



COURAGE, CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMPLIANCE

Implementing Paris Agreement Climate Adaptation & Resilience Commitments

An official side-event during SB60 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Bonn, Germany

Bonn Room

07 June 2024, 10:15-11:30am UTC+2 (Central European Summer Time)

Programme

Fast effective legal pathways for adaptation, resilience and sustainable development require tailored climate law and governance capacity building and reform. Share new legal advances for water resources management, nature-based solutions, clean energy transition to implement Paris Agreement and climate justice.

How to scale up climate law and governance solutions exponentially, for net zero and vulnerable countries' adaptation and resilience, advancing key SDGs?

*Hosted by **Climate Law and Governance Initiative (CLGI)** with the **Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)**, **FRIENDSHIP** and **Green Mobilisation Initiative***

What are the necessary steps needed in climate law and governance, to bolster the obligation for States to cooperate and strengthen the ongoing effort in the development of new or revised regulatory instruments, especially in light of the evolution of scientific knowledge? How can fast, and effective legal pathways for adaptation, resilience in climate law and governance support the ongoing efforts by States to formulate and elaborate rules, standards, and recommended practices—for capacity-building and reform, addressing gaps and proposing innovations for ambitious NDC targets? What are the recent legal advances in water resources management, nature-based solutions, climate related advancements for law of the sea, and clean energy transitions that can help implement the Paris Agreement and promote climate justice transnationally?



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10:15-10:25am **Welcome**

Chairs: **Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger** (Exec Sec, CLGI / Visiting Chair, Univ Cambridge / Prof, Univ Vic), **Mr Kazi Amdadul Hoque** (Senior Director, Strategic Planning & Head of Climate Action, Friendship),

Opening Address: **Gabriel Aborele** (Founder & CEO, Green Mobilisation Initiative)

10:25-10:30am **Keynote: ITLOS Climate Advisory Opinion**

What are international courts and tribunals requiring to address the existential threat of climate change?

Prof Payam Akhavan (Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration & Senior Fellow, Massey Coll Univ Toronto)*

10:30-10:50am **Roundtable I: Gaps in Climate Governance**

What are the main gaps and how can addressing them through law and governance reform open transformative pathways for adaptation, resilience and sustainable development in the climate crisis?

- **Prof Jean-Pascal van Ypersele** (Prof of Enviro Sciences, UCLouvain, Belgium, former IPCC Vice-chair)
- **Prof Megan Bowman** (Prof & CCLG Director, King's College London) - online
- **Adv Ayman Cherkaoui** (Director, Hassan II Intl Centre for Enviro Training / Deputy Chair, IUCN WCEL / CLGI Chair & Lead Counsel, Centre for Intl Sustainable Development Law CISDL) - online
- **Adv Susan Ann Samuel** (Researcher, Univ Leeds / Fellowship Officer, CISDL)

10:50-11:10am **Roundtable II: Innovative Solutions Towards Ambitious NDCs**

How can a legal vision for innovative solutions tailor climate law and governance capacity-building and reform (e.g. Loss and Damage, Nature-Based Solutions, Climate justice, Human Rights..etc.) in vulnerable countries to support pathways of adaptation and resilience, and hence bolster progression for ambitious NDC targets?

- **Adv Hafij Khan** (Exec Director, Centre Climate Justice Bangladesh / Exec Comm, Warsaw Intl Mechanism for Loss & Damage)
- **Adv Runa Khan** (Founder and Executive Director, FRIENDSHIP, Bangladesh)
- **Prof Alessandra Lehmen** (President, Enviro Law Commission, Brazilian Bar - OAB, Rio Grande do Sul State Chapter)
- **Dr Antoinette Nestor** (Manager, CLGI / Research Associate, Lucy Cavendish College & Bye-Fellow Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge)

11:10-11:25am **Interactive Q&A**

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11:25- 11.30am **Closing Address**

Princess Esmeralda of Belgium (online) - (Chair of Friendship Belgium)