

Net Zero Climate Law & Governance:

Advancing Ambition & Action for Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contributions & National Adaptation Plans to advance key UN Sustainable Development Goals

An official side-event in the Blue Zone during the COP26 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Glasgow, UK

06 November 2021, Strangford Lough, 11:30-12:45

Agenda

Interactive, online roundtable highlighting net zero climate law & governance innovations to strengthen Paris Agreement ambition, markets, transparency & compliance, celebrate new research, capacity & practice stakeholder partnerships & global leaders awards to implement Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) & National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) to advance key SDGs.

Legal and institutional transformation is urgently required to support efforts to limit global temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels; to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change; to foster climate resilience & low greenhouse gas emissions development & to make finance flows consistent with a pathway towards sustainable development in accordance with the Paris Agreement. Over 165 out of 188 countries have stressed the importance of legal & 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, increases in law & governance capacity & practice are crucial for compliance. Climate finance in many forms, recognising the key role of private & public law, also public policy & governance at all levels in accelerating ambition & in converting ambition to obligation, is crucial in all respects.

This side-event features briefings & interactive dialogue with senior counsel & experts from international organizations & institutions, leading institutes & universities of different regions, also international practice networks / associations, including the 'accelerator' Net Zero Lawyers Alliance, the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law & other partners of the Climate Law and Governance Initiative, IKEM, Climate Action Network - Latin America, Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad & Centro Humboldt.

FINAL DRAFT PROGRAMME

11:30-11:35pm BST **Welcome**

Chairs: Prof Dr Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (Executive Secretary, Climate Law & Governance Initiative & Senior Director, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law CISDL / Leverhulme Visiting Professor, Universities of Cambridge & Waterloo); Prof Dr Michael Rodi (Director, Institute for Climate Protection, Energy & Mobility IKEM); Adv Maria Alejandra Aguilar (Associate Lawyer, Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad / Climate Action Network – Latin America)

11:35-12:05pm BST **Roundtable I: Legal Innovations for Ambition to Obligation in Implementing NDCs/NAPs & key SDGs**

- *International Innovations:* **Prof Michael Mehling** (Prof, MIT/ Strathclyde University); **Prof Christina Voigt** (Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law / Co-Chair, Paris Agreement Implementation & Compliance Committee); **Adv Ayman Cherkaoui** (Chair, Climate Law & Governance Initiative / Lead Counsel, CISDL / Sr Manager Strategic Development, Mohammed VI Foundation for Enviro Protection);
- *National Innovations:* **Adv Wendy Miles QC** (Representative, Net Zero Lawyers Alliance NZLA & Chair, CLGI); **Adv Vesselina Haralampieva** (Senior Counsel, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development); **Dr Megan Bowman** (Director, Kings College London Centre for Climate Law & Governance)
- *Municipal Innovations:* **Adv Simon Schäfer-Stradowsky** (Managing Director, IKEM); **Adv Dr Olaf Däuper** (Lawyer, Becker Büttner Held); **Ms Sarah Badoux** (Head of Sustainability, Voi Technologies)

12:05-12:10pm BST **Climate Law & Governance Day 2021 Outcomes**

Brief Presentation: Adv Linda Muhugusa Murhimanya (University of Cambridge) / Adv Sophie Quinlan (University of Cambridge) / Adv Tejas Rao (Associate Fellow, CISDL / University of Cambridge) / Mr Tim Arvan (Research Officer, CISDL)

12:10-12:40pm BST **Roundtable II: Governance & Transparency Innovations for Civil Society Action Toward Net Zero**

- *Governance & Transparency Innovations:* **Adv Maria Alejandra Aguilar** (Associate Lawyer, Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad / Climate Action Network – Latin America); **Adv Juan Bautista** (Researcher, Centro Humboldt / Climate Action Network – Latin America)
- *Human Rights & Climate Justice Innovations:* **Adv Hafij Khan** (Co-Coordinator, Loss & Damage, Least Developed Countries); **Dr Giedre Jokubauskaite** (Lecturer, Univ Glasgow)

12:40-12:45pm BST **Celebration of Climate Law & Governance Award Winners**

Special Presentation: Dr Markus Gehring (Assoc Professor, University of Cambridge / Lead Counsel, CISDL) & Dr M Antonieta Nestor (Postdoc Fellow, University of Cambridge / Associate Fellow, CISDL)