

**2022-2024**

# **Biennial Report**



# Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)

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### About

CISDL is an independent international legal institute which promotes legal research and education relating to sustainable societies and the protection of ecosystems by advancing the understanding, development, and implementation of sustainable development law and governance. With an international secretariat, fellowship and partners in McGill University, the University of Cambridge, the University of Nairobi, the University of Costa Rica, the Hamad Bin Khalifa University and the University of Chile among others, CISDL acts as a global network and cooperation hub for international legal scholars, jurists, and professors on sustainable development law, governance and practice.

Research, dialogue and capacity-building is facilitated through cooperation with international partner organizations including the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the International Law Association (ILA), the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Financial Institutions and others, including the presidencies and secretariats of international treaties on biodiversity, climate change, natural resources, trade and investment, and human rights.

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## Message from the Senior Director & Board of Governors

CISDL's 2022 - 2024 years featured several key events and achievements, with new developments for CISDL as an international legal research centre, as an established convenor of key experts on the SDGs, and a facilitator of cutting-edge research and publications. CISDL engagements have been varied and impactful, as are country commitments to sustainable development.

Throughout 2022, 2023, and 2024, CISDL was delighted to co-host a series of high-profile online lectures, skill-sharing workshops and seminars, building our network of over 8,400 sustainable development law contacts in 160+ countries. We co-hosted Climate Law and Governance Day (CLGD) 2022 online during COP27 in Sharm-el-Sheikh and CLGD2023 as an in-person symposium in the Middlesex University Dubai during COP28 in the UAE. We organised an in-person 'Live from Bonn' Roundtable in SB59 in 2023, and for SB60 we organised an official Side Event in Bonn, as well as an online 'Live from Bonn' Roundtable in which over 1200 registrants joined. The pre-COP26 academic conference with partners 'in' Cambridge, United Kingdom, took on a significant pledge to increase climate law and governance capacity from 600 to 6,000 legal specialists by 2024—exceeding 2500 by mid 2024. Further, the CISDL provided unique insights into what future generations can accomplish when their voices are heard, through the Voices of Future Generations Children's Initiative with UNESCO, and in support of the new Global Youth Council on Science, Law and Sustainability. In 2023, New Sustainable Development Law and Policy Online Courses Offered by University of Cambridge Institutions to Democratise Education were piloted with the help of CISDL, and later by 2024 emerging as a pivotal base for online courses for a massive number of students across the globe. On October 19, 2023, we had a book launch "CITES as a Tool for Sustainable Development" coordinated by CISDL and the Biodiversity Law and Governance Initiative (BLGI).

CISDL co-hosted legal roundtables to celebrate the winners of the 2022 Legal Specialist Awards, led further public lectures online, engaging many partners and reaching thousands of people in over 120 countries, and co-hosted the online 2022 and 2024 Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series on Globalization, Sustainability and the Power of Ideas with Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of the WHO in 2022, and Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala Director General, World Trade Organisation in 2024, at the University of Cambridge. CISDL members published books, articles, briefs and blogs relating to the SDGs, continued their work on several volumes for our series with Cambridge University Press, shared research in a number of online and in-person symposia and conferences across every continent, and served as bridges between the CISDL's mission and values and future generations as professors, experts, practitioners and mentors.

As key global events such as the global pandemic, the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the conflict in Gaza, among other violations of international law worldwide, are reshaping the contours of international cooperation, CISDL has been working to respond quickly and effectively. Future events and programming for 2022- 2027 integrate lessons learned from the pandemic in order to ensure that we maintain in-person connections while also widening access and participation. We also continue to cooperate in research through publications, reports, blogs, research, projects and, of course, plans for the future

## **CISDL Governance**

### *Decisions and Advances: Key Decisions from the Annual Research Meeting 2023 & their Implementation*

At the CISDL Annual Research Meeting 2023, was held remotely via the Zoom platform; the CISDL's Lead Counsel in Plenary reviewed five years of progress in implementing the Centre's 2018-22 objectives and the progress over a year. Moreover, endorsing a collective commitment to achieve key objectives in the coming years, including continuing efforts to strengthen the climate law and governance initiative, the biodiversity law and governance initiative and the voices of future generations children's initiative; to launch and strengthen a human rights law and governance initiative and a trade law and governance initiative; to co-host the international lectures in memory of the Hon Judge CD Gonthier; to implement the HE CG Weeramantry Memorial Fellowship under the mentorship of the HE Justice CG Weeramantry International Justice Award (WIJA) laureates by creating a homepage and online resources to promote the fellowship selection and the award; and to launch new sustainable development law and governance educational resources and courses worldwide. They discussed how CISDL has established a strong virtual community, and CISDL members continue to engage experts, students and community members in virtual symposia, seminars and other events, with a view to our carbon budget as an institution. There were reports on CISDL operations and research, and from the secretariat and the fellowship, ideas for new commitments and nominations for new members of the CISDL Board of Governors. Decisions on the forthcoming Honorable CD Gonthier Legacy Conference events in 2024 were approved, including the decision that the biennial symposium in 2024 would focus on "The Natural World, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) & the Law".

Over the year, the CISDL Board of Governors and members also discussed the importance of implementing CISDL principles on equity, diversity and inclusion and creating formal spaces for EDI in the CISDL structure, with plans to further develop CISDL's suite of institutional policies over the coming five years, further elaborating the current principles and code of conduct with policies on respectful communications and harassment, conflict management and resolution, among other important institutional aspects. Further, CISDL laid the foundations for an inclusive and engaging process to renew the fellowship after the pandemic, and to draft the 2022-2027 strategic plan for adoption at ARM 2022.

## CISDL Mission & Objectives

### CISDL Charitable Objects

- To advance education on law on sustainable development by providing workshops, courses, seminars and conferences to the public in Canada and other countries.
- To conduct research on law on sustainable development, and to disseminate the research findings to the public.

### 2022—2027 Objectives

- To achieve research and education impact by coordinating the **provision of CISDL expertise and analysis in international treaty negotiation and implementation**, in collaboration with CISDL partners and networks, building a strong and coherent **legal presence** in international agendas related to sustainable development, and successfully consolidating **global partnership initiatives** to strengthen the contributions of law and governance towards implementation of international treaties on sustainable development;
- To advance education by creating and launching **new international education and capacity-building on law and governance for sustainable development**; offering **hybrid or in-person courses** alongside international treaty events and in leading universities worldwide, together with partners; developing and disseminating **online courses** on legal aspects of global Sustainable Development Goals; and leading international **student essay competitions**;
- To promote world-class scholarship through engaging the CISDL fellowship and networks in our flagship **series of Cambridge University Press books** on the implementation of treaties for sustainable development; publishing other world-class **books, compendia, manuals, working papers and blogs** on law and sustainable development; developing **law and governance textbooks** on sustainable development with leading publishers; and expanding the CISDL **website and social media presence**;



### CITES ROUNDTABLE AND BOOK LAUNCH - 2023



- To promote new ideas, dialogue and collaboration on justice for sustainable development, continuing the successful **Hon Justice CD Gonthier Memorial Lectures** at the McGill University Faculty of Law with world-class events in 2024 and 2026, implementing the **new global awards and fellowship** to honour the legacy of HE Justice CG Weeramantry, co-hosting further international **symposia, roundtables, workshops** and other forums, and supporting the formation of an **international association** or academic society on sustainable development governance and law.





## Biodiversity & Biosafety Programme

*Advancing Legal Expertise and Research for Conservation, Sustainable Use and Equitable Benefit Sharing of Biodiversity*

*Responds to SDG 15 Life on Land, SDG 14 Life Below Water, SDG 6 Clean Water & Sanitation*

**Prof. Jorge Cabrera, Lead Counsel**

**Dr. Daniel Ruiz de Garibay, Programme Coordinator**

Biological diversity has become alarmingly degraded in the last few decades, to the extent that species extinction is estimated to be occurring nearly 1000 times faster than baseline levels. Trends may continue increasing this century, making the ‘anthropocene’ one of the six biggest extinctions in our planet's history. To implement the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Protocol, the CBD Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) and other multilateral (CITES, CMS) and regional agreements related to biodiversity new legal frameworks and capacity building measures are required with the aim to facilitate the national implementation of these agreements (and of the commitments arising from the Conference of the Parties and other subsidiary bodies). The negotiation and future adoption of the Global Biodiversity Framework post 2020 will provide new impetus for the legal and institutional reform and a pressing need for legal expertise, research, advice and emerging and innovative tools to advance the achievement of these commitments and obligations.



