmental protection?

Chair: Prof. **Agnès Michelot**, University of La Rochelle / WCEL Steering Committee member

1. **Astrid Puentes Riaño**, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment (ONLINE)
2. **Elisa Morgera**, UN Special Rapporteur Climate change and HR (ONLINE/VIDEO ADDRESS)
3. **Marcos Orellana**, UN Special Rapporteur on Toxics and Human Rights

Comments by :

1. Prof. **Cesar Rodriguez Garavito**, New York University (ONLINE)
2. Prof. **Marie - Claire Cordonier Segger**, University of Cambridge
3. Prof. **Montserrat Abad Castelos**, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
4. **Jordan Diamond**, Director, Environmental Law Institute (ELI) (ONLINE)

07.00-07.30pm Summary, Awards and Closing

Chair: **Ayman Cherkaoui**, Deputy Chair, IUCN WCEL & Director, Hassan II Int'l Center for Environmental Training
Nicholas Robinson Award for Excellence in Environmental Law
Partners' recognition