

Biodiversity Law & Governance Day 2022

8:30 – 14:00 EST / 13:30 – 19:00 GMT on Saturday, 10 December 2022

During the CoP15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity
At McGill University Faculty of Law in Montreal, Canada
Moot Court, New Chancellor Day Hall
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On 10 December 2022 at COP15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Montreal, Parties and Observers to the CBD and other biodiversity accords convene experts, practitioners, scholars and stakeholders from law, governance and other fields, in order to scale up efforts to address the main drivers of biodiversity loss, implement the post 2020 Strategic Framework and the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through legal and institutional measures.

The **2022 Biodiversity Law & Governance Day** seeks to facilitate dialogue, engagement and action to implement the CBD regime, engaging a growing global biodiversity law and governance community of practice. The Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) and partner universities, with guidance from leaders in the Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat (SCBD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UN-Environment), International Union for the Conservation of Nature World Commission for Environmental Law (IUCN-WCEL), International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and other organisations are honoured to bring Parties, UN bodies and agencies, intergovernmental organizations, academia, private sector actors and civil society together, building upon the success of the inaugural 2016 Biodiversity Law and Governance Day (BLGD) held in Cancun alongside CBD CoP13, and the 2018 Biodiversity Law and Governance Day (BLGD) held in Sharm-El-Sheik alongside CBD CoP14. By tracking trends, sharing knowledge and practical experiences, and building capacity, BLGD 2022 advances legal elements of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework; strengthens the effectiveness of CBD and its protocols; and enhances synergies between biodiversity treaties and other international regimes.

Themes of Biodiversity Law & Governance Day 2022:

- **Advancing legal elements of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework:** COP 15 is expected to consider for adoption the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in the context of the 2050 Vision of the current Strategic Plan, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other processes. What can be learned from law and governance approaches for implementing the CBD? What is the role of law and governance in the post-2020 framework?
- **Enhancing nature-based solutions and synergies with biodiversity and other treaties:** Many international treaties and processes are relevant to biodiversity and ecosystems, including the UNFCCC Paris Agreement, and also indigenous treaties. How can Parties to the CBD and international organizations improve cooperation so as to enhance synergies and address intersections between regimes? How do indigenous treaties address biodiversity SDGs? What law and governance mechanisms can be activated to scale up nature-based solutions, and strengthen indigenous community engagement?
- **Strengthening the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol:** The Nagoya Protocol entered into force several years ago, and the Parties are undertaking assessment and review of its effectiveness. What lessons can be learned from national and regional implementation efforts? What will the impacts be of emerging technologies on the effectiveness of the Protocol?

Offering dialogue, keynotes, and parallel roundtable/panel sessions, BLGD 2022 stimulates knowledge exchange, builds synergies for capacity building and research collaborations, and inspires cross-pollination between different fields of law, policy and jurisdictions to encourage innovation in legal and institutional tools for mainstreaming biodiversity, to:

- Profile and share innovative multi-level biodiversity law and governance mechanisms, challenges and best practices;
- Catalyse knowledge exchange between delegates, legal practitioners and the legal academic community to co-generate new law and governance knowledge and approaches; and
- Facilitate collaboration within the law and governance community to support capacity development for implementing the CBD, the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and SDGs 14 and 15.

Advancing the Global Biodiversity Framework through Policy, Law & Practice

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FINAL DRAFT – FULL PROGRAMME*

**8:30 – 9:00
EST**

Registration

Master of Ceremonies: **Eva Wu** (JD/BCL Cand, McGill University / Legal Researcher, CISDL) & **Adv Ignacio Antonio Sánchez González** (Associate Fellow & Programme Coordinator, CISDL)

Online Moderators: **Tejas Rao** (PhD Cand, University of Cambridge / Manager, CISDL) & **Adwoa Appiah** (PhD Cand / Researcher, University of Waterloo)

**9:00 – 9:30
EST**

2022 Biodiversity Law & Governance Day Grand Opening

Welcomes from Hosts & Partners

Chairs: **Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger WIJA** (Chair, BLGI & Senior Director, CISDL / Leverhulme Trust Visiting Prof, Univ Cambridge / Prof, Univ Waterloo) & **Prof Jorge Cabrera** (Prof, Univ Costa Rica / Lead Counsel, CISDL)

Welcome: **Prof Richard Janda** (Prof, McGill University Faculty of Law - video)*; **Prof Konstantia Koutouki** (President, International Law Association / Prof, University of Montreal); **Prof Christina Voigt** (Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law WCEL / Co-Chair, Paris Agreement Implementation & Compliance Committee PAICC); **Dr Arthur van Buitenen** (Advisor, Intl Development Law Organisation IDLO); **Adv Wayne Garnons-Williams** (Chair & Founding President, International Inter-Tribal Trade and Investment Organisation IITIO); **Prof Blaise-Pascal Mihigo** (Co-directeur, l'Observatoire sur l'Agenda 2030 des Nations Unies Univ Quebec a Montreal)*

Opening Address: **Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote** (Director, UNEP Law Division)*

**09:30– 10:45
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Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables Sessions (I)

I. Experts Panel: Sustainable Natural Resources Stewardship

How can emerging principles of international law on the sustainable natural resources management for development contribute to the conservation of biodiversity? What are the most recent innovations in international law for sustainable use of oceans and terrestrial biodiversity? What are the main challenges and opportunities for advancing biodiversity conservation in other area of international law (e.g. trade law, plastics treaty negotiations)?

Hosted by International Law Association Canada, University of Cambridge & Swiss Italian University (USI)

Chairs: Prof Konstantia Koutouki (Prof, University of Montreal / President, ILA Canada) & **Prof Ilaria Espa** (Prof, Università della Svizzera italiana / Lead Counsel, CISDL)

Speakers / Discussants: Prof Alexandra Harrington (Lancaster University), **Prof Cymie Paine** (Rutgers University) / **Adv Maria del Pilar Vanegas Guzman** (President, ILA Colombia), **Prof Markus Gehring** (Assoc Prof, University of Cambridge / Lead Counsel, CISDL), **Cairo Robb** (CISDL Fellow)

Moderator: Adv Fabiana Piccoli Araujo Santos (Programme Coordinator, CISDL)

II. Roundtable: Genetic Information and Access and Benefit Sharing in the Nagoya Protocol

What are the legal innovations and progress made in the implementation of ABS after the Nagoya Protocol? What are challenges for the successful implementation of ABS in practice? What are the possible political and practical solutions for Digital Sequencing Information, especially for developing countries?
Hosted by University of Costa Rica (UCR), CISDL & UNEP*

Chairs: Prof Jorge Cabrera (Prof, Univ Costa Rica / Lead Counsel, CISDL), **Arthur van Bueiten*** (IDLO)

Speakers: Manuel Ruiz (Ex SPDA Director, Peru)

Discussants: Henry Novion* (International consultant on ABS and Former Executive Director CGEN, Brazil), **Juan Francisco Bascuñán** (Ex Nagoya Protocol Negotiator / Environmental Law Expert, Chile), **Óscar Lizarazo** (Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia)

Moderators: Ignacio Sánchez González (CISDL) & **Susan Ann** (University of Leeds)

10:45 – 11:05
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Break with refreshments

11:10 – 12:30
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Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables / Workshop Sessions (III)

III. Experts Roundtable: Nature-Based Legal Solutions for Climate & Biodiversity Emergencies

How can nature-based legal solutions mitigate climate and biodiversity emergencies? What are the criticisms or weaknesses of nature-based legal solutions and how should they be addressed? How are governments and industry fostering or frustrating the use of nature-based legal solutions for climate and biodiversity emergencies?

Hosted by IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, University of Victoria, University of Cambridge, Centre Congolais pour le Développement Durable (CODED) & IDLO*

Chair: Dr Arthur van Buitenen (Climate Justice Lead & Advisor, IDLO)* & **Prof Markus Gehring** (Assoc Prof, University of Cambridge / Lead Counsel, CISDL)

Speakers / Discussants: Prof. Deborah Curran (University of Victoria / Exec Director, Enviro Law Clinic); **Adv. Erick Kassongo** (Exec Director, CODED / Legal Fellow, CISDL); **Dr Maria Lechner Reynal** (President, ECOS / Vice-Chair, GEF-CSO Network)

Moderator: **Lydia Young** (Assoc Fellow, CISDL)

IV. Roundtable Workshop: Indigenous Treaties, Trade & Biodiversity

How are international treaties and governance processes advancing biodiversity and ecosystem goals? What innovations are being developed through the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Agreement (IPETCA) facilitating the intersection between Parties to the CBD, industry and Indigenous interests? How are governments fostering or frustrating cohesion for biodiversity-related UN SDG goals through law and governance mechanisms in countries like Canada?

Hosted by IITIO; University of Waterloo School of Environment, Enterprise & Development (SEED)* & McGill University*

Chairs: **Adv. Wayne Garnons-Williams** (Founding President & Chair, IITO / Senior Director & Principal Lawyer, Garwill Law / Principal Director, Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy Ltd.) & **Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger WIJA** (Chair, BLGI & Senior Director, CISDL / Leverhulme Trust Visiting Prof, Univ Cambridge / Full Prof, Univ Waterloo)

Presentation: **Eva Wu** (JD/BCL Cand, McGill Univ / Legal Researcher, CISDL) & **Elaina Cox** (MSc Cand / Researcher, Univ Waterloo)

Speakers / Discussants: **Prof Lindsay Borrows** (Asst Prof, Queens Univ);* **Dr Odeeth Lara-Morales** (Assoc Fellow, CISDL / Programme Manager, UNESCO Voices of Future Generations); **Tara Dawn Atleo** (Senior Researcher / PhD Cand, Univ Waterloo)

Moderator: **Eva Wu** (JD/BCL Cand, McGill Univ / Legal Researcher, CISDL)

**12:30 – 13:30
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High-Level Plenary: Advancing Legal & Governance Elements of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

How to advance the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework by scaling up law and governance capacity, practice and reform?

Hosted by CISDL, McGill Faculty of Law & Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA)

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Plenary Speakers: **Dr Amy Fraenkel** (Executive Secretary, Convention on Migratory Species Secretariat); **Mr Basile van Havre** (Director-General, Canadian Wildlife Service Environment & Climate Change Canada / Co-Chair, CBD Open-Ended Working Group for Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework)*

Moderator: **Adwoa Appiah** (PhD Cand / Researcher, University of Waterloo)

**13:30 – 14:00
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Closing & 2022 Global Biodiversity Law & Governance Leadership Awards

Closing of BLGD 2022.

Speakers: **Jasen Erbežnik** (McGill Journal of Sustainable Development Law, Editor-in-Chief)

* Subject to change / invited but not confirmed.



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