

Climate Law and Governance Day 2024

During the COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan
Full Programme



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During the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP29

ONLINE from Baku, Azerbaijan

Climate law, policy and practice must be strengthened to reduce emissions and keep the world below 1.5°C warming; to foster adaptation and resilience for the adverse impacts of climate change; to foster low greenhouse gas emissions and sustainable development pathways; and to make finance flows consistent with a pathway towards sustainable development.

Over 169 out of 186 countries stress the importance of legal and institutional reform in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the global response to climate change under the Paris Agreement. As over 60 countries also emphasize in their NDCs, exponential increases in law and governance capacity and practice on all levels are crucial for implementation and compliance. Climate finance in many forms, recognising the key roles of both private and public law, also public policy and governance at all levels in accelerating ambition, and in converting ambition to obligation, are also critical.

As Paris Agreement representatives, observers and stakeholders gather in Baku for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) from 11 - 22 November 2024, Climate Law & Governance Day (CLGD) 2024 convenes a community of leading law faculties and law and governance institutes, international organization counsel, government authorities, law associations, judges, professionals and others responsible for inspiring, innovating and building law, policy and governance capacity.

CLGD 2024 takes place entirely online on Friday, 15 November 2024 during the UNFCCC COP 29 in Baku, UAE. CLGD 2024 follows on key preparatory events, including consultations and a legal experts roundtable during the 60th session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies in June 2024.

CLGD 2024 provides an important opportunity to share ideas, debate trends and advances, and build legal momentum for climate action, building on the success of CLGD 2005 at McGill University during COP11 in Montreal, CLGD 2015 at La Sorbonne Law School during COP21 in Paris, CLGD 2016 at the Université Privée de Marrakech and Hassane I University during COP22 in Marrakech, CLGD 2017 with the University of the South Pacific at the University of Bonn during COP23 in Bonn, CLGD 2018 at the University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland, CLGD 2019 with the University of Chile at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid in Madrid, Spain, CLGD 2021 with the University of Cambridge, the University of Glasgow and the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, UK, and CLGD 2023 at Middlesex University Dubai during COP 28 with the University of Dubai and the University of Cambridge.

Climate Law & Governance Day 2024 Themes

Four key themes have been identified in consultation with the Climate Law & Governance Initiative (CLGI) Programme Committee based on the vision and goals to enhance ambition and enable action set by Azerbaijan as the UNFCCC COP29 Presidency, as informed by the UNFCCC 60th Subsidiary Bodies meetings in June 2024. Each theme is led by a CLGI Chair:

1. **Operationalising the Paris Agreement:** Contributing to the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG), Global Goal on Adaptation, Article 6 Market and Non-market Approaches, Article 9 Loss and Damage Fund, transparency, technology, capacity-building, through the UNFCCC/Paris

- Agreement implementation architecture (COP/SBs, global dialogues, expert groups, implementation and compliance committee), UNCLOS and other international regimes.
2. **Scaling up National Climate Ambition and Action through Law and Governance:** Innovating high ambition instruments for climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience, and finance; creating governance synergies within and across sectors; advancing local, regional and national carbon budgets, planning rules and regulations; assessing legal barriers and strengthening capacity amongst leaders, practitioners and advocates for NDCs/LTS delivery.
 3. **Advancing Climate Justice:** Engaging civil society and the legal community, courts, law associations and others in raising climate ambition and accelerating climate action, enhancing transparency and ensuring accountability, integrating rights-based approaches, advancing loss and damage response, supporting access to climate justice and climate litigation, and addressing climate migration.
 4. **Deploying the Law and Legal Instruments for Investing in Transition:** Harnessing law on all levels and commercial legal instruments to leverage the NCQG for mobilising all finance flows for investment in climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience; scaling up re-allocation of capital and sustainable global supply chains, and addressing fossil fuel subsidies, climate risk disclosure, a just transition and decarbonisation, especially through private, trade, investment and competition law, and through commercial and corporate rules.

