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## Draft Program

IUCN WCEL 4th International Environmental Law Congress

**"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. **Zakaria Hachlaf**, Secretary General, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco
6. **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\*<sup>1</sup>, 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**

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

## Procedures: Environmental Impact Assessment and Risk Assessment

*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?
8. **Eugenio Sartoretto\*, Francesca Coli & Lola Nihotte:** The Sustainable Wildlife Management Legal Hub: turning legal analysis into a catalyst for integrated biodiversity protection

**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 Missonne:** 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.

#### 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 Idlilalene 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'aide 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 Fermeiglia:** 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)

**05.00pm – 06.00pm Visit to Bouknadel Exotic Gardens**

**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 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)
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**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