



1st Meeting of the Interim Governing Committee Global Judicial Institute on the Environment – GJIE

8th World Water Forum

17-18 March 2018 (Saturday and Sunday)
National High Court of Brazil (STJ)
Brasília, Brazil

The mission of the pathbreaking Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE) is to support the role of judges, courts, and tribunals in applying and enforcing environmental laws and in promoting the environmental rule of law and the fair distribution of environmental benefits and burdens. The GJIE is organized by judges for judges and committed to judicial independence, transparency, and integrity that supports the judiciary across the world to effectively handle cases concerning the environment. The GJIE is composed of actively sitting judges from around the world and led by an elected council of judges to direct and oversee activities. It provides opportunities to exchange information, create partnerships for collaboration, strengthen capacity, and share research and analysis on topics important for environmental adjudication, court practices, and the environmental rule of law.

The historic 1st "Face to Face" Meeting of the Interim Governing Committee (IGC) of the GJIE will take place at the National High Court of Brazil, 17-18 March 2018. Formally launched at the 2016 1st IUCN World Environmental Law Congress in Rio de Janeiro with a Charter and then with Statutes signed by judges from around the world at a second international meeting in Brasilia 19-21 May 2017, the GJIE is now led by an Interim Governing Committee of fourteen members chosen from among all its Founding Members who attended the two prior General Assemblies. At this meeting in Brasília that precedes the 8th World Water Forum, the IGC is further establishing the GJIE's governance, setting up a secretariat, determining the process for membership of judges, and setting the agenda for projects and initiatives for the next two years.

In addition to the closed meeting of the IGC over two days, an inclusive session will be held on Sunday March 18, from 16:00-19:30 with other invited judges attending the WWF for broader discussions on the Global Pact for the Environment and the "Draft Declaration of Judges on Water Justice" and for the group photo with the IGC. This second group of distinguished judges, from over 50 countries, have been graciously invited to attend the WWF by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, the Brazilian National Water Agency, the World Water Council, and the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law.

AGENDA

Saturday, 17 March 14:00-19:30

- 14:00 – **Welcoming Remarks by Hosting Institutions**
 - Justice Antonio Benjamin (National High Court of Brazil, STJ, and Global Judicial Institute on the Environment – GJIE)
 - Ambassador José Antônio Marcondes de Carvalho (Chief Environment Negotiator of Brazil, Deputy-Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Environment, Energy, Science and Technology)
- 14:20 – **Welcoming Remarks by Partners**
 - United Nations Environment (Elizabeth Mrema, by videolink from Nairobi)
 - Organization of American States (Claudia de Windt)
 - World Commission on Environmental Law – IUCN (Professor Denise Antolini, Chair, Organizing Committee of the "Conference of Judges and Prosecutors on Water Justice", 8th World Water Forum)
 - International Association of Judges (Cristina Crespo)
- 14:50 – **Registration of the GJIE Statute of Incorporation: Progress Report**
 - Justice Antonio Benjamin
- 15:10 – **Appointment of the 14-Member GJIE Interim Governing Committee: Progress Report**
 - Justice Antonio Benjamin
 - Justice Ragnhild Noer
 - Justice Michael Wilson
- 15:30 – **GJIE Secretariat**
 - Letter of Intent and MoU between GJIE and United Nations Environment Programme: Progress Report (Justice Antonio Benjamin, Justice Ragnhild Noer, and Arnold Kreilhuber)
 - Discussion of the Terms of the MoU between GJIE and UN Environment
- 16:30 – **Coffee Break**
- 16:50 – **Update from the Regions on Recent Developments (Case law, establishment of green courts, major events, etc.) – Part I** (alphabetical order, by last name, 5 minutes each)
 - Lord Robert Carnwath (GJIE and Supreme Court of the United Kingdom)
 - Justice Luc Lavrysen (GJIE and Constitutional Court of Belgium)
 - Justice Brian Preston (GJIE and Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, Australia)
 - Justice I Gusti Agung Sumanatha (GJIE and Supreme Court of Indonesia)
 - Justice Emmanuel Ugirashebuya (GJIE and Judge President, East African Court of Justice)
 - Justice Michelle Weekes (GJIE and Supreme Court of Judicature Barbados)
- 17:30 – **GJIE Membership**
 - Procedure for New Members to Join GJIE
 - Planning for Future Meetings of Members
- 18:00 – **Update from Partners on Judicial Capacity Building: Assessment and Prospects** (10 minutes each)
 - United Nations Environment (Arnold Kreilhuber)
 - Organization of American States (Claudia de Windt)
 - International Center for Comparative Environmental Law (Prof. Michel Prieur)
 - Environmental Law Institute, Washington D.C. (Scott Fulton)
- 19:00 – **Other Business**
- 19:30 – **Closing**
- 20:30 – **Dinner**

