



International Council of Environmental Law



DIALOGUES ON NATURE, JUSTICE, AND PEACE

Madrid Launch of 2023 NY World Law Congress'

Panels on Nature, Justice, and Peace

May 5th 2023, 14:30 - 17:00 CET

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Campus Puerta de Toledo (Ronda de Toledo, 1 / 28.005-Madrid): *Salón de Grados*

Program



– 14:30 CET – WELCOMING REMARKS

■ **Chair:** *Prof. Eva María Blázquez Agudo, Vice-Rector for Institutional Relations, Culture and Equality, UC3M.*

■ **Speakers:**

➤ *Justice Antonio H. Benjamin, Chancellor of ICEL; President of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment; Chair Emeritus of the World Commission on Environmental Law; Justice of the National High Court of Brazil – STJ.*

➤ *Ms. Encarnación Roca Trías, Vice-President Emeritus of the Spanish Constitutional Court; Partner at Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo Abogados*

➤ *Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote, UNEP, Director, Law Division (online).*

➤ *Prof. Montserrat Abad Castelos, Professor of Public International Law, UC3M; Vice-Chancellor of ICEL and Co-director of its International Secretariat.*

– 14:50 CET – DIALOGUE ON JUSTICE AND NATURE

■ **Co-Chairs:** *Justice Antonio H. Benjamin and Ms. Christina U. Pak, Principal Counsel, Asian Development Bank ((online).*

■ **Speakers:**

➤ *Justice Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor, former President of the Interamerican Court of Human Rights; Trustee of the World Law Foundation, Mexico.*

➤ *Justice Luc Lavrysen, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (online).*

➤ *Justice Ricardo Lorenzetti, Supreme Court of Argentina (online).*

➤ *Justice Sapana Malla, Supreme Court of Nepal (online).*

➤ *Justice Samson Okong'o, Presiding Judge of the Environment and Land Court of Kenya (online).*

➤ *Justice Filomena Singh, Supreme Court of The Philippines (online).*

Time table for online speakers: Madrid (14:30 pm CET)

New York & Washington (8:30 am) — Brasilia & Buenos Aires (9:30 am) — Brussels & Oslo (14:30 pm)
Nairobi (15:30pm) — Kathmandu (18:15 pm) — Manila (20:30pm)



– 15:50 CET – DIALOGUE ON PEACE AND NATURE

■ **Chair:** *Prof. Victor Tafur, Deputy Executive President of ICEL; ICEL Representative before UN; Adjunct Professor at Pace University, NY, USA.*

■ **Speakers:**

➤ *Ambassador Fernando Curcio Ruigómez, Spanish Ambassador at large for Peacekeeping Operations, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.*

➤ *Ambassador Fernando Fernández Aguayo, Head of the Human Rights Office, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.*

➤ *Ms. Maite Mompó, Stop Ecocide, Spanish Director.*

➤ *Ms. Sophie Muller, Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' Representative in Spain.*

➤ *Dr. Teresa Parejo, Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility Director, IBERIA; Co-director of the ICEL's International Secretariat.*

– 16:40 CET – CLOSING REMARKS

■ **Chair:** *Ms. Silvia Gallart Parramón, Director of Institutional Relations and Sustainable Development, UC3M*

■ **Speakers:**

➤ *Prof. Christina Voigt, Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law; Co-chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee; Professor of Public international law, University of Oslo, Norway (online).*

➤ *Mr. Diego Solana, International Advisor of the World Law Foundation; Partner at Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo Abogados.*

➤ *Justice José Igreja Matos, President of the International Association of Judges (online).*

➤ *Prof. Nicholas Robinson, Executive President of ICEL; Chair Emeritus of the WCEL; Emeritus Professor at the University of Pace, NY, USA (online).*

➤ *Justice Antonio H. Benjamin, Chancellor of ICEL; President of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment; Chair Emeritus of the World Commission on Environmental Law; Justice of the National High Court of Brazil – STJ.*



Organizers

The **International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL)**, founded in 1969, is the world's first, and oldest, organization of eminent jurists dedicated to the field of environmental law, playing a unique role in the creation of international environmental law for five decades. It enjoys consultative status before several UN agencies and activities (ECOSOC, UNEP, UNFCCC COPs, etc.).

The **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M)** was established in 1989 pursuing the improvement of society through teaching of the highest quality and cutting-edge research in line with stringent international guidelines. UC3M aspires to excellence in all its activities, with the aim of becoming one of the top universities in Europe. All its activities are guided by the values of merit, ability, efficiency, transparency, fairness, equality and respect for the environment

The **Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE)** has been founded in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Its mission is to support the role of tribunals in applying and enforcing environmental laws and in promoting the environmental rule of law and the fair distribution of environmental benefits and burdens. Among its main objectives, provision of analysis and research as well the strengthening of the capacity of judges must be highlighted.

Partners

The **World Jurist Association (WJA)** was founded in 1963 in response to an international outcry for a free and open forum where judges, lawyers, law professors and other professionals from around the world could work cooperatively to strengthen and expand the Rule of Law and its institutions through the nations of the world. Its motto is "*Peace through Law*".

The **UNEP's Law Division** is the lead Division charged with carrying out the functions of UNEP in the field of environmental law (EL), governance and related policy issues. Its work focuses on: leading the international community in the progressive development of EL; supporting States in the development and implementation of legal, institutional and policy measures; facilitating cooperation and coordination, etc.

The **World Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN-WCEL)** works to enhance the development and strengthen the implementation of environmental law and policy as well as promotes the environmental rule of law globally, particularly in countries that seek to improve their law and governance systems.



Overview

This launch event is co-organized by **UC3M**, **ICEL**, and **GJIE**, with the partnership of **WJA**, **UNEP** and **IUCN-WCEL**. It advances the spotlight on Nature-Justice-Peace issues which will be developed during the 2023 World Law Congress (NY, 20 and 21 July), organized by the WJA. These Madrid 5th May's *Dialogues on Nature, Justice, and Peace* dive into the intimate interrelation between environmental issues, on the one hand, and justice and peace, basic and interdependent concepts-realities, on the other hand. The first panel focuses on the judicial field while the second does so in the compound realm of security, peace and conflicts. In both cases, leading experts make reflections based on their well-recognized professional expertise in the field. Their assessment will contribute to show implications of such interrelations, as well as possible avenues for the holistic treatment that is needed in all this matter.

Academic Coords.:

Justice A.H. Benjamin, Prof. N.A. Robinson, Prof. M. Abad Castelos, Ms. T. Parejo Navajas, and Prof. V. Tafur

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Department of International law, Eccl. Law and Philosophy of Law; Instituto Pascual Madoz; and Instituto Francisco de Vitoria

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REGISTRATION: Register filling this [form](#) to attend in person (before 4th May, 20:00 pm CET).

The event will be streamed live on the UC3M YouTube channel through this [link](#) (allowing online participation via chat without previous registration).