Climate Law & Governance Day 2024 Objectives

- **To inspire and optimize** legal and institutional reform for achieving current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, responding to 2024 Global Stocktake outcomes and increasing the ambition of the next round of NDCs
- **To identify and share** innovative international, national, and local law and governance challenges, mechanisms and good practices relating to global efforts to address climate change.
- **To catalyse knowledge exchange** and co-generate new climate law and governance scholarship, insights and approaches, facilitating new dialogue and partnerships.
- **To strengthen capacity and collaboration** among the climate law and governance community of practice to implement the Doha Amendment, Paris Agreement and COP outcomes, supporting achievement of the world's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Climate Law & Governance Initiative 2024 Venue

To reduce barriers and encourage global participation, this year's Climate Law and Governance Day will be held entirely online via Zoom. Registration for the symposium is open, online through Eventbrite.

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8:30 – 9:00
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Registration and Technical Confirmations

Masters of Ceremonies: **Adv Ayman Cherkaoui** (Lead Counsel, CISDL / Vice-Chair, IUCN WCEL) & **Adv Maeve E McDermott** (CLGI Manager, CISDL)

5:30 – 6:00
CET

Rapporteur: **Adv Lara Douvartzidis** (Senior Legal Executive, Net Zero Lawyers Alliance / Special Projects Officer, Business & Human Rights BHR Comm, IBA)

23:30 – 00:00
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Online Moderators: **Adv Tejas Rao** (Senior Manager, CISDL), **Dr Maria Antonieta Nestor** (Affiliate Lecturer, Univ Cambridge / CLGI Manager, CISDL) & **Ananya Chaudhuri** (CLGI Coordinator, CISDL)

9:00 – 10:00
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2024 Climate Law and Governance Day Grand Opening (Baku Plenary)

Welcomes from Hosts & Partners

6:00 – 7:00
CET

Chairs: **Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger** WIJA (CLGI Exec Sec & Senior Director, CISDL / Chair, Univ Cambridge) & **Dr Rashad Ibadov** (Dean, School of Law, ADA Univ)

00:00 – 1:00
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Welcome: **Dr Fariz Ismailzade** (Vice-Rector, External Gov & Student Affairs, ADA Univ)

Opening Plenary: **Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote** (Director, UNEP Law Division / CLG Global Leadership Award); **Adv Thomas M. Clark** (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / General Counsel, ADB); **Adv Michael Strauss** (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / General Counsel, EBRD); **Prof Christina Voigt** (Chair, IUCN WCEL / Co-Chair, PAICC); **Prof Tenia Kyriazi** (President, International Law Association UAE / Co-host, CLGD 2023 / Head of Law, Univ Middlesex Dubai)

10:00 – 10:40
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Climate Compliance on Trial - High-Level Plenary I (Baku Plenary)

What advice are international tribunals, dispute settlement bodies and compliance mechanisms providing in the global response to climate change?

7:00 – 7:40
CET

Chairs: Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote (Director, UNEP Law Division / Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award) & *Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger* WIJA (CLGI Exec Sec & Senior Director, CISDL / Chair, Univ Cambridge)

1:00 – 1:40
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Plenary Keynotes: Justice Kathy-Ann Brown WIJA (Judge, International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, video); *Justice Anja Seibert-Fohr* (Judge, European Court of Human Rights); *Prof Thomas Cottier* (Senior Fellow, CISDL / former Chair, World Trade Organization Appellate Body)

10:40 – 11:00
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Break

11:00 – 12:10
AZT

Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables/ Workshop Sessions (I)

8:00 – 9:10
CET

I. Legal Roundtable: Galvanizing Global Attention on the ICJ Climate Change Proceedings

What is the significance of addressing climate justice through legal avenues such as the ICJ advisory opinion on climate change? What is the role of small island states and climate-vulnerable states and those championing calls for a human rights-based approach to climate justice? What do you foresee as future trends in climate litigation and how might legal strategies evolve?