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## Events

Lead Counsel Jorge Cabrera and several legal fellows were active speakers in a number of events across the globe.



## Key Publications

- "El acuerdo de Escazú y el principio de máxima divulgación ambiental en la jurisprudencia constitucional costarricense. Implicaciones de la falta de ratificación del acuerdo" ha sido publicado en el Repositorio de la Revista LOGOS. Revista completa: [https://biblioteca.ulead.ac.cr/sites/default/files/Logos2024\\_Vol5No2.pdf](https://biblioteca.ulead.ac.cr/sites/default/files/Logos2024_Vol5No2.pdf)
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- Normativa, capacidades regulatorias y acceso a la justicia ambiental, Ponencia elaborada para el Informe del Estado de la Nación, Capítulo de Armonía con la Naturaleza, 2023. Normativa, capacidades regulatorias y acceso a la justicia ambiental en Costa Rica (conare.ac.cr)
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## Fellowship

*Lead Counsel:* Prof. Jorge Cabrera Medaglia, B.C.L, LL.M., M.B.A., D.C.L. (Costa Rica)

*BLGI Programme Coordinator:* Dr. Daniel Ruiz de Garibay (Singapore)

*Legal Fellowship:* Prof. Chidi Oguamanam, LL.B., LL.M, Ph.D University of Ottawa (Canada/Nigeria); Dr. Freedom-Kai Phillips, B.Sc., M.A., LL.B. (Canada); Adv. Abike Yacoubou Chabi-Yo, LL.M. (Canada/Benin); Dr. Aline Jaeckel, LL.B., LL.M. (Australia/Germany); Adv. Guy Jules Kounga, LL.M. (Cameroon); Dr. Rakhyun Edward Kim, BSc

MSc, LL.M, PhD (Australia/Korea); Adv. Lydia Young B.Sc. J.D (Canada); Prof Robert Kibugi LL.D. (Kenya); Dr. Claudia Ituarte-Lima B.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. (Sweden); Adv. Harry Jones LL.B., LL.M., Ph.D. (South Africa); also the Legal Working Group for the Biodiversity Law and Governance Initiative (BLGI).

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2022: Prof. Hugo Echeverria**

**Prof. Hugo Echeverria** is an Attorney at Law and Doctor of Jurisprudence granted by Pontificia Universidad Católica de Quito, Ecuador. Master of Laws (LLM) granted by McGill University in Montreal - Quebec, Canada. Alumni of the Chevening Fellowship Program, directed by The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, on Environmental Governance at Wolverhampton University – United Kingdom. . Between 2014 and 2017, he coordinated the minor on Environmental Law at the Faculty of Law of Universidad San Francisco de Quito, where he currently lectures in Environmental Law. He is the author of the first *Amicus Curiae* submitted at the National Court of Justice, in a case regarding wildlife crime, as well as an *Amicus Curiae* submitted at the Constitutional Court of Ecuador, in the first case selected by the Court to issue binding jurisprudence on Rights of Nature.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2021: Adv. Harry Jonas**

**Adv. Harry Jonas** is Senior Director, Conservation Areas at WWF US. He provides support to country offices on protected and conserved areas, with a focus on promoting inclusive, equitable and effective area-based conservation across landscapes, seascapes and river basins. He is a global leader in an emerging framework designed to improve the recognition and support for nature stewardship beyond protected areas: ‘other effective area-based conservation measures’ (OECMs). He initiated and co-facilitated the international process to define the term and there are now ~1.6 million km<sup>2</sup> of terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine areas reported as OECMs. Harry is an international lawyer and previously co-founded Natural Justice, an organisation providing legal support to Indigenous Peoples and local communities across the African continent on human rights and environmental issues. During a decade in Malaysia, Harry facilitated shark and ray conservation and helped to establish the Forever Sabah Institute – promoting grounded, critical learning and exchange. He is an Ashoka Fellow.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2020: Dr. Claudia Ituarte-Lima**

**Dr. Claudia Ituarte-Lima** is a researcher on international environmental law at Stockholm Resilience Centre, and an advisor at SwedBio. Her research examines major legal and governance challenges for sustainability transformations and environmental justice.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2019: Prof. Robert Kibugi**

**Prof Robert Kibugi** is a lecturer in law at the University of Nairobi’s Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law and School of Law, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Legal Advisor and Consultant to the Government of Kenya and Legal Research Fellow at the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law.



## Natural Resources Programme

*Responds to SDG 2 Zero Hunger; SDG 11 Sustainable Cities & Communities, SDG 14 Life Below Water*

**Prof. Ilaria Espa Lead Counsel**

**Adv. Ilaria Colombo and Adv. Giada Giacomini, Programme Coordinator**

In contribution to global efforts towards more sustainable management of natural resources for development, through our Natural Resources Programme in 2022- 2024, CISDL sought to: (i) advance knowledge and understanding of international law on natural resources through robust legal research tools on sustainable use of water, forests, land and extractive industries, and through related education, awareness and capacity



building activities; (ii) research and strengthen capacity for the implementation of innovative sustainable resources governance instruments, taking into account recent local, national, regional and international developments; (iii) investigate pressing sustainable development questions in law and policy on natural resources, especially in light of post-pandemic recovery and taking into account the importance that sustainable natural resources have been gaining in international law instruments that address economic, human rights and environmental issues; and, disseminate results, as emerging out of the recently adopted ILA Guidelines on the Role of International Law for Sustainable Natural Resources Management for Development, widely; (iv) explore the link between international economic law (specifically international investment law) and the exploitation of transboundary natural resources, in order to unearth the relationship, conflicting or synergetic, between the legal frameworks in place for investment and environmental protection.

### Events

CISDL The Natural World, Sustainable DevelopmentGoals & the Law: Online International Legal Symposium on 26 July 2024;

<https://www.cisd.org/the-cisd-2024-biennial-global-symposium-on-the-natural-world-the-sdgs-and-the-law/>

### Key Publications

- Prof Dr Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Prof Dr Ilaria Espa, and Senator Prof Dr Nicolaas



Schrijver (eds), *Natural Resources, Sustainable Development and International Law* (forthcoming 2025).

- I. Espa, *Energy-Related Disciplines in PTAs Between Security and Sustainability Concerns: A Comparative Perspective*, in *26 Journal of International Economic Law* 4 (2023), pp. 684-702
- I. Espa, *Enforcing Sustainability Obligations: Adjudication and Post-Adjudication Enforcement in K. Claussen and G. Vidigal (eds.), The Sustainability Revolution in International Trade Agreements* (Oxford University Press, 2024)
- B. Janusz- Pawletta, M. Yodalieva, *Stakeholder dialogue for improved water management in the Central Asian region in Safeguarding Mountain Social-Ecological Systems, Vol 2, July 2024 Elsevier*
- C. Robb, *The mainstreaming agenda of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its value to protecting and enhancing soil ecosystem services in Ginzky, H., et al. (eds) International Yearbook of Soil Law and Policy 2022, 2024.*
- G. Giacomini, "Human rights-based approaches to climate litigation: a critical perspective of the Athabaskan Petition", in Gwiazdon K., Westra L., and Brown D. (eds) *Routledge Handbook of Applied Climate Change Ethics*, Routledge, 2024

## Fellowship

*Lead Counsel:* Dr. Ilaria Espa, Ph.D., M.A., BA (Italy)

*Programme Coordinator:* Adv. Ilaria Colombo and Adv. Giada Giacomini (Italy)

*Senior Research Fellowship:* Prof. Dr. Konstantia Koutouki, LL.D., LL.M., LL.B. (Canada)

*Legal Fellowship:* Prof. Dr. Emmanuella Doussis, Ph.D., D.E.A. (Greece); Prof. Dr. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Ph.D., LL.M, BCL. (Germany/Kazakhstan); Adv. Katherine Lofts B.A.Hons, M.A., B.C.L. & LL.B. (Canada); Dr. Zaker Ahmad LL.M., M.I.L.E., Ph.D. (Bangladesh).

