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28-29 October 2022, Cairo, Egypt



**FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2022**

**9.30-10.00 AM - Opening Ceremony**

Chair: Ms. Tafadzwa Pasipanodya, Partner, *Foley Hoag LLP*, Vice-President of AfSIL

- H.E. Raymond Ranjeva, Honorary President of AfSIL, Former Vice-President of the *International Court of Justice*
- Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab, Professor, *Cairo University* & Founding Partner, *Zulficar & Partners*, Chair of the 11th Annual Conference of AfSIL
- Dr. Rania Al Mashat, Minister of International Corporation, *Arab Republic of Egypt*
- Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote, Director, *Law Division United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)*
- Prof. Nilufer Oral, Director, *Center for International Law, National University of Singapore* & Member, *United Nations International Law Commission*
- Counselor Hossam Sadek, Assistant Minister of Justice, *Arab Republic of Egypt*

**10.00-10.40am – Keynote Speech**

**Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue**, *University of Geneva & Sciences Po Paris* Africa's Contribution to the Climate Change Regime: Back to the Future...

Chair: Ambassador Dr. Namira Negm, Director of the *African Migration Observatory*



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**11.00-12.15pm – Panel I: African Perspectives to Climate Change  
Legal and Institutional Governance**

**Chair:** Dr. Guy-Fleury Ntwari, Legal Counsel, *African Union Commission*

- **Dr. Jasmina Moussa**, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt*
- **Prof. Jean Matringe**, *Professeur, Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Appréciation critique de «l'approche par les droits» du changement climatique dans le contexte africain*
- **Alkarakpey Méyssouun**, *Doctorante, Centre de droit public de l'université de Lomé, L'Afrique dans la Gouvernance climatique mondiale : les enjeux de la mise en œuvre de l'Accord de Paris pour le Continent Africain*
- **Dr. Pedi Obani**, et al., *Associate professor, University of Bradford School of Law, Transnational Litigation and Prospects for Climate Action in Developing Countries*
- **Halima Doma-Kutigi**, *Partner, Kutigi & Co, Climate Litigation in Nigeria: Gains, Challenges, and Opportunities*

**1.15-2.30pm – Panel II: Strategies for Climate Change Mitigation  
and Adaptation in the African Context**

**Chair:** Ms. Ines Ndonko Nnoko, Ph.D. Candidate, *Faculty of Law, University of Geneva, Commissioner of AfSIL*

- **Francesco Luigi Gatta**, *Post-doctoral Research and Lecturer, University of Tuscia, Climate Change, Food Security and Migration: What Role for the Cooperation between the European Union and the African Union?*
- **Stephanie Naa Oserwa Schandorf**, *Associate Director, Gulf of Guinea Maritime Institute, Ocean Resilience, Climate Change and the African Dilemma*
- **Ahmed Abdel-Hakam**, *Counsel, Eversheds Sutherland LLP, African States Mitigating legal/disputes risk in formulating Renewable Energy Policies: Lessons Learned from Solar Energy Claims Brought Against European States*
- **Iga Jozefiak**, *Ph.D. Candidate, Institute of Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva, Strengthening the Science-Policy Nexus: Lessons for Africa*



### **2.35-3.50pm – Panel III: Climate Change, Trade and the AfCFTA**

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab, Professor, *Cairo University* & Founding Partner, *Zulficar & Partners*, Chair of the 11th Annual Conference of AfSIL

- **Uchenna Anyamele**, Legal Consultant, *Hakakire Legal Consulting Services/Unicaf University*, Tackling Climate Change under the African Continental Free Trade Area
- **Kiai Lusweti Gachanja**, Trainee Lawyer, *Dentons Hamilton Harrison and Mathews*, The AfCFTA: Challenges and Opportunities for MFN, National Treatment and Technical Barriers to Trade in the context of Climate Change Mitigation
- **Modesta Nsowaa-Adu**, et al., LL.M & DAS candidate, *World Trade Institute, University of Bern*, Reconciling Trade and Climate : How can the AfCFTA help Address Climate Change in Africa
- **Mawuto Tossa**, Editor and West Africa Regional Representative, *Afronomicslaw Academic Forum*, Concilier Attraction des Investissements et Action pour le Climat : la Contribution des Organisations Régionales Africaines

### **4.20-5.50pm – Panel IV: Climate Change and International Investment Law**

**Chair:** Mr. Tarek Badawy, Partner, *Shahid Law Firm*

- **Lucia Bizikova**, et al., Associate, *DLA Piper*, A roadmap for Africa: Reconciling climate change policies and investment law obligations
- **Isabella Bellera Landa**, et al., Associate, *White & Case LLP*, Decarbonization in Africa and International Investment Law: Challenges and Opportunities
- **Justice Osei-Afriyie**, Ph.D. candidate, *University of Liverpool School of Law and Social Justice*, Investment Law Policy Reforms of African States in the Age of Climate Governance: A Paradigm Shift or The Changing Guard?
- **Rimdolmsom Jonathan Kabre**, Academic Director, *University of Pretoria*, Climate Change and/in the Settlement of Investment Disputes: The Impossible Convergence?

### **7.00pm – Cocktail Reception Sponsored by Shahid Law Firm**

- **Dr. Guy-Fleury Ntwari**, Legal Counsel, *African Union Commission*



**SATURDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2022**

**10.30-11.45am – Panel V: Climate Change, the Environment,  
Sustainable Development and Security**

**Chair: Prof. Mohamed Sameh Amr**, Professor and Chair of International Law, *Cairo University* and Founding Partner of *Amr and Partners Law Firm*

- **Margaretha Wewerinke**, Assistant Professor, *University of Leiden*, The Quest for an Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on Climate Change
- **Pieter Van Welzen**, Senior Consultant, *CMS South Africa*, The Role of Financial Institutions under International Law to Address Climate Change
- **Aubin Nzaou-Kongo**, et al., Postdoctoral fellow, *University of Houston Law Center*, The African Union and the Governance of the Climate-Energy Nexus
- **Emmanuel Guematcha**, Maître de conférences, *Université de Guyane*, Changement climatique et justice transitionnelle en Afrique
- **Hala Ahmed Rashidy**, Associate professor, *University of Cairo*, A Dialectic Relationship: How do Environmental Challenges Affect Human Security? Climate Change and Armed Conflict Nexus in Africa as a Case Study

**11.50am-1.00pm – Panel VI: Climate Change and Human and Peoples' Rights**

**Chair: Prof. Mohamed S. Helal**, Associate Professor of Law at the Michael E. Moritz College of Law, the *Ohio State University*

- **Olalekan Moyosore Lalude**, et al., Ph.D. candidate, *Babcock University School of Law*, and Security Studies, *Crystal Clear Our Waters Gleamed: Protecting the Right to a Safe and Healthy Environment in Africa*
- **Yusra Suedi**, et al., Postdoctoral fellow, *London School of Economics & Political Science*, Admissibility Challenges in Climate Change Litigation before the African System of Human Rights
- **Bonheur Minzoto**, Ph.D. candidate, *University of Manchester*, In Search for Sustainable Business Transformation in Africa: A turn to directors' duties and liability in OHADA?
- **Mariam Hiba Malik**, Researcher, *Pretoria Institute of Security Studies*, The Climate-Crisis-Gender-Based Violence Nexus: An Opportunity for Artificial Intelligence?



**1.15-2.00pm – Lunch Keynote Speech & Conversation Sponsored  
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**Amb. Faizel Ismael, Former Permanent Representative of South Africa to the WTO, & Professor, University of Cape Town: Towards an African Narrative on Climate Change & Trade: How can African Countries Advance Climate Resilient Development at a National, Regional, & Global Level?**

Discussant: Ms. Clarice Wambua, Partner, *Kieti Law/ Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr LLP*

Chair: Mr. Karim M'ziani, Associate, *Foley Hoag LLP*, Deputy Secretary General of AfSIL

**2.05-3.05pm – Roundtable in Partnership with ASIL 2022 Signature Topic  
and the Geneva Experts Group on Trade and Climate Action: COP27 and  
Beyond: Strengthening Cooperation for Climate Action**

Chair: Prof. Olabisi Akinkugbe, Professor, *Dalhousie University*, Founding Editor, *Afronomicslaw*

- Dr. Elena Cima, Lecturer in International Energy and Environmental Law, *University of Geneva*
- Nicolas Lockhart, Partner, *Sidley Austin LLP*
- Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue, Professor, *University of Geneva & Sciences Po Paris*
- Carolyn Deere Birkbeck, Director, *Forum on Trade, Environment & the SDGs*

**3.10-4.10pm – Business Perspectives on Renewable Energy  
Transition in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities**

Chair: Mrs. Mona Zulficar, Founding Partner and Chair of Executive Committee, *Zulficar & Partners Law Firm*

- Dr. Mohamed El-Khayat, Chairman, *New Renewable Energy Authority (NREA)*
- Eng. Sabah Mashaly, Chairperson and Managing Director of the *Egyptian Electricity Transmission Company (EETC)*
- Mr. Mohamed Mansour, Chairman, *Infinity Group*
- Mr. Chris Antonopoulos, CEO, *Lekela Advisors*
- Ms. Reham Elbeltagy, Group CFO, *Orascom Construction*

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