2:00 – 3:10
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Hosted by Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change (PISFCC) & World's Youth for Climate Justice (WYCJ)

Chair: Adv Mert Kumru (European Front Coordinator, WYCJ)

Speakers / Discussants: Adv Joie Chowdhury (Sr Attorney, Climate & Energy Program, Center for Int'l Envtl Law); *Adv Samira Ben Ali* (Outreach & Engagement Coordinator, WYCJ); *Adv Siosuia Veikune* (Campaigner, PISFCC); *Adv Neshan Gunasekera* (Int'l Lawyer & Educationist, World Future Council)

II. Legal Roundtable: Advancing Global Accountability for Corporate Climate Action

What legal and regulatory changes are needed globally to support the effective implementation of corporate net zero pledges? What accountability mechanisms are available under domestic and international law to ensure companies deliver on climate action promises and are held responsible for climate damage? How can businesses themselves be better engaged to ensure greater transparency and accountability regarding their climate actions and what changes are needed in the existing legal and financial regulatory frameworks to support them?

Hosted by Melbourne Climate Futures (MCF), Univ Melbourne; Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change & the Env't (GRI), London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE); Dept Land Economy, Univ Cambridge; Centre on Int'l Courts & Tribunals, Univ College London (UCL)

*Chair: **Prof Jacqueline Peel** (MCF Director, Univ Melbourne)*

Speakers / Discussants: HE Janine Felson (Member, UN Secretary-General's High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities / MCF Enterprise, Univ Melbourne); Prof Joana Setzer (GRI Assoc Prof Research Fellow, LSE); Prof Harro van Asselt (Climate Law Hatton Prof, Land Economy, Univ Cambridge); Prof Philippe Sands KC (Director, Centre on Int'l Courts & Tribunals, UCL); Adv Rebekkah Markey-Towler (MCF Research Fellow, Univ Melbourne); Adv Roanna McClelland (PhD Cand, Melbourne Law School, Univ Melbourne)

III. Participatory Workshop: Enhancing Climate Resilience by Securing Legal Rights for Migrants

How can we improve legal support for climate migrants who currently lack entitlements? What strategies can be implemented to establish legal protections and comprehensive support systems, from early warning mechanisms to intensive care? What challenges and best practices exist for scaling up climate adaptation, mitigation, and resilience efforts?

Hosted by Friendship

*Chair: **Mr Kazi Amdadul Hoque** (Senior Director, Friendship)*

*Opening remarks: **Mrs Runa Khan** (Founder & Exec Director, Friendship)*

Speakers / Discussants: Adv Ayesha Tahsin Khan (Senior Director & Head of Inclusive Citizenship, Friendship); Prof François Gemenne (Prof, Hautes Études Commerciales Paris / Director, The Hugo Observatory)

*Closing remarks: **HRH Princess Marie-Esméralda de Réthy** (Princess, Belgium / Chair, Friendship Belgium / Pres, King Leopold III Fund for Nature Exploration & Conservation / Ambassador of Honour, WWF Belgium)*

12:10 – 12:30 Break
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12:30 – 13:40
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Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables / Workshop Sessions (II)

9:30 – 10:40
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IV. Experts Panel: Connecting Trade, Investment and Climate Through NDC Updates and Future Trade Foresight

What are the intersections between trade, investment, corporate governance and global efforts to combat climate change? What can we learn from new sustainability provisions in trade and investment agreements, to align economic policy with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), how can foresight into legal scenarios for a net zero economic system help, and what is the contribution of carbon markets? Further, what is the link between climate change and directors' duties, and practical implications in different sectors and geographies?

