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AFRICA AND THE GOVERNANCE OF THE GLOBAL COMMONS

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The Global Commons comprise the areas and resources that are beyond state sovereignty and are theoretically available for the benefit of all. Their use is considered rivalrous because one group’s use of the Commons could affect another group’s use of the same. The Global Commons have traditionally included the high seas, the atmosphere, outer space, and the polar regions. But now that we are firmly within the Anthropocene – the era in which humans are changing the Earth such that its very integrity is at risk – many include the Earth itself, along with the natural systems on Earth that we all depend on for our existence, among the Global Commons.

The Conference aims to bring together representatives of government, business, academia, private practice and multilateral institutions to explore the governance of the Global Commons as it relates to various fields of international law. Among others, the conference will address the following themes:

- **International law-making concerning the Global Commons**
- **International cooperation in the governance and use of the Global Commons**
- **International economic systems, trade and the Global Commons**
- **International justice and disputes concerning the Global Commons**
- **Health and Rights concerning the Global Commons**
- **Specific Global Commons** (including the high seas, the deep seabed, the atmosphere and climate, outer space, biodiversity, global water systems, the polar regions, and the Earth as a whole).

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