Sunday, 18 March 9:00-18:30

- 9:00 – **GJIE Website and Portal: Partnership with UN Environment's INFORMEA** (Eva Duer, INFORMEA, by videolink from Geneva)
- 9:45 – **First Discussion on a GJIE Two-Year Plan**
 - Strategic Priorities
 - Proposal for two regional training programmes in 2018
 - Formation of GJIE Working Groups
 - Climate Change (proposed as 1st priority)
 - Forests (in cooperation with the UN Forest Forum)
 - Others
- 10:45 – **Coffee Break**
- 11:10 – **GJIE Environmental Law Video Library**
 - Prof. Denise Antolini (University of Hawaii School of Law)
 - Prof. Dr. Christian Philippe Klein (Catholic University of Brasilia)
- 11:40 – **Training Programs and Future Events**
 - 23-24 August 2018: Washington, D.C. Conference of GJIE and Chief Justices of the United States, at OAS Headquarters (Justice Michael Wilson and Claudia de Windt)
 - Training program for Latin American Judges (2018)
 - Training program for East/Southern African Judges (2018/2019)
 - Others
- 12:45 – **Lunch (Hosted by Her Excellency Raquel Dodge, Attorney General, Brazil)**
- 15:00 – **GJIE Logo**
- 15:20 – **Updates from the Regions on Recent Developments (Case law, establishment of green courts, major events, etc.) – Part II** (alphabetical order, by last name, 5 minutes each)
 - Justice Li Mingyi and Justice Yang Di (Supreme People's Court, China)
 - Justice Ricardo Lorenzetti (GJIE and Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Argentina)
 - Justice Ragnhild Noer (GJIE and Supreme Court of Norway)
 - Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah (GJIE and Supreme Court of Pakistan, by videolink from Lahore)
- 16:00 – **Global Pact for the Environment**

Chair: Ambassador Michel Miraillet (Ambassador of France in Brazil)
Special Guests: Ambassador Xavier Sticker (Ambassador for the Environment, France), Yann Aguila (President, Environment Commission of the Club des Juristes, France)
- 16:30 – **Coffee Break**
- 16:50 – **Introduction to the Draft Brasilia Declaration of Judges on Water Justice** (5 minutes each)
 - Stefano Burchi (President, International Association for Water Law)
 - Justino Hantke Domas (GJIE and President, Third Environmental Tribunal of Chile, Valdivia)
 - Justice Brian Preston (GJIE)
 - Justice Michelle Weekes (GJIE)
 - Justice Michael Wilson (GJIE)
- 18:15 – **General Discussion on the Draft Brasilia Declaration of Judges on Water Justice** (With participation of all judges already in Brasilia)
- 19:00 – **Overview of the Program of the "Conference of Judges and Prosecutors on Water Justice", 8th World Water Forum (Professor Denise Antolini, Chair, Organizing Committee)**
- 19:15 – **Closing Remarks**
- 19:30 – **Group Photo and Tour of the National High Court of Brazil**
- 20:00 – **Dinner**