3:30 – 4:40
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Hosted by Centre for European Legal Studies, Univ Cambridge; Hughes Hall Centre for Climate Engagement (CCE), Cambridge; Commonwealth Secretariat; European Climate Foundation (ECF); Sustainable Trade & Investment Law Initiative (STILI), CISDL; DLA Piper

Chair: **Prof Markus Gehring** (Assoc Prof, Univ Cambridge / Lead Counsel, CISDL)

Speakers / Discussants: Prof Alessandra Lehmen (President, Enviro Law Commission, OAB/RS / Member, Brazilian Bar Federal Climate Change Commission); Dr Brendan Vickers (Head, Int'l Trade Policy, Commonwealth Secretariat); Prof Jansen Calamita (Principal Research Fellow, Centre for Int'l Law/ Research Assoc Prof, Faculty of Law, National Univ Singapore); Adv Nick Scott (Manager, Law for Climate Action, CCE); Dr Marios Tokas (STILI Programme Manager, CISDL); Dr Salamat Ali (Senior Trade Associate, Commonwealth Secretariat); Adv Andreas Gunst (Partner, DLA Piper); Prof Javiera Caceres (Prof, Institute of Int'l Studies, Univ Chile / Legal Research Fellow, CISDL); Adv Pierre Gonthier (Treasurer, CISDL / Member, Quebec Bar)

V. Legal Roundtable: Galvanizing Climate Ambition Through Climate Competent Lawyering by Lawyers and Law Associations

What does the term 'climate competent lawyering' mean? What does climate competence look like in practice for lawyers and law firms? How can law societies, bar associations, legal alliances and civil society organisations raise awareness of this evolving duty, and further advance climate ambition and justice among the legal profession?

Hosted by the International Bar Association (IBA); American Bar Association (ABA); Net Zero Lawyers' Alliance (NZLA); Federal Council of the Brazilian Bar Association (OAB)

Chair: **Adv Emily Morison** (Project Lawyer, IBA)

Speakers / Discussants: Adv Lara Douvartzidis (Senior Legal Executive, NZLA / Special Projects Officer, BHR Comm, IBA); Adv Pascale Bird (Executive Director, Legal Response Int'l); Adv Hung Yi Kuo (Chairman, Taipei Bar Association Env'tl Law Committee); Adv Cliona Kimber SC (Chair, Climate Bar Assoc of Ireland); Prof John Dernbach (Prof Emeritus, Widener Univ); Adv Dominique Hogan-Doran SC (Barrister, Australian Bar Association / Chair, IBA Bar Issues Commission Regulation Committee); Adv Nina Pindham (Barrister, Cornerstone Chambers); Adv Alasdair Cameron (Climate Change, Planning & Env'tl Law Policy Adviser, Law Society of England & Wales); Letícia Campos Mello (Secretary-general, Foreign Affairs Comm, OAB / Former Pres, Comm for the Defence of Sustainable Development, OAB)

VI. Legal Roundtable: Advancing Climate Action and Collaboration Through Conciliation

What are the key features of conciliation, and how does it differ from other dispute resolution methods? How might the Draft Conciliation Annex enable greater access to effective dispute resolution mechanisms? How might conciliation, and specifically the Draft Conciliation Annex, be used to advance climate action?

Hosted by International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA); Climate Change Counsel

Chairs: **Adv Catherine Amirfar** (Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP) & **Dr Annette Magnusson** (Co-Founder, Climate Change Counsel)

Speakers / Discussants: Adv Toby Fisher (Barrister, Matrix Chambers); Prof Makane Moise Mbengue (Int'l Law Prof, Univ Geneva); Dr Christopher Bartlett (Head, Climate Diplomacy, Gov Vanuatu); Adv Rhianna Hoover (Assoc, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP); Adv Christel Tham (Assoc, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP)

13:40 – 13:55
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Break

13:55 – 15:05
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Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables / Workshop Sessions (III)

10:55 – 12:05
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VII. Legal Roundtable: Reforming Investment Arbitration Practice to Advance Climate Action

Does the current Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) system impede climate action? How must dispute resolution be transformed to prioritize sustainable development and enhance state sovereignty in climate related investment disputes? What reforms are necessary to align investment treaties with global climate goals?

