

OUR FUTURE IN THE BALANCE

The Role of Courts and Tribunals in Meeting the Climate Crisis

7-8 July 2021

all times Washington DC [ET]

DAY 1:

Plenary session

9:00 am - 9:05 am

Opening remarks



James Cameron (Summit moderator)

*Senior Adviser, Foundation for International Law for the Environment (FILE) and
Pollination Group, and Executive Fellow, Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy*

9:05 am - 9:15 am

Keynote #1

"We Are Facing A Planetary Emergency"



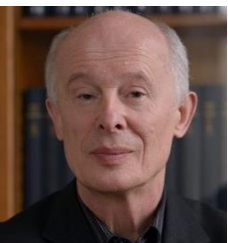
Johan Rockström

*Director, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, and Professor in Earth System
Science, University of Potsdam*

9:15 am - 10:00 am

Panel #1

"Climate, Health and the Law: Connecting the Dots"



Hans Joachim Schellnhuber

Director Emeritus, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research



Maria Neira

*Director, Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants of Health
Department, World Health Organisation*



Laurence Boisson de Chazournes

Professor of International Law, University of Geneva School of Law, Director of the LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement, and Co-director of the Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement

10:05 am - 10:15 am

Keynote #2

“Climate Litigation: The Second-Best Option for Governing Climate Change”



Lavanya Rajamani

Professor of International Environmental Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, and Yamani Fellow in Public International Law, St Peter's College, Oxford

10:15 am - 11:15 am

Roundtable #1

“Climate Litigation and the Separation of Powers: Global Perspectives”



Irum Ahsan

Advisor, Office of the Compliance Review Panel, Asian Development Bank



Michael B. Gerrard

Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice and Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School



Viviana Krsticevic

Executive Director, Center for Justice and International Law



Corinne Lepage

Senior Lawyer and Co-founder, Huglo Lepage Avocats, and Former French Minister of the Environment



Veerabhadran Ramanathan

Edward A. Frieman Endowed Presidential Chair in Climate Sustainability, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego



Amy Rose

Senior Lawyer, Director of Litigation, Compliance & MEL, ClientEarth



Jaap Spier

Senior Associate, University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, and Professor of Global Challenges, University of Stellenbosch



Elizabeth Wathuti

Climate Activist, Founder and President, Green Generation Initiative

11:15 am - 11:25 am

Keynote #3

“We Need To Change The Rules”



Luisa-Marie Neubauer

Youth Climate Activist

11:25 am - 11:30 am

Closing remarks for Day 1

11:45 am - 1:45 pm (A) / 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (B)

Simultaneous expert workshops (private Zoom link) and their Facilitators:

1. The Role of Judges (time-zone A)



Dinah Shelton

Manatt/Ahn Professor of International Law Emeritus, George Washington University, and Former President, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights



Emmanuel Ugirashebuja

Former President of the East African Court of Justice, and Dean Emeritus of the National University of Rwanda, Faculty of Law

2. The Role of Judges (time-zone B)



Brian J. Preston

Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, and Governing Committee of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment



Pilar Moraga Sariego

Associate Professor, Centre for Environmental Law, Faculty of Law, University of Chile

3. Climate Litigation and Science (time-zone A)



Veerabhadran Ramanathan

Edward A. Frieman Endowed Presidential Chair in Climate Sustainability, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego



Annalisa Savaresi

Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, University of Eastern Finland, and Senior Lecturer in Environmental Law, University of Stirling

4. Climate Litigation and the Economy (time-zone A)



Graciela Chichilnisky

CEO and Co-Founder of Global Thermostat, and Professor of Economics and Mathematical Statistics, Columbia University



Daniel C. Esty

Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law and Policy, School of the Environment and Clinical Professor of Environmental Law & Policy, Yale Law School

5. Climate Litigation and Politics (time-zone A)



James R. May

Distinguished Professor of Law, Founder of the Global Environmental Rights Institute, and co-Founder of the Dignity Rights Project and the Environmental Rights Institute, Widener University Delaware Law School



César Rodríguez-Garavito

Codirector, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice and Climate Litigation Accelerator, New York University, School of Law

6. Climate Litigation and Environmental Defenders (time-zone A)



Erin Daly

Professor of Law, Delaware Law School, Executive Director of Dignity Rights International and Director of the Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment



Viviana Krsticevic

Executive Director, Center for Justice and International Law

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Keynote #4

"A Critical Moment Requires Critical Momentum"



Joseph Stiglitz

Nobel Laureate in Economics, University Professor at Columbia University, and Chief Economist, Roosevelt Institute

9:15 am - 10:15 am

Roundtable #2

“Insights and Proposals on Climate Litigation and the Separation of Powers”

Rapporteurs of the 6 Workshops:



Christina Voigt

Professor, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo, Co-Chair of the Paris Agreement’s Compliance and Implementation Committee, and Chair, WCEL’s Specialist Group on Climate Change, IUCN



Michael B. Gerrard

Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice and Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School



Michael Burger

Senior Research Scholar, Lecturer in Law and Executive Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School



David M. Driesen

University Professor, Syracuse University College of Law



Joana Setzer

Assistant Professorial Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)



Makane Moïse Mbengue

Professor of International Law and Director, Department of International Law and International Organization, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva

10:15 am - 11:15 am

Panel #2

“The Climate Crisis is a Human Rights Crisis”



David Boyd

UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, and Associate Professor of Law, Policy, and Sustainability, University of British Columbia



Vanessa Nakate

Climate Activist and Founder, Youth for Future Africa and the Rise Up Movement



Manuel Pulgar-Vidal

Global Leader of Climate & Energy, WWF, Former Minister of the Environment of Peru and President of UNFCCC COP20



Mary Robinson

Former President of Ireland, Chair of The Elders, Former UN Special Envoy on Climate Change and High Commissioner for Human Rights

11:15 am - 11:30 am

Keynote #5

“Our Future in the Balance: Lessons from the Past for Better Action”



Naomi Oreskes

Henry Charles Lea Professor of the History of Science and Affiliated Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University

11:30 am - 11:40 am

Summit closing remarks