*Researchers:* Adv. Xinyuan Meng, M.A., LL.B. (China); Dr. Andrea Mensi, Ph.D., J.D. (Italy); Adv. Diana Quavedo, M.Phil, LL.M., LL.B. (Colombia); Adv. Cairo Robb, M.A. (Cantab); Lic. spéc. dr. eur. (ULB) (UK).

## CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2022: Prof Barbara Janusz Pawletta

**Dr. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta** is vice-president on International Cooperation at the Kazakh- German University (DKU), a member at the Technical Committee of the Global Water Partnership (GWP), UNESCO Chairholder for water management in Central Asia, a member of the International Law Association, and Affiliate of International Water Law Academy. Dr. Janusz-Pawletta obtained her doctorate in law at the Freie Universität in Berlin. Her teaching and research fields cover legal frameworks and institutional interstate cooperation including the water, climate, land and energy nexus. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Central Asian Journal of Water Research (CAJWR)*, has written more than 35 research publications, among others.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2021: Prof. Emmanuella Doussis**

**Prof. Emmanuella Doussis** is a Professor of International Institutions at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, director of the Institute of European Integration and Policy and UNESCO chairholder on climate diplomacy. She has studied political science and law at the University of Athens and at the Sorbonne in Paris (Paris I). After a first Master's in Public International Law, she completed a second one in Environmental Law and a phd in International Law. She has been visiting professor at the Universities of Bourgogne, Grenoble-Alpes and Aix-Marseille, and visiting fellow at the University of Geneva and the European University Institute in Florence. She is a member of the ILA Committee on the role of international law in sustainable management of natural resources and the Greek National Committee for Adaptation on Climate Change. She has published alone or in collaboration with other authors ten books, and numerous articles in peer-review international journals, is a member of the Scientific Council of the Center for Mediterranean Integration and a member of the World Commission on Environmental Law.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2020: Dr. Ilaria Espa**

**Prof. Ilaria Espa** is a Senior Assistant Professor of International Economic Law at the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), Senior Research Fellow at the World Trade Institute (WTI) and Adjunct Professor at the Law Faculty of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. She serves as Lead Counsel of the Programme "Natural Resources" of CISDL, the elected Secretary-General of the Swiss Energy Law Association (SELA) and a Fellow of the Cambridge University Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (C-EENRG) Platform on Global Energy Governance. She was previously an Adjunct Professor at the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at the University of Milan (2015-2020) and a member of the WTI-based NCCR Trade Regulation Programme. She was honoured with a Marie Curie fellowship from the European Commission for her post-doctoral studies.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2019: Dr. Hasrat Arjjumend**

**Dr. Hasrat Arjjumend** is a Mitacs Elevate Fellow at the University of Montreal, and Associate Professor at Ethiopia Civil Service University, Laureate of the UNESCO-Wenhui Award and Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2018: Adv Katherine Lofts**

**Advocate Katherine Lofts** is the managing director of Nomomente Institute, a legal officer for the One Justice Project, former White & Case, Mumbai Community Outreach Programme, former executive editor of the International Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy.

## Climate Change Programme

*Responds to SDG 13 Climate Action, SDG 7 Affordable & Clean Energy, SDG 2 Zero Hunger*

**Adv. Ayman Cherkaoui, Lead Counsel / Dr. Antoinette Nestor and Adv. Maeve McDermott  
Climate Law and Governance Initiative Coordinators**

Climate change is already reaching the threshold for significant impacts upon sustainable development.

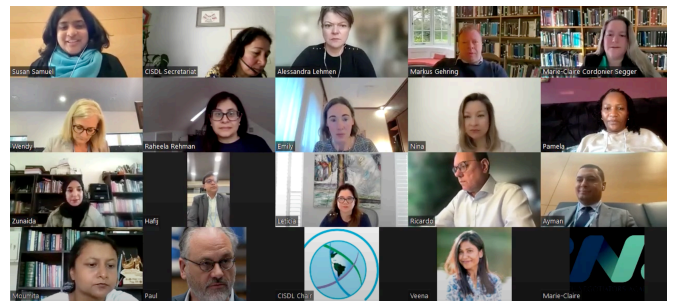
Recent reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimate that climate change will cost governments more than \$100 billion a year in loss and damage – an estimate that includes the cost of rising sea levels, higher temperatures, crop losses, and fresh water shortages, but does not account for more devastating scenarios such as typhoons and floods. A recent study indicated that at least 12 trillion USD are needed over the next 25 years solely to hold the increase in the global average

temperature to 2 degree above pre industrial levels (Bloomberg New Energy Finance). Meeting a well below 2 degree target, an objective of the Paris Agreement, increases substantially the financing needs and investment opportunities. Furthermore, adaptation financing needs for developing countries are expected to reach up to 300 billion USD per year by 2030.

A global regime, based on the obligations of 197 Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the new 2015 Paris Agreement, focuses on achieving climate mitigation, adaptation, capacity building, technology and financing across many sectors of law and policy for sustainable development.

It is

imperative to design an optimal Paris Rulebook and to ambitiously implement the new Paris Agreement through its Nationally Determined Contributions and other mechanisms. As a number of countries are currently in the process of reforming their laws and institutions to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement and sustainable development objectives, there is a pressing

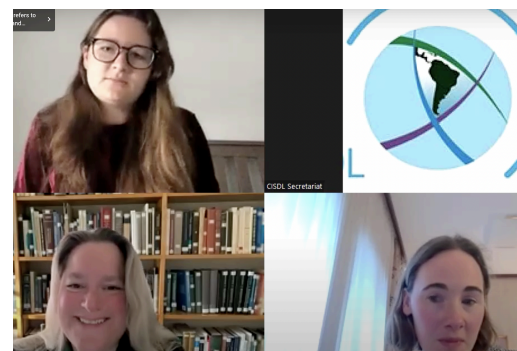


need for legal expertise, capacity building and advice in this emerging field of research and education. Furthermore, Non State Actors such as municipalities, local governments, academia, civil society and businesses are at the forefront of the global effort to tackle the challenges of climate change and knowledge sharing and capacity building is needed to integrate these efforts and maximize sustainable development outcomes.

## Events

In 2023, UNFCCC COP28 was held in Dubai. On Friday 5 December, the Climate Law and Governance Day (CLGD) 2023 was co-hosted with partners from the University of Cambridge, Middlesex University Dubai and the University of Dubai, together with the International Law Association, the International Bar Association, the Centre for Sustainable Development Law, International Development Law Organisation, World Commission on Environmental Law and the International Union for Conservation of Nature. CLGD 2023 focused on Engaging in Global Stocktake through Legal Lenses, with the following four key themes: operationalising the Paris Agreement in International Law; testing legal and governance tools for high ambition implementation; advancing climate resilience and justice; and net zero legal frameworks to enable climate neutral investment and finance. CLGD 2023 featured a grand opening, three high-level plenaries, and 16 substantive experts sessions with over 1,730 registrants in person and online.

On 7 December 2023, the Climate Law and Governance Specialisation Course was hosted at the University of Dubai. With more than 600 registrants, this course trained a new generation of climate specialists worldwide capable of advancing climate law and governance and advocating for implementation. The half-day course provided a foundational understanding of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC and included sessions on Law, Governance and Climate Mitigation; Climate Law and Governance on Adaptation, Loss and Damage; and Climate Law and Governance on Finance, Compliance and Transparency. Upon completion, 220 practitioners, scholars and junior members of delegations were certified and recognised as new





On 11 December 2023, Climate Law and Governance Initiative partners shared the outcomes of CLGD during the Initiative's official side-event on Global Stocktake through Legal Lenses:

Implementing Outcomes via Climate Law and Policy Reform, during UNFCCC COP 28 in the Blue Zone. The side-event's interactive legal roundtables brought together leading experts from the Advocates for International Development, Centre for Human Rights and Climate Change Research, World Future Council and Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, University of Victoria, and the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law.