Hosted by ETeCAL Instincts

Chair: **Adv Anusha Jayatilake** (Legal Practitioner & Founder, ETeCAL Instincts)

Speakers / Discussants: Adv Toby Landau KC (Barrister & Arbitrator, Duxton Hill Chambers); Adv Andrew Loewenstein (Partner, Foley Hoag); Prof M. Sornarajah (Emeritus Law Prof, National Univ Singapore); Justice Janak De Silva (Justice, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka / Judge, Court of Appeals, Seychelles); Dr Avanti Perera (Deputy Solicitor General, Attorney General's Dept, Sri Lanka); Adv Milinda Gunetilleke (President's Counsel, Attorney General's Dept, Sri Lanka)

4:55 – 6:05
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VIII. Legal Roundtable: Accelerating Climate Action Through Pro Bono

What role does the legal sector play in supporting climate actors? What challenges do climate NGOs face that can be addressed through pro bono support? How can pro bono legal services be harnessed to unlock effective climate action?
Hosted by Advocates for International Development (A4ID)

Chair: **Adv Elizabeth Wu** (Legal Consultant, Energy Systems (Asia), ClientEarth / Global Fellow, Centre for Int'l Law, National Univ Singapore) & **Adv Yasmin Batliwala MBE** (Chief Executive, A4ID)

Speakers / Discussants: Adv Roger Leese (Partner, Clifford Chance); Adv Matthew Gingell (Chair, The Chancery Lane Project); Adv William Hooker (Partner, Alston & Bird); Adv Jake White (Head of Legal, WWF UK); Adv Pricila Cardoso de Aquino (Climate Change & Brazil Lead, Env'tl Defender Law Center)

IX. Experts Panel: Advancing Climate Justice through Indigenous Treaties and Indigenous and Rural Customary Law

How does Indigenous law, including Indigenous treaties with governments, economic cooperation arrangements and customary law systems, contribute to the global response to climate change? What provisions and arrangements, in international Indigenous treaty law and in local Indigenous legal systems, are being agreed to help respect and promote stewardship and sustainable management of land and resources, including climate adaptation and resilience? What are the perspectives of youth, as voices of future generations?

Hosted by International Inter-Tribal Trade & Investment Organisation (IITIO); International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Voices of Future Generations Children's Initiative (VoFG CI); CISDL; Univ Victoria

Chairs: **Adv Wayne Garnons-Williams** (Founding President and CEO, IITIO); **Adv Paul-Edouard Clos** (Private Sector and Climate Finance Unit Head, Legal Department, IFAD)

Presentation: Eva Wu (BLGI Coordinator, CISDL / Prof Armand de Mestral Scholar, McGill Univ) & Elaina Cox (Policy Analyst, Parks Canada / Youth Advisory Council Member, The Jane Goodall Institute of Canada / Indigenous Leadership Commission Member, UNESCO / Researcher, CISDL)

Speakers / Discussants: Adv Alana Kennedy (Founder & CEO, Ochre Sun); Adv Daphne Shih (Taiwan Indigenous Expert, IITIO); Adv Hafij Khan (Exec Director, Climate Justice Centre Bangladesh / Advisor, UNFCCC Loss & Damage Fund Board); Hanieh Moghani (Indigenous Advocate & Representative, Iran); Dr James Collard (Director, Economic Development, Citizen Potawatomi Nation); Ilaria Firmian (Lead Technical Specialist, Indigenous Peoples & Tribal Issues, IFAD); Adv Phoebe Bower (Legal Officer, IFAD)

Future Generations Address: **Portia Garnons-Williams** (Indigenous Leadership Councillor, VoFG CI)

Closing Keynote: **Dr Katherine Meighan** (General Counsel, IFAD)

X. Legal Seminar: Exploring the Role of the National Judiciary in the Enforcement of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

To what extent is climate change justiciable within Azerbaijan's legal system and should courts defer to other branches when reviewing climate-related actions? How does the judiciary support adaptation measures while considering human rights implications? What responsibilities should corporations bear in mitigating and adapting to climate change?

