

IT'S ABOUT THE LAW: Enhancing Legal Capacity in Climate Negotiations, Finance and Action Final Agenda*

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**An official side-event during SB62 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Bonn, Germany
Bonn Room**

Can law drive ambition?

***Explore legal innovations to enhance climate accountability, finance, and capacity for effective
Paris Agreement implementation and SDGs despite geopolitical instability.***

AGENDA

13:30 – 13:40 **Welcome**

*Chairs: **Adv Pascale Bird** (Executive Director, LRI) & **Prof Alessandra Lehmen** (President, Enviro Law Commission, OAB/RS / Member, Brazilian Bar Federal Climate Change Commission)*

*Opening remarks: **Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger WIJA** (Executive Secretary, CLGI / Senior Director, CISDL / Chair in Sustainable Development Law & Policy, Univ Cambridge)*

13:40 – 14:00 **Experts Panel: Enhancing Legal Capacity for Climate Negotiations**

What are the most critical legal capacity gaps constraining participation of highly climate vulnerable countries in climate negotiations?

How can innovative legal support mechanisms level the playing field?

How to build ambition for adaptation and mitigation through negotiations?

*Speakers: **Pascale Bird** (Executive Director, Legal Response International); **Dr Monserrat Madariaga** (Senior Lawyer, Legal Response International); **Adv Gabriel Kpaka** (Deputy Director-General & UNFCCC National Focal Point, Sierra Leone Meteorological Agency, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Sierra Leone)*

14:00 – 14:20 **Experts Panel: Enhancing Legal Capacity for Climate Finance and Action for the SDGs**

How to build capacity for legal innovation that can unlock climate finance at scale, delivering sustainable development worldwide?

How can legal frameworks on all levels be strengthened for climate action, and how to scale up capacity to implement international climate commitments?

Speakers: **Adv Ayman Cherkaoui** (Director, Hassan II International Centre for Environmental Training / Coordinator, Mohammed VI Prize for the Climate & Sustainable Development / Lead Counsel, CISDL / Vice-Chair, IUCN World Commission on Enviro Law); **Prof Leonardo de Camargo Subtil** (PhD/LLM Programme Coordinator, Univ de Caxias do Sul); **Adv Hafij Khan** (Director, Centre for Climate Justice-Bangladesh /Co-chair, ExCom, Warsaw International Mechanism, UNFCCC)

14:20 – 14:40 **Round of Interactive Q&A and Invitation / Launch**

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Invitation and Launch of Climate Law and Governance Initiative Themes and Plans for 2025 COP30 and 2025 Climate Registry

Speakers: **Dr Antoinette Nestor** (Manager, CLGI / Affiliated Lecturer, Dept of Land Economy, Univ of Cambridge); **Adv Emily Morison*** (Project Lawyer, IBA); **Adv Carter Cheng** (Engagement Coordinator, DemEd Global, Univ Cambridge / Regional Focal Point for Europe, UNCCD Youth Caucus)

14:40 – 14:45 **Closing**

Chairs: **Pascale Bird** (Executive Director, LRI)