## Key Publications

- Christina Voigt (2023) The Power of the Paris Agreement in International Climate Litigation, 32 *RECIEL* 2, 237-249.
- Christina Voigt (2022) The Climate Dimension of Human Rights Obligations: Due Diligence and States' Positive Obligations, *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, 152-171
- Christina Voigt, "Loss, Damage and State Responsibility," in M. Doelle & S. Seck (eds) *Research Handbook on Loss and Damages* (Edward Elgar Publishing forthcoming).
- Christina Voigt, "Chapter 59 – International Responsibility and Liability," in L. Rajamani & J. Peel (eds), *Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law* (Oxford University Press forthcoming).
- Christina Voigt, "Climate Change as a Challenge for Global Governance, Courts and Human Rights," in W. Kahl and M. Weller (eds), *Climate Change Litigation - Liability and Damages from a Comparative Perspective* (Verlag C.H. Beck/Hart forthcoming).
- Ayman Cherkaoui, Book Review on 'Debating Climate Law,' edited by Benoit Mayer and Alexander Zahar; (2023) *CCLR*; DOI <https://doi.org/10.21552/cclr/2023/1/8>
- "Bending the Curve": The Need for Legal Innovation in the UNFCCC-CBD Nexus; Susan Ann Samuel, Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Dr. Jellie Molino, and Dr. Antoinette Nestor; Publishing by PLOS Climate (Forthcoming 2024)

## Fellowship

*Lead Counsel:* Maitre Ayman Cherkaoui, B. Eng, LL.B., M.Sc. (Morocco/Canada)

*CLGI Programme Managers:* Dr. Antoinette Nestor, B.C.L., LL.M., Ph.D. (Chile/Ireland); Adv Maeve McDermott B.S., J.D., M.Phil (USA)

*Senior Research Fellows:* Prof. Christina Voigt LL.M., Ph.D. (Norway/Germany); Prof. Cosmin Correndea LL.M., S.J.D. (Romania) Prof. Damilola Olawuyi LL.M., D.Phil. (Nigeria); Adv. James Cameron LL.B., LL.M. (UK).

*Legal Research Fellowship:* Adv. Hafijul Khan LL.M. (Bangladesh); Dr. Christopher Campbell-Durufflé Ph.D., LL.M. (Canada); Prof. Benoit Mayer Ph.D. (France); Ms. Valeria Zambianchi (Switzerland); Ms. Katherine Lofts, B.A. Hons, MA, B.C.L. / LL.B. (McGill); Adv. Emily Morison M.Phil., LL.B., B.A. (Australia); Adv. Miguel Saldivia LL.B., M.A., LL.M. (Chile); Adv Tim Arvan M.A., M.Phil. (USA); Adv Magdalena Stryja LL.M., Ph.D. (Poland); Prof. Megan Bowman, LL.M., PhD (ANU) (UK); Wendy Miles QC, B.A., LL.B., LL.M. (UK).

## CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2022: Prof. Francesco Sindico

**Prof. Francesco Sindico** is the Carbon Neutral Islands lead at the Scottish Government Islands Team on secondment from the University of Strathclyde Law School in Glasgow, Scotland where he is a Professor in International Law and Founder of the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and

Governance (SCELG). He was Counsel for the Plurinational State of Bolivia in the Dispute over the Status and Use of the Waters of the Silala (Chile v. Bolivia) before the International Court of Justice. He provided technical support to Scottish Government in the implementation of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 and is the Director of the Climate Change Litigation Initiative.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2021: Adv. James Cameron**

**Adv. James Cameron** is a Senior Advisor to Pollination Global, SYSTEMIQ, Tulchan, AVAIO Capital and Carbon Cap. He is the Chairman of Global Sustainable Capital Management (GSCM), energy tech start-up, Verv, and former Chairman of the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), 2012 – 2020. He is on the Advisory Council at Neste (Finland) and Heathrow 2.0 (on the future of aviation), the Advisory Board of Sun New Energy holdings (India), Advisory Board to the Green Finance Institute, Advisory Committee of Blue Marine Foundation, Chair of European Advisory Board for Smart Surfaces Coalition, Advisory Committee of IP Group, UK Advisory Board Member of IDH.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2020: Prof. Dr. juris Christina Voigt**

**Prof. Dr. juris Christina Voigt** is professor at the Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo, Norway. Professor Voigt is an expert in international environmental law. She works in particular on legal issues of climate change, biodiversity conservation, environmental multilateralism and sustainability.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2019: Adv Magdalena Stryja**

**Adv Magdalena Stryja** of the University of Silesia in Katowice, Head of Science and Development Committee of the Katowice Bar Association and Legal Fellow at CISDL.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2018: Adv Hafijul Khan**

**Advocate Hafijul Khan** is a climate negotiator with the Least Developed Countries Group on loss and damages with the Bangladesh delegation, is the Director of the Centre for Climate Justice in Bangladesh, a Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation, A National Consultant for the UNFCCC and Adjunct Professor at North South University.

## Trade, Investment & Finance Programme

*Responds to SDG 8 Decent Work & Economic Growth; SDG 9 Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure; SDG 12 Responsible Consumption & Production; SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities & SDG 17 Partnerships*

**Prof. Markus Gehring, Lead Counsel / Adv. Marios Tokas and  
Adv. Matheus Frederico Paes Garcia, Programme Manager**

Trade, investment and financial laws and policies could foster or frustrate sustainable development. Global economic growth is slowly resuming, and in 2021 world merchandise exports rose 8%. Alongside global rules and continuing, though hampered, dispute settlement in the World Trade Organization (WTO), global flows of foreign direct investment recovered to pre-



pandemic levels last year, reaching \$1.6 trillion (UNCTAD 2022 World Investment Report), and 796 Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) have been notified (WTO RTA Gateway). There is new impetus for international economic law to support a global green economy, and significant potential for international legal innovation. With slow progress in the Doha Development Agenda trade round negotiations, widespread trade skepticism, Brexit, the growth of protectionism and the breakdown of the WTO dispute system new forms of economic cooperation are being developed and economic nationalism being opposed.

While a growing web of RTAs increasingly recognize sustainable development objectives; create exceptions for health, environment, natural resources and other public policies; address sustainability aspects of procurement, intellectual property rights, subsidies and investments; move from referencing climate change to making it an essential element, environmental goods, services and technologies; encourage sustainable energy, forestry and other resources use; highlight corporate social responsibility; and seek mutual supportiveness with social and environmental policies, these new 'progressive' trade agreements will be the focus of the research, especially when advancing the economic interests of indigenous peoples.



Research into the impacts and opportunities of international investment law for sustainable development, and the possibilities for financial law, is also expanding exponentially. With many countries reforming their laws and institutions to implement new international instruments for a global green economy, there is a pressing need for legal expertise, capacity and advice.

## Projects

Fellows engaged in CISDL Trade, Investment and Finance Programme are collaborating with key stakeholders over the last two years. Lead Counsel, Professor Markus Gehring, shared findings at the Trade and Public Policy Network (TaPP) workshop on 21 April 2023, discussing the implications of pursuing Net Zero for UK trade policy. Members of the CISDL Trade, Investment, and Finance Programme have been actively



engaging with the Green Trade Network, established by the Institute for European Environmental Policy. During the WTO Public Forum held from 12-15 September 2023, Adv. Marios Tokas consulted with representatives from the Green Trade Network, the Geneva Trade Platform, and the Jacques Delors Institute to discuss potential collaborations and receive feedback on recent publications. On 24 and 27 November 2023, CISDL presented initial findings from two key reports during high-level panels. The first session on 24 November, involved discussions with experts from Latin America and New Zealand, focusing on trade relations between the EU and New Zealand, EU-Mexico, and reviewing the Policy Paper on the Interrelation between the Paris Agreement and EU FTAs. This roundtable highlighted the presentation of a Policy Paper on EU FTAs, the Paris Agreement, and various aspects of Latin America. The second roundtable on 27 November, featured experts addressing trade relations between the EU and Chile, the Andean Community, Mercosur, and Central America. Experts from the Trade, Investment, and Finance Programme also participated in COP28 in Dubai in December 2023. In February 2024, CISDL organized a high-level panel at the Trade and Sustainability Hub, organized by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), on the margins of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference (MC13) in Abu Dhabi. During MC13, the CISDL team, along with the Green Trade Network and E3G, met with delegations from EU Member States. In March 2024, following the UNFCCC COP and CLGD 2023, CISDL members participated in "Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Goals: Future Directions for International Law and Governance," an event held by partners from the University of Cambridge, the University of Dubai, and Middlesex University Dubai. On 8 and 9 May 2024, Professor Cordonier Segger, alongside experts and academics, participated in a one-day event titled "Restructuring the International Trade System for Climate Change Progress and a Sustainable Future." Hosted by the Remaking Trade Project in collaboration with E3G, ODI, and the European Climate Foundation (ECF), this event brought together stakeholders from government, business, and civil society to review global progress on trade and climate issues. The diverse engagements demonstrate CISDL's commitment to integrating climate ambition, environmental protection,

and sustainable development into global trade policies. Through these forums, CISDL has highlighted the interconnectedness of trade and climate policies, emphasizing the need for consistent financial flows aligned with the Paris Agreement, the importance of legal frameworks in advancing climate goals, and the role of international collaborations in fostering sustainable development. These activities underscore the critical role of legal expertise in navigating the complexities of international trade and environmental governance, advocating for robust policies that support climate action, and ensuring that trade agreements reflect the highest standards of environmental protection and sustainability.

## Events

Professor Markus Gehring shared findings in the Trade and Public Policy Network (TaPP) workshop, held on 21 April 2023, discussing what the pursuit of Net Zero means for UK trade policy. Additionally, Professor Gehring also spoke on a panel organized by the University of Singapore on 25 July, on the topic of International Trade Law and Governance and Climate Change - role, potential and interaction.

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Experts from the Trade, Investment and Finance Programme also participated in COP28 in Dubai in December 2023. The CISDL organized a panel entitled 'Promoting CLimate Action through Trade Law'. Additionally, on 6 December, in the Philippines Pavillion at COP28, Professor Markus Gehring participated in a Panel organized by the National University of Singapore. Discussions centered on how the global stocktake, as a legal and policy process, can aid Parties in enhancing their national commitments with the promise of Paris-aligned consistent financial flows. The experts examined developments in the international governance framework, including trade and investment rules, developments in FTA practice, and the global disclosure systems in meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.

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## Key Publications

- Ratcheting up Environmental Protection Standards: What are the Opportunities for Improving the EU-Andes Trade Agreement? Christian Delev (2022)
- Brief on the Chile Inclusion of Environment Commitments in Trade Agreements and The Current EU-Chile Trade Agreement Negotiations, Javiera Cáceres Bustamante (2022)
- Trading Our Way Out of the Climate Crisis? Addressing Environmental Protection in the EU- Mexico Global Agreement Renegotiation Process, Christian Delev (2022)

- European Union Trade Agreement Negotiations with Latin American States: Next Steps in the Climate, Sustainable Development and Trade Agenda, Christian Delev and Markus Gehring (2022) <https://www.cisd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/EU-Latin-America-FTAs-Progress-Nov-2022.pdf>
- Highest Priority Trade Challenges Related to Climate Change: EU and Americas Economic Law Relations, Marios Tokas (2022) <https://www.cisd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Highest-priority-trade-challenges-related-to-climate-in-EU-Americas-002.pdf>
- Effects of the Elections in Chile on trade and climate policy and law, Javiera Cáceres, Dr. Markus Gehring and Marios Tokas (2022) <https://www.cisd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Effects-of-the-Elections-in-Chile-on-trade-and-climate-policy-and-law.pdf>
- Effects of the Elections in Brazil on trade and climate policy and law and the Draft EU-Mercosur FTA (2022) Dr. Markus Gehring and Marios Tokas <https://www.cisd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Effects-of-the-Elections-in-Brazil-on-trade-and-climate-policy-and-law-and-the-Draft.pdf>
- Synergies and Approaches to Climate Change in International Investment Agreements: Comparative analysis of investment liberalization and investment protection provisions in EU Agreements”, Journal of World Trade and Investment, Special Issue (accepted), Markus Gehring and Marios Tokas [https://brill.com/view/journals/jwit/23/5-6/article-p778\\_5.xml?language=en](https://brill.com/view/journals/jwit/23/5-6/article-p778_5.xml?language=en)

## Fellowship

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*Programme Manager:* Marios Tokas, LL.B. LL.M. (Athens), M.I.L., PhD Cand. (Graduate Institute) and Adv. Matheus Frederico Paes Garcia, LL.B. (Brasília), MA (Geneva)

*Legal Research Fellowship:* Dr. Avidan Kent, PhD (Cantab), LL.M. (McGill), Faculty of Law, University of East Anglia, Norwich; Adv. Emily Morison, LL.B., JD (Sydney), LL.M. (Cantab); Dr. Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan, Dr iur (Muenster), Assessor; University of Cambridge (UK); Prof Alexandra Harrington, DCL (McGill), LL.M. (McGill) JD (Albany) (USA), BA (NYU); Eric Kassongo, LL.B. (Kinshasa) (DR Congo); Adv. Cairo Robb, Cambridge (UK); Mr. Rodrigo Mella, LL.M. (NYU), LL.B. (UChile) (Chile); Javiera Cáceres Bustamante, BA (Catholic Uni Chile), MA (UChile); Adv. Christian Delev, PhD Cand. (Cantab.) (UK), also the Legal Working Group for the Mercosur and ECF Projects;

## CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2022: Prof. Javiera Cáceres

**Prof. Javiera Cáceres** is an Instructor Professor at the Institute of International Studies of the University of Chile. She holds a BA in English Literature and Linguistics from the Pontifical Catholic





University of Chile and a MA in International Strategy and Trade Policy at the University of Chile. Prior to joining the University, she was an intern at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Her main research interest are gender and trade, intellectual property, and trade policy.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist of the Year 2021: Adv. Vesselina Haralampieva**

**Adv. Vesselina Haralampieva** is a Senior Counsel at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in London, U.K. who specializes in energy regulation, environmental law and sustainable finance. She leads the energy and climate change practice area of the Office of the General Counsel's Legal Transition Team. Vesselina is in charge of designing and implementing policy and legal reform projects in the EBRD region aimed at enabling green transition and sustainable development. She has supported national authorities in developing legislation on energy efficiency and reform and renewable energy.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2020: Dr. Avidan Kent**

**Dr. Avidan Kent LL.B.** is Professor at the University of East Anglia. His research interests include the field of international trade and investment law and its intersection with other legal disciplines such as competition law and climate change law. Avidan worked for a non-profit organization, leading educational projects in the field of Environment, Nature and Law. He has also supervised European Union environmental law at undergraduate level at Cambridge University. Avidan has worked as an articulated law clerk for an Israeli law firm, M. Seligman & Co, and he is a member of the Israeli Bar.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2019: Adv Sean Stephenson**

**Adv Sean Stephenson** is an Associate with Appleton & Associates and Dentons, Treaties Editor for the Canadian Bar Association's "Canadian International Lawyer" Law Journal and Associate Fellow at the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2018: Adv Erick Kassongo**

**Advocate Erick Kassongo** is the Executive Director of the Centre Congolais poue le Droit du Developpement Durable in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has been an Expert-Member at the Working Group on Extractive Industries of the African Commission since 2014, Legal Research Fellow at the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law and Staff Attorney at Environment Law Alliance Worldwide.

## Human Rights Programme

*Responds to SDG 1 No Poverty, SDG 5 Gender Equality, SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities*

### **Prof. Sumudu Atapattu, Lead Counsel / Adv. William Shipley, Programme Manager**

Around the world, poverty and human rights violations continue to pose significant challenges to humanity, making it impossible to achieve sustainable development without prioritizing equity and inclusion. Over 1 billion people live on less than one dollar a day, and more than twice that number lack access to safe drinking water and sanitation.



Many groups, particularly Indigenous communities and women, are excluded from most legal decision-making processes. In the realm of international law, numerous questions persist, such as how the principles of international environmental law and human rights law can facilitate sustainable development. Key international human rights instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), alongside their optional protocols, are increasingly pertinent to sustainable development.

The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) acknowledges the special needs of least developed states and those particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Additionally, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, which garnered widespread international support, is the first global environmental treaty to explicitly recognize the need to protect human rights in climate action. The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with their focus on equity and poverty eradication, underscores the urgent need for robust and innovative international legal research and education. Building international legal expertise, capacity, and providing advice in developing countries is crucial to achieving these goals.



## Events



CISDL members engaged in the Human Rights Programme, including Lead Counsel Sumudu Atapattu, were actively involved in Climate Law and Governance Day 2023. Additionally, Prof. Sumudu Atapattu presented “Climate Migration, Human Rights and Climate Change” on climate migration, displacement, and reparations at the New York University School of Law’s Environmental Law and Climate Advocacy Conference.

### Key Publications

- Emeline Pluchon, ‘Recent Climate Change Cases in France and Germany Through the Lens of Feminist Legal Methods’ in Shuma Talukdar and Valéria Emília de Aquino (eds), *Judicial Responses to Climate Change in the Global South* (Living Signs of Law Series, Springer Cham 2023) vol 2.
- Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh, Jorge E Viñuales, and Julian Aguon, ‘The Role of Advocates in the Conception of Advisory Opinion Requests’ (2023) 117 *American Journal of International Law* 277.
- Sumudu Atapattu, Heinz Klug, and Mitra Sharafi, “‘Law in Context’ in Post-Colonial South Asia” (2023) 19 *International Journal of Law in Context* 275.
- Benoit Mayer, ‘The Contribution of Urgenda to the Mitigation of Climate Change’ (2023) 35 *Journal of Environmental Law* 167.
- Sumudu Atapattu, *UN Human Rights Institutions and the Environment: Synergies, Challenges, Trajectories* (Routledge 2023).
- Benoit Mayer, ‘International Advisory Proceedings on Climate Change’ (2023) 44 *Michigan Journal of International Law* 41.
- Benoit Mayer, *International Law Obligations on Climate Change Mitigation* (Oxford Monographs in International Law, Oxford University Press 2022).
- Sumudu Atapattu, ‘Emergence of International Environmental Law: A Brief History from the Stockholm Conference to Agenda 2030’ in Edgardo Sobenes, Sarah Mead & Benjamin Samson (eds), *The Environment Through the Lens of International Courts and Tribunals* (TMC Asser Press 2022).
- Sumudu Atapattu, “Human Rights and the Environment” in Michael Goodhart (ed), *Human Rights: Theory and Practice* (4th edn, Oxford University Press 2022).
- Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh and Melina Antoniadis, ‘Climate Displacement and the Right to Mental Health’ in Simon Behrman and Avidan Kent (eds), *Climate Refugees: Global, Local and Critical Approaches* (Cambridge University Press 2022).
- Sumudu Atapattu, ‘Migrating with Dignity: Protecting the Rights of “Climate Refugees” with the Non-Refoulement Principle’ in Simon Behrman and Avidan Kent (eds), *Climate Refugees: Global, Local and Critical Approaches* (Cambridge University Press 2022).
- Sumudu Atapattu, Freya Doughty-Wagner & Enéas Xavier, *The Fourth Environmental Era: Climate Justice* edited by (eds)., Vernon Press, (Forthcoming 2024)

## Fellowship

*Lead Counsel:* Dr. Sumudu Atapattu, LL.M., PhD (Cantab), Attorney-at-Law (Sri Lanka)

*Programme Manager:* Adv. William Shipley, BA (Northwestern), B.C.L./LL.B. (McGill) (USA)

*Legal Research Fellowship:* Prof. Benoit Mayer (France); Adv. Zecharias Fassil (Ethiopia); Prof. Myron Frankman, PhD (Texas), McGill University (Canada); Adv. Emeline Pluchon, LL.M., Int. Energy & Env. Law, LL.M. (France); Adv. William Shipley, BA, B.C.L./LL.B. (USA); Dr. Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh B.Sc., B.A., E.M.A., LL.M., Ph.D. (Netherlands).

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2022: Prof. Rebecca Bratspies**

**Prof. Rebecca Bratspies** is a Law Professor at the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law, where she is the founding Director of the Center for Urban Environmental Reform. She is an internationally recognized expert on environmental justice, the regulation of new agricultural technologies, and the human right to a healthy environment. She serves as an appointed member of the New York City's Environmental Justice Advisory Panel, and EPA's Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee. Professor Bratspies also serves as a scholar with the Center for Progressive Reform, as core member of the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment, and on the editorial board of the International Journal of Law in Context.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2021: Dr. Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh**

**Dr. Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh** is an Assistant Professor of Public International Law at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies (Leiden University) and Adjunct Senior Lecturer at the Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development (The University of the South Pacific). She has published extensively on human rights, climate change, sustainability and international law, building on more than fifteen years of involvement in legal processes and multilateral negotiations. Alongside her academic work, she currently leads the global legal team assisting the Republic of Vanuatu in its pursuit of an advisory opinion on climate change from the International Court of Justice (with Julian Aguon at Blue Ocean Law).

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2020: Prof. Dr. David Boyd**

**Prof. Dr. David R. Boyd** is an environmental lawyer and internationally renowned expert on human rights and the environment. Dr. Boyd is an Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law, and UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment. His primary focus is on identifying laws and policies that will accelerate the transition to an ecologically sustainable and just future, both in Canada and across the world.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2019: Adv Amanda Kron**



**Adv Amanda Kron** is an Associate Expert in Climate Change and Environment with the United Nations Human Rights Programme, Former Legal Advisor and Project Coordinator for Climate Change and Security, Crisis Management Branch at the United Nations.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2018: Adv William Shipley**

**Advocate William Shipley** is a recently-licensed attorney in New York with seven years' professional experience in labor arbitration, representation and union governance. He has been engaged with the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law for over nine years and is the Program Manager for the Human Rights Program

## Peace, Justice & Governance Programme

*Responds to SDG 4 Quality Education, SDG 16 Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions, SDG 17 Partnership for the Goals*

**Dr Fabiano de Andrade Correa, Lead Counsel & Adv. Neshan Gunasekera, Lead Counsel**

Redirecting our development path towards sustainability is a significant challenge globally, nationally, and locally. Sustainable development requires governance, accountability, equity, and justice for present and future generations. Unfortunately, environmental and human rights threats disproportionately affect vulnerable populations. Legal and economic



tools have not been effective enough in integrating environmental and social aspects into the economy. However, these tools remain essential for addressing sustainability issues, emphasizing the need to understand and improve them. Effective implementation of international treaties necessitates strong governance and accountability. As countries reform their laws and institutions to adopt the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16, there is a pressing need for new expertise and capacity. SDG 16 focuses on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice, and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions.

SDG 4, 16 and 17 is pivotal because it underpins the success of all other SDGs. To meet these challenges, there is an urgent need for a new generation of experts who can provide the necessary capacity and guidance. These experts must be adept at crafting policies and instruments that address the gaps in current legal and economic frameworks, ensuring they are robust enough to drive meaningful change.

## Events

As the Deputy Chair of the IUCN WCEL Climate Change Law Specialist Group and Legal Counsel with the CISDL, Dr. de Andrade Correa was heavily involved in COP 28 in December 2023. He served as panelist and moderator in several UNFCCC side events, including “The Transformative Power of Law in Promoting a Just Transition to a Climate Positive World”. The event was organized by the University of Oslo, the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, the International Development Law Organization, and the United Nations Environment Programme. It also featured CISDL members Christina Voigt and Ayman Cherkaoui. As the Deputy Chair of the Climate Change Law Specialist Group, Dr. de Andrade Correa co-hosted a discussion with CISDL on law as an enabler of Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Action.



At COP 27 in November 2022, Dr. de Andrade Correa, again representing CISDL and the IUCN WCEL, participated in a roundtable discussion organized by the CISDL on Strengthening Legal Tools and Capacity for Climate Justice and Resilience. He also facilitated a panel discussion organized by the International Development Law Organization on climate change and mobility.