Hosted by ADA Univ

Chair: **Dr Javid Gadirov** (Assist Prof, School of Law, ADA Univ)

Speakers / Discussants: Prof Sadiga Mehdiyeva (Adjunct Prof, School of Law, ADA Univ / National Rapporteur, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Univ)*; Prof Rodrigo Labardini (Prof, School of Public and Int'l Affairs, ADA Univ)*; Hon Ramin Gurbanov (Judge, Baku Court of Appeals)*; Hon Günel Sevdimaliyevadv (Judge, Baku Administrative Court)*; Adv Bakhtiyar Mirzayev (Prosecutor, Prosecutor-General's Office, Non-Criminal Proceedings Dept)*; Adv Kamran Aghayev (Prosecutor, Prosecutor-General's Office, Non-Criminal Proceedings Dept)*

15:15 – 16:25
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12:15 – 13:25
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XI. Experts Panel: Partnering for People and the Planet: Leveraging the Role of MDBs and the Private Sector for the Climate Transition in Emerging Markets

What can legal, technical, and industry professionals from MDBs, standard-setters and private practice share about their role in supporting the climate transition in developing economies? What innovative commercial and legal instruments, or technical support are being developed by MDBs to advance climate adaptation and mitigation goals? What is the role of regulatory frameworks and voluntary standards in encouraging private sector climate action?

Hosted by International Finance Corporation (IFC) & European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD)

*Chair: **Adv Divya Chawla** (Principal Counsel, Sustainable Finance Governance and Regulation Unit, EBRD)*

Speakers / Discussants: Dr Richard Barker (Board Member, International Sustainability Standards Board); Adv Fatin El-Kabashi Ibrahim (Counsel, Climate Practice Group, IFC); Sabin Basnyat (Senior Operations Officer, Climate Business Department, IFC), Adv Vesselina Haralampieva (Co-Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / Head, Sustainable Finance Governance and Regulation, EBRD); Adv Caroline May (Head of Sustainability, Norton Rose Fulbright)

6:15 – 7:25
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XII. Experts Panel: Bolstering National Legal and Institutional Frameworks for Climate Action

What is the relevance of laws and regulations to a country's ability to implement its NDC and advance the goals of the Paris Agreement? What tools are available to assess whether a country's legal and institutional framework is "fit for purpose" to catalyse climate action and investment from the private sector? What institutional elements does a country need to have in place to effectively take part in carbon markets under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement?

Hosted by World Bank & Ethiopian Civil Service Univ

*Chair: **Prof Charlotte Streck** (Co-Founder & Pres, Climate Focus / Honorary Prof, Univ Potsdam)*

Speakers / Discussants: Adv Remi Moncel (Senior Counsel, World Bank); Dr Fabiano de Andrade Correa (Senior Counsel, World Bank / Climate Change Law Specialist Group Chair, IUCN WCEL); Dr Mekonnen Maschal Tarekegn (Assist Prof, Ethiopian Civil Service Univ); Dr Injy Johnstone (Research Assoc, Net Zero Aligned Offsetting, Univ Oxford)

XIII. Experts Panel: Navigating the Green Transition Where Trade Meets the Bioeconomy

How can bioeconomy protect biodiversity, enhance sustainability, and support growth in a circular and inclusive economy? What regulatory frameworks and policies are needed to facilitate trade in bio-based products? How can legal innovation enhance regime coordination and avoid fragmentation?

Hosted by Brazilian Bar, Rio Grande do Sul State Chapter (OAB/RS); International Flavors & Fragrances (IFF)

*Chairs: **Prof Alessandra Lehmen** (President, Enviro Law Commission, OAB/RS / Member, Brazilian Bar Federal Climate Change Commission)*

Speakers / Discussants: Prof Markus Gehring (Assoc Prof, Univ Cambridge); Ms Mayra Souza (Trade Director, IFF); Ms Reshma Sharma (Global Trade Advisory Director, Deloitte); Prof Emilio Lèbre La Rovere (Prof, Federal Univ Rio de Janeiro); Dr Caroline Medeiros Rocha Frasson (Public Policy Director, LACLIMA)

16:35 – 17:35
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Creating Systemic Impact for Paris Alignment and the Green Transition - High-Level Plenary II

What key milestones have MDBs accomplished in the journey towards fulfilling climate finance goals, Paris Agreement alignment commitments and supporting the green transition in emerging markets? What is the impact of these efforts on the ground in countries of operation and the key challenges that need solutions?

13:35 – 14:35
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Hosted by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) & Asian Development Bank (ADB)

7:35 – 8:35
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Expert Moderators: **Adv Vesselina Haralampieva** (Co-Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / Head, Sustainable Finance Governance & Regulation, EBRD); **Adv Christina Pak** (Co-Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / Principal Counsel, ADB)

Plenary Keynotes: **Adv Michael Strauss** (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / General Counsel, EBRD); **Adv Thomas M. Clark** (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / General Counsel, ADB); **Adv Ramit Nagpal** (General Counsel, IFC); **Adv Rosemary Jeronimides** (General Counsel, IDB Invest); **Adv Gülen Newton** (General Counsel, Green Climate Fund)*

17:45 – 18:10
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Breaking the Oil Spell through Law - High-Level Plenary III (Baku Plenary)

How can law play a role in breaking the oil spell? What can be learned from the challenges, innovations and experiences of leading countries?

14:45 – 15:10
CET

Chairs: **Adv Ilona Millar** (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / Partner, Gilbert & Tobin) in Conversation with **Dr Reda Cherif** (Author, *Breaking the Oil Spell*, International Monetary Fund IMF / Affiliated Researcher, Bennett Inst Public Policy, Univ Cambridge) & **Dr Fuad Hasanov** (Author, *Breaking the Oil Spell*, IMF / Bennett Inst Public Policy, Univ Cambridge / Adjunct Prof, Georgetown Univ)

8:45 – 9:10
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18:10 – 19:00
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Closing

Masters of Ceremonies: **Adv Ayman Cherkaoui** (Lead Counsel, CISDL / Vice-Chair, IUCN WCCEL) & **Adv Maeve E McDermott** (CLGI Manager, CISDL)

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Closing Address: **Hon Elnur Soltanov** (CEO, COP29 Presidency / Deputy Minister of Energy, Azerbaijan)*

Legal Leaders Plenary: **Prof Damilola Olawuyi** (UNESCO Chair, HBKU / Vice-Chair, ILA); **Adv Wayne Garnons-Williams** (Founding Pres & CEO, IITIO); **Adv Kelly Sporn** (Special Counsel & Int'l Head of Strategic Delivery - Sustainability & ESG, DLA Piper); **Adv Hafij Khan** (Director, Climate Justice Centre Bangladesh / Advisor, UNFCCC Loss & Damage Fund Board); **Dr Döne Yalçın** (Senior Partner, CMS)

Rapporteur: **Adv Lara Douvartzidis** (Senior Legal Executive, NZLA / Special Projects Officer, BHR Comm, IBA)

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Key Elements of Climate Law & Governance Initiative 2024 at COP29

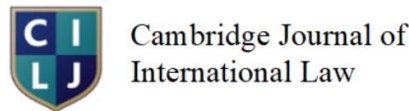
Each year, CLGI supports an international programme of special side events and other sessions hosted by collaborating partners, co-hosts and session hosts, including the Research and Independent NGOs (RINGOs) constituency and others at the COP.

These events often take place in official UNFCCC side event zones of the COP29 Climate Change Conference, as well as further associated venues, in collaboration with leading climate law and governance organisations. This year’s events will include a half-day Climate Law and Governance Specialisation Course, which will be held online on 17 November 2024 to strengthen legal and institutional knowledge and capacity of UNFCCC delegates, observers, scholars and others for implementation and compliance with the Paris Agreement. A CLGI Booth at COP may also be available as a meeting point and dedicated space to share knowledge and materials, including about climate law and governance issues and activities, opening opportunities for exchanges among delegates and observers. CLGI publishes blog contributions during COP29, as well as legal working papers and books with world-leading presses based on COP collaborations.

For further information or any media and interview inquiries about the CISDL and CLGI, please reach out to CISDL Manager, Adv Tejas Rao at tejas.rao@cisdl.org

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