



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
2nd World Environmental Law Congress
A Critical Decade for Environmental Law

Inter-American Environmental Law Congress
Biodiversity and Law
Mexico City, Mexico
Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico
Thursday 8 July – Friday 9 July, 2021

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13:15 **Depart Hotel**

14:00 – 15:00 **Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Remarks**

Co-Chairs:

- Christina Voigt (Professor, University of Oslo, Norway)
- IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law

Speakers:

- Justice Alfredo Gutiérrez Ortiz Mena (Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico)
- Bruno Oberle (Director General, International Union for the Conservation of Nature)
- Ligia Noronha (UN Assistant Secretary-General, Head of UNEP, New York Office)

15:00 – 15:15 **Congress Introduction**

- Nicholas Bryner (Deputy Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law)

15:15 – 16:30 **Keynote Presentations**

Co-Chairs:

- Sheila Abed (Chair Emerita, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law)
- Jorge Caillaux (President, Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental, Peru)

Keynote Speakers:

- Justice Norma Lucia Piña Hernández (Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico)
- Nicholas Robinson (Professor, Elizabeth Haub School of Law, USA)
- Justice Ricardo Lorenzetti (Supreme Court of Argentina)
- Guilherme José Purvin de Figueiredo (General Coordinator, Association of Environmental Law Professors of Brazil - APRODAB)

16:30 – 17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00 – 18:15 **First High-Level Round-Table Dialogue**

General Trends & Challenges in Environmental Law in the Americas

Co-Chairs:

- Alejandra Rabasa (Jurisprudential Researcher, Center of Constitutional Studies, Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico)
- Blanca Alicia Mendoza (Federal Prosecutor for Environmental Protection, Mexico)

Round-Table Speakers:

- Justice Antonio Benjamin (National High Court of Brazil - STJ, Brazil)
- Justice Sergio Muñoz (Supreme Court of Chile)
- Andrea Brusco (Legal Officer, United Nations Environment Programme, Panama Office)
- Nestor Cafferatta (Professor, University of Buenos Aires School of Law, Argentina)

18:15 – 19:45 **Second High-Level Round-Table Dialogue**

Protecting Environmental Defenders

Co-Chairs:

- Ameyali Ramos (Deputy Chair, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy, USA)

Round-Table Speakers:

- Gustavo Alanis (President, Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental, Mexico)
- Justice Damaris Vargas (Supreme Court of Costa Rica)
- Daniel Wilkinson (Managing Director for the Americas, Human Rights Watch, USA)
- Ezequiel Santagada (Executive Director, Instituto de Derecho y Economía Ambiental, Paraguay)

20:00 – 21:45 **Reception**

Friday 9 July

8:00 **Depart Hotel**

8:15 – 8:45 **Tour of the Supreme Court Murals** (Artists: Jose Clemente Orozco, George Biddle, Luis Nishizahua, Leopoldo Flores, Ismael Ramos, Rafael Cauduro, Santiago Carbonell, Héctor Cruz García)

9:00 – 10:30 **Keynote Presentations**

Co-Chairs:

- Sean Southey (Chair, Commission on Education and Communication, Canada)
- María del Pilar García Pachón (Professor, Facultad de Derecho, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Colombia)

Keynote Speakers:

- Arnold Kreilhuber (Acting Director, United Nations Environment Programme - Law Division)
- Valentina Durán Medina (Professor, Environmental Law Center, University of Chile)
- David Boyd (Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, United Nations, Canada)
- David Hunter (Professor, American University Washington College of Law, USA)

10:30 – 11:00 **WCEL Award Ceremony – Professor David Hunter**

Co-Chairs:

- Denise Antolini (Professor, University of Hawai‘i, USA)
- Sean Southey (Chair, Commission on Education and Communication, Canada)

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Third High Level Round-Table Dialogue**

Environmental Law in Courts and Tribunals: Perspectives on Environmental Adjudication and Capacity Building

Co-Chairs:

- Justice Michelle Weekes (High Court of Barbados)
- Claudia de Windt (Executive Director, Inter-American Institute on Justice and Sustainability, Dominican Republic)

Round-Table Speakers:

- Justice Alfredo Gutiérrez Ortiz Mena (Supreme Court of Mexico)
- Sandra Nichols Thiam (Associate Vice President of Research & Policy, Environmental Law Institute, USA)
- Justice Michael Wilson (Supreme Court of Hawaii, USA)
- Fernando Akaoui (Environmental Prosecutor and President, Law for Green Planet Institute, Brazil)

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch**

15:00 – 16:30 **Fourth High Level Round-Table Dialogue**

Biodiversity Law: Looking Towards the CBD COP15 and National Legal Regimes

Co-Chairs:

- Spencer Thomas (Ambassador and Special Envoy for Multilateral Environmental Agreements, Grenada)
- Jenny Gruenberger (Executive Director, Liga de Defensa del Medio Ambiente, Bolivia)

Round-Table Speakers:

- Ana Di Pangracio (Deputy Director, Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Argentina)
- Victor Tafur (Professor, Elizabeth Haub School of Law, USA)
- Jose Rubens Morato Leite (Professor, Federal University of the State of Santa Catarina, Brazil)
- Rafael Asenjo (Board Member, Fundación Tierra Austral, Chile)

16:30 – 18:00 **Fifth High Level Round-Table Dialogue**

Role of the Administration in Environmental Law

Co-Chairs:

- Ángela María Amaya Arias (Professor, Law School, Externado University, Colombia)
- María Amparo Albán (Founding Partner, Inter-American Institute on Justice and Sustainability, Ecuador)

Round-Table Speakers:

- Patrícia Iglecias (President, Environmental Protection Agency of the State of São Paulo - CETESB, Professor, University of São Paulo School of Law, Brazil)
- Marcelo Cousillas (Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Uruguay)
- Jose Juan Gonzalez (Professor, Metropolitan Autonomous University, Mexico)
- Michael Hantke-Domas (Former Chief Justice, Third Environment Court, Chile)

18:00 – 18:45 **Closing Keynote Presentations**

Co-Chairs:

- Susan Lieberman (Vice President of International Policy, Wildlife Conservation Society, USA)
- Jorge Aranda Ortega (Professor, Environmental Law Center, University of Chile)

Keynote Speakers:

- Grethel Aguilar (Deputy Director General, International Union for the Conservation of Nature)
- John Knox (Professor, Wake Forest University School of Law, Former Special Rapporteur on the Environment and Human Rights)

18:45 – 19:30 **Congress Closing**

Co-Chairs:

- Denise Antolini (Professor, University of Hawai‘i, USA)
- Justice Antonio Benjamin (National High Court of Brazil - STJ, Brazil)

Speakers:

- Alejandro Iza (Director, IUCN Environmental Law Centre, Germany)
- Zhang Xinsheng (President, International Union for the Conservation of Nature)
- Justice Alfredo Gutiérrez Ortiz Mena (Supreme Court of Mexico)