



Programme

PRECoP25 Side Event

Legal Innovations to Enhance Climate Action: Nature Based Solutions and Human Rights Approaches

16:45 - 18:15, Salón Cartago

9 October 2019 alongside the 25th Pre-Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC

San José, Costa Rica

The side event will be held as a chaired colloquium or conversational dialogue. The session will begin with brief interventions by experts followed by questions formulated by the chair. The panellists will analyse the legal approaches at the national and international level that promote Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) to combat climate change, assist in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, the Katowice Rulebook and the transformation of environmental, social and economic challenges into renewed opportunities. Additionally, the session will analyse the role of the judiciary and its contribution to the promotion of NBS through the application of legal principles and jurisdictional measures, the prevention of damage and the advancement of the implementation of the Paris Agreement with high levels of ambition.

Through the analysis and the exchange of information the aim of the session is to identify good legal and judicial practices to:

- Scale-up the implementation and effective operation of the Paris Agreement through NBS to protect people, the means of life subsistence and ecosystems,
- Achieve greater synergies with other related legal instruments and the enforcement of State human rights obligations considering the ethic and equality principles inherent to the judicial function, and
- Gather material to maximise the effectiveness and progressivity of the legal and judicial responses to the pressing climate risks.

16:45 – 16:55 Welcome and Opening

Chairs:

- *Dr. Jorge Cabrera, Professor University of Costa Rica & CISDL*
- *Prof. Marie Claire Cordonier Segger, Executive Secretary Executive Secretary, Climate Law & Governance Initiative; Senior Director, CISDL (2 min) (Virtual)*
- *Min. Sergio Muñoz, Supreme Court of Justice of Chile, Ambassador of Environmental Justice OAS. (2 min) (Virtual)*

16:55 – 18:10 Colloquium chaired by Dr. Jorge Cabrera, Professor University of Costa Rica & CISDL

Speakers:

- *Prof Alexandra Harrington, CISDL & Fulbright Fellow, BSIA (8 min)*
- *Me. Hafij Khan, CISDL & Climate Justice Centre, Bangladesh (8min)*
- *Magistrada Damaris Vargas Vásquez, Agrarian Judge, Commission of Environmental Management of the Costa Rican Judiciary y Environmental Justice Committee of the Iberoamerican Judicial Summit, Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (8 min)*
- *Dr. Markus Gehring, University of Cambridge& CISDL, Fellow of LCIL (8 min) (Virtual)*
- *Prof. Christina Voigt, IUCN WCEL, Presidente Grupo Especialistas Cambio Climático (8 min) (Virtual)*

18:10-18:15 Closing Remarks

- *Dr. Jorge Cabrera, Profesor de la Universidad de Costa Rica y CISDL (5 min)*
- *Representante de la SG/OEA (5 min)*
- *Ms. Alejandra Lozano, CLGI Secretariat (3 min)*

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