At the 2022 Oslo International Environmental Law Conference of the IUCN WCEL, Dr. de Andrade Correa headed the first in-person gathering of the Climate Change Law Specialists Group. He also participated in a panel discussion on promoting integration between climate change, biodiversity, and pollution regimes in international law.

In July 2024, Adv. Gunasekera participated in a panel co-hosted by the Congress of Nations and States and the Citizens for Global Solutions and World Federalist Society. The panel was titled “Global Justice in Conversation: A Closer Look at the Role and Impact of International Courts and Tribunals” and discussed the justice and accountability measures around the world.

At the May 2024 UN Civil Society Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, Adv. Gunasekera led the seminar “Earth Trusteeship: Establishing Representatives for Future Generations,” which outlined the principles and practices of Earth Trusteeship and strategies to safeguard the interests of future generations.



As the Co-Chair of the Right to Livelihood’s Earth Trusteeship Working Group, Adv. Gunasekera organized the 2023 and 2024 Earth Trusteeship Dialogues. The 2023 Earth Trusteeship Dialogue, which took place in Thailand, also featured the launch of the publication “Reflections on Earth Trusteeship: Mother Earth and a new 21st-century governance paradigm.” The book brings together 22 authors worldwide to promote “Earth Trusteeship” as a model of planetary governance, including a chapter by Adv. Gunasekera titled “Education for Earth Trusteeship: From seed to budding plant.”



Adv. Gunasekera was also a key organizer and speaker in the “Caring for the Earth, Transforming Lives: Linking Faith & Natural Regeneration” seminar, which was hosted in part by the Earth Trusteeship Working Group and the Right Livelihood. Adv. Gunasekera spoke to the role of international law in natural regeneration and shared the wisdom of Right Livelihood Laureate Judge Weeramantry.

## Key Publications

- Neshan Gunasekera and others, ‘Discussion Paper on Biosphere Defenders in Latin America and the Caribbean & Written comments to the Escazu Agreement’s Draft Regional Action Plan on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters’ (Raoul Wallenberg Institute and The Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment 2024).
- Fabiano De Andrade Corrêa and others (eds), *International Yearbook of Soil Law and Policy 2022* (International Yearbook of Soil and Policy series, Springer Cham 2024), especially the following chapter: Fabiano De Andrade Corrêa, Margret Vidar, and Tejas Rao, ‘UNFCCC CoP26: Key Outcomes for Soil Management’ in Fabiano De Andrade Corrêa and others (eds), *International Yearbook of Soil Law and Policy 2022* (International Yearbook of Soil and Policy series, Springer Cham 2024).



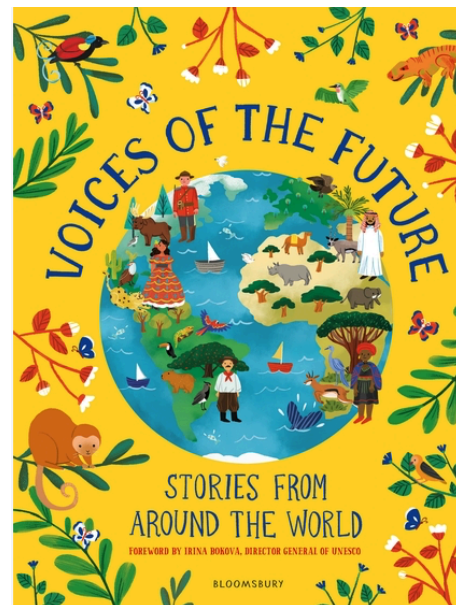
- Fabiano De Andrade Correa and Alessandra Lehmen, 'Trade, Sustainable Development and Climate Change: How Can Free Trade Agreements Be Leveraged for Increased Climate Action? Perspectives on the EU-MERCOSUR Agreement' (2023) 50 *Legal Issues of Economic Integration* 287.
- Neshan Gunasekera, 'Education for Earth Trusteeship. From seed to budding plant' in Justin Sobion and Hans van Willenswaard (eds), *Reflections on Earth Trusteeship. Mother Earth and a new 21st-century governance paradigm* (INI Books 2023).
- Alastair Marke, Michael Mehling, and Fabiano de Andrade Correa (eds), *Governing Carbon Markets with Distributed Ledger Technology* (Cambridge University Press 2022), especially the following chapter: Michael Mehling and others, 'Conclusions, Recommendations and a Potential Pathway for a Transition to a DLT-Based Governance for Carbon Markets' in Alastair Marke, Michael Mehling, and Fabiano de Andrade Correa (eds), *Governing Carbon Markets with Distributed Ledger Technology* (Cambridge University Press 2022).



## UNESCO Voices of Future Generations Children’s Initiative (VoFG CI)

**Dr. Odeeth Lara-Morales, B.Comm., M.A., Ph.D. (Mexico/Canada),  
Voices of Future Generations Children’s Initiative Manager**

The Voices of Future Generations Initiative on Children’s Rights and Sustainable Development (VoFG CI) also known simply as “Voices”, is a unique Programme of action that empowers children to promote the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the rights of children in sustainable development, based on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The CISDL serves as secretariat for the Voices of Future Generations Children’s Initiative which supports international and domestic legal instruments to promote respect for the rights and voices of future generations through education, engagement and empowerment, and to prevent crimes against future generations.



VoFG assists children in advance the right to education and literacy globally through the children's book series, through which children’s stories written by children are published in hard copy and made available for online access, in several of the official UN languages. To date, the series includes 27 books in English, 16 in French, 10 in Spanish, 11 books in Arabic and 1 in Chinese. Eight of these stories have been compiled in the anthology, “Voices of the Future”, published by Bloomsbury.



Alongside these children’s books, Voices of Future Generations has produced related publications in recent years. These include, the “Awareness and Fundraising Handbook” by VoFG Child Ambassador Nico Roman, a blog featuring Child Ambassadors for the SDGs (<https://www.vofg.org/ca-sdgs>) as well as a second blog with contributions from child authors (<https://www.vofg.org/new-blog-entry/industrialed>).

The VoFG Child Authors and Child Ambassadors attend international events meeting global leaders and to share their views as representatives of future generations. In 2023, VoFG CI received a grant from the Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation to publish a new book by an Indigenous Child Author. This project will provide a platform for children's voices to be heard across Canada and globally. The deadline for submissions by Indigenous children was most recently extended to 15 May 2024. VoFG also recently announced its judging panel to evaluate submissions for the Stories for Futures competition, and in partnership with the Global

Youth Council on Science, Law and Sustainability, is seeking stories by youth about the future they want, inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals, as part of a forthcoming anthology.

Throughout the past two years, the Voices Child Authors and Child Ambassadors have been vocal advocates for climate change awareness and reform. In this context, Child Authors and Child Ambassadors have been critical in the creation of eco- councils in their home cities and in organizing and chairing children’s climate strikes and other activities. VoFG Child Authors and Ambassadors also participated as Youth Ambassadors in the 2024 edition of The Goals Project, a free global collaboration project for all classrooms of the world. The Authors and Ambassadors created videos in which they shared about their passions and how they advocate for the SDGs in their respective regions and communities. They also gave inspiring words of encouragement and calls to action, empowering other children to lift their voices and defend their rights and the rights of nature.

The VoFG’s work also includes hosting online seminars. In September 2023, the VoFG, together with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, The Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), the National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada, and a wider consortium of educational charities that support the children's rights and the global Sustainable Development Goals hosted an Online International Roundtable on International Literacy Day, “Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the Foundation for Sustainable and Peaceful Societies”.

**Upcoming Event:**

VoFG is also currently preparing to host the Online International Roundtable on Indigenous Children’s Voices and Rights on 10 August 2024. This will be an interactive dialogue to advocate for, celebrate, and amplify the voices of Indigenous children worldwide in Celebration of the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples.



Are you interested in learning about the links between education, children’s rights, and sustainability to build Sustainable and Peaceful Societies?

Are you inspired by the leadership of children and youth to advance the global Sustainable Development Goals, especially quality education (SDG 4)?

Would you like to help implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, by encouraging Indigenous children’s voices?

Register for a very special Online International Roundtable on Education for International Literacy Day, Promoting Literacy for a World in Transition: Building the Foundation for Sustainable and Peaceful Societies

**Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation**

**FREE REGISTRATION**

Tickets available at [www.vofg.org/news/literacyday2023](http://www.vofg.org/news/literacyday2023)

In celebration of International Literacy Day  
Saturday 9 September 2023  
8:00 PDT | 11:00 EDT | 16:00 BST



Voices of Future Generations Children’s Initiative



Online International Roundtable on Indigenous Children’s Voices and Rights

**Saturday, 10 August 2024**

9:00 PST / 12:00 EST / 17:00 BST

in celebration of International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples

Featuring:  
Indigenous Child Authors, Child Ambassadors, Youth leaders, and Human Rights experts engaged in an inspiring intergenerational dialogue.

**Register Now!**

\*Event programme coming soon.






## Key Publications

- Alastair Marke, Michael Mehling, Fabiano de Andrade Correa (eds), *Governing Carbon Markets with Distributed Ledger Technology*, Cambridge University Press (2022).
- Fabiano de Andrade Correa, *Environmental Justice: Securing Our Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment*, United Nations Development Programme (2022)

## Children's Books

- *Finding the Language* by Adelyn Newman-Ting (2021) (*Global Indigenous Child Author*) on *quality education (Goal 4)* and *life on land (Goal 15)* - <https://www.vofg.org/findinglanguage>
- *The Girl Who Changed Everything* by Freya Tikva (2021) (*Europe*) on *sustainable cities and communities (Goal 11)* and *responsible consumption and production (Goal 12)* - <https://www.vofg.org/girlchange>
- *The Challenge of a Generation* by Christina-Angelina Kassongo (2021) (*Africa*) on *quality education (Goal 4)*, *sustainable cities and communities (Goal 11)*, and *peace and justice (Goal 16)* - <https://www.vofg.org/challengeofageneration>
- *The Chess Game Secret* by Saoud Ahmad Al-Kaabi (2022) (*Middle East*) on *inequality (Goal 10)* and *peace and justice (Goal 16)* - <https://www.vofg.org/chessgame>
- *The Tree of Tolerance* by Abdulla Ismail Abushabab (2024) (*Middle East*) on *life below water (Goal 14)*, *life on land (Goal 15)* and *partnerships for the Goals (Goal 17)* - <https://www.vofg.org/the-tree-of-tolerance>
- *The Beacon* by Abrar Sirohey (2023) (*Middle East*) on *life below water (Goal 14)*, *life on land (Goal 15)* and *partnerships for the Goals (Goal 17)* - <https://www.vofg.org/the-beacon>
- *The Sustainable Worlds: Stanley and EPIC* by Jasper Chin Moody (2022) (*Oceania*) - <https://www.vofg.org/sustainableworlds>
- *The Green Warrior* by Saira Thomas (2022) (*Middle East*), on *gender equality (Goal 5)*, *life on land (Goal 15)*, and *partnerships for the Goals (Goal 17)* - <https://www.vofg.org/greenwarrior>

## Fellowship

*Lead Counsels:* Dr Fabiano de Andrade Correa LL.B., M.A., LL.M., Ph.D. (Brazil) & Adv Neshan Gunasekera LL.B., M.A. (Sri Lanka)

*VoFG CI Programme Manager / Coordinator:* Dr. Odeeth Lara-Morales, B.Comm., M.A., Ph.D. (Mexico/Canada) & Ms. Ela Martinez, B.Sc., M.Ed. (Dominican Republic)

*Legal Research Fellowship:* Adv. Wayne Garnons-Williams, B.A. (Windsor), M.P.A. (Dalhousie), LL.B. (Queens'), LL.M. (Oklahoma) (Canada); Mr. Miguel Saldivia B.A., LL.B. (Chile), LL.M. (UCL) (Chile); Dr.



Odeeth Lara-Morales, B.Comm., M.A., Ph.D. (Mexico/Canada); Ms. Ela Martinez, B.Sc., M.Ed. (Dominican Republic); Ms. Allison Lalla, B.A.&Sc. (Canada); Ms. Hyfa Azeez, LL.M., LL.B. (UK); Adv. Tejas Rao, LL.M., LL.B. (India).

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2022: Dr. Ilaria Bottigliero**

**Dr. Ilaria Bottigliero** is an international civil servant, academic and expert practitioner with over 25 years' experience in international law, justice and human rights. She currently serves as the Director of Policy, Research and Learning at IDLO, leading IDLO's knowledge generation as well as the gender, climate justice and customary and informal justice portfolios. In her role, she is responsible for the production of high-impact strategic research, trends analysis in rule of law and justice, and integration of thematic expertise throughout the organization. She regularly represents IDLO in global debates.

Prior to joining IDLO, Dr. Bottigliero has lectured and conducted research in over 25 countries on human rights, humanitarian law and gender issues, including at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Lund, Sweden, the Lund University Faculty of Law, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and at the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law. Dr. Bottigliero has published extensively on victims' rights, gender and international criminal justice. She is the author of the seminal book "Redress for Victims of Crimes under International Law", and the recipient of the 2010 Worldwide Universities Network International and Comparative Criminal Justice Fellowship.

### **CISDL Legal Specialist Awards 2021: Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin and Mr. Pulasthi Hewamanne**

**Justice Antonio Benjamin** was appointed to the National High Court of Brazil (STJ) in 2006, was Assistant Attorney General of the State of São Paulo for over twenty years, where he headed the Environmental Protection Division for several years, and in 2015, Justice Benjamin was appointed Justice of the Superior Electoral Tribunal of Brazil (TSE), where he is Electoral Inspector-General. Justice Benjamin was also the Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law – WCEL, and Secretary-General of UN Environment's International Advisory Council for Environmental Justice.

**Mr Pulasthi Hewamanne**, is a lawyer and advocate from Sri Lanka. With a decade of experience in Human Rights litigation, Public Law, Administrative Law and Environmental Law, teaching students of the (external) LLB Programmes for University of London, International Women & Children Rights for a Master Programme conducted by Birmingham University at Horizon Malabe Campus, and Visiting lecturer in Maldives. During this time, Mr. Hewamanne has worked closely with the Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka to provide legal advice and representation for those who seek legal aid, and acts as a consultant for several civil society groups working on human rights and anti-corruption issues, and is currently Deputy Chair at Transparency International Sri Lanka.

## **CISDL Legal Specialist Awards 2020: Mr. Wayne Garnons-Williams & Mr. Patrick Reynaud**

**Wayne Garnons-Williams** is the founding President of International Inter-tribal Trade Organization, Senior Lawyer and Principal Director of the law firm Garwill Law Professional Corporation specializing in Tribal Trade and Economic Development, as well as member and past Chair of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Appeal Tribunal. He is a board member of the International Council of the Great Lakes Region a board member of Capacity Canada and a board member of Three Feather Corporation.

**Patrick Reynaud** is a senior associate at Torys LLP. Patrick is an expert and practices in the area of tax law, including tax law relating to charitable organisations. Patrick has also acted as a Program Specialist in Sustainable Development and Environmental Law for the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), an Intergovernmental Organisation based in Rome. Patrick has also been involved as a legal specialist for local NGOs in developing countries, focusing on property rights and freedom of expression.

## **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2019: Prof Sara Seck**

**Prof Sara Seck** is an Associate Professor at Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law, Editorial Board Member of the New Business and Human Right Journal, as well as a Member of the Governance Committee of Columbia University's Teaching Business and Human Rights Forum and Former Senior Fellow at the International Law Research Program at the Centre for International Governance Innovation.

## **CISDL Legal Specialist Award 2018: Adv Freedom-Kai Phillips**

**Adv. Freedom-Kai Phillips** is a PhD Candidate at the University of Cambridge and the Operations Director and Legal Research Fellow at CISDL. He is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, and a Senior Research Associate with the International Law Research Program (ILRP) at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI). He was previously the Interim Director of the Centre for Law Technology and Society at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, and Legal Researcher for the Ramsar Convention Secretariat.

## