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AFSIL 2019 PROGRAM



— 25 OCTOBER 2019 —

09:00 - Opening Ceremony

- **Prof Makane Moïse Mbengue**, University of Geneva and Sciences Po Paris, President of the AfSIL
- **Ms Tafadzwa Pasipanodya**, Foley Hoag LLP
- **Mr Christopher Gevers**, University of KwaZulu-Natal, President of the Organizing Committee of the AfSIL 8th Annual Conference
- **Judge Raymond Ranjeva**, former Vice-President of the International Court of Justice, *Président d'honneur* of AfSIL

10:00 - Keynote Address

Prof Sundhya Pahuja, Melbourne Law School, 'Decolonising International Environmental Law'.

10:45 - Coffee Break

11:00 - Panel 1: Re-framing: Africa and International Environmental Law

Chair: **Prof Francis Botchway**, Qatar University, College of Law

- **Dr Guy Marcel Nono**, *L'Afrique et le droit international de l'environnement: le chemin parcouru, les défis actuels*
- **Elkanah Babatunde**, University of Cape Town, *Of Equity, Justice and Fairness: Africa and the International Law on Climate Change*
- **Dr Aniel de Beer**, University of Johannesburg & **Dr Martha Bradley**, University of Pretoria, *Decolonising Customary International Environmental Law*
- **Dr Chilenya Nwapi**, The Commonwealth Secretariat, *Greening the Blue Economy in Africa: A Gap Analysis of Existing Multilateral Environmental Regulatory Frameworks*

13:00-14:00: LUNCH

14:00 - Panel 2: The implementation of International Environmental Law at the Domestic level

Chair: **Isabelle Rouche**, Gide Loyrette Nouel

- **Ms Tracey Kanhanga**, University of Johannesburg, *The Application of International Environmental Principles in African Domestic Courts*
- **Dr Kennedy Kihangi Bindu**, Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs, *Domestication des instruments juridiques internationaux relatifs à la protection de l'environnement en République Démocratique du Congo*
- **Brewsters Caiphias Soyapi**, North-West University, *International Environmental Law in African National and Regional Courts*
- **Dr Collins Ajibo**, University of Nigeria, *Access to Environmental Justice in Selected African Countries: Continuing Barriers and Roadmap for Future*

16:00 - Coffee Break



16:15 - Panel 3: The Implementation of International Environmental Law at the Regional & International Level

Chair: **Dr Vishal Surbun**, University of KwaZulu-Natal

- **Joseph Malassi**, University of KwaZulu-Natal, *The Climate Change and Freshwaters Nexus: Possible Implications for Water Treaties on the Transboundary Tributaries of the Congo River*
- **Dr Sylvain Christian Fopy**, Université Yaounde II, *Le droit des ressources naturelles à l'épreuve du droit international de l'environnement en Afrique centrale*
- **Prof Michael Kidd**, University of KwaZulu-Natal, *Regional Water Law in Southern Africa*
- **Dr Linda Mushoriwa**, University of Johannesburg, *Prosecuting international eco-crimes before the proposed African Court: Challenges and Opportunities*

18:00: COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT USHAKA MARINE WORLD

— **26 OCTOBER 2019** —

09:00 - Round Table - Litigating International Environmental Law: Recent Trends

Chair: **Ms Tafadzwa Pasipanodya**, Partner, Foley Hoag LLP

- **Ms Isabelle Rouche**, Barrister, Gide Loyrette Nouel
- **Clara Brillembourg**, Partner, Foley Hoag
- **Prof Makane Moïse Mbengue**, University of Geneva and Sciences Po Paris

10:00 - Coffee Break

10:15 - Panel 4: Specific Issues in International Environmental Law

Chair: **Prof Edward Kwakwa**, World Intellectual Property Organization and Graduate Institute (Geneva)

- **Dr Esther Njieassam**, University of Johannesburg, *Reflections on Urban Waste Management: Is Cameroon making a difference?*
- **John Nyanje**, JMiles and Company, *The Environment and Land Court of Kenya in adjudication of International Environmental Law: A Tabula In Naufragio?*
- **Mr Didy Mushamalirwa Kizungu**, University of KwaZulu-Natal, *Influence and challenges as regards the implementation of the in-situ conservation regime of the Convention on Biological Diversity within the legal systems of sub-Saharan African countries. A case study of D.R Congo, South Africa and Tanzania*

12:30-13:30 - LUNCH



📍 13:30 - Panel 5: International Environmental Law and Other Legal Regimes

Chair: **Mr Christopher Gevers**, University of KwaZulu-Natal

- **Dr Cristiano d’Orsi**, University of Johannesburg, *‘Climate Refugees’ aka ‘persons displaced in the context of disasters and climate change’ in Africa*
- **Clémence Razanamahery-Rico & Gudrun Monika Zagel**, University of Salzburg, *Environmental Impact Assessment in Africa and the Chances and Perils of International Investment Law*
- **Dr Stefanie Schacherer**, University of Geneva, *Environmental Impact Assessments in Mining Investments*
- **Dr Regis Y. Simo**, University of Witwatersrand, *Environmental Risk Regulation in Africa and International Trade : Perspective from the Ban of (Non-Biodegradable) Plastic Bags*
- **Dr Luc Roger Awa Noa**, Centre d’études et de recherche en droit international et communautaire, *L’Afrique subsaharienne face à la menace des emballages plastiques*

15:45 - Coffee Break

📍 16:00 - Panel 6: Looking to the Future

Chair: **Prof Yenkong Ngangjoh Hodu**, Manchester University Law School

- **Prof Patrick Vranken**, Nelson Mandela University, *Common Exclusive Maritime Zones of Africa as an Instrument of Sustainable Development of the African LMEs*
- **Pieter van Welzen**, Clifford Chance LLP Amsterdam, *The International Legal Regime of Transfrontier Conservation Areas in Southern Africa*
- **Mr Muhammad-Mustapha Sulaiman**, Alhikmah University, *Law, Climate Change and Sustainable Clean Energy in Africa*
- **Dr Yolandi Meyer**, University of Johannesburg, *The good, the bad and the sustainable: Nuclear energy in Africa as a means of addressing the negative effects of climate change on the continent*

📍 17:30 - Conclusions

Prof Jean d’Aspremont, Sciences Po & University of Manchester

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19:30: CLOSING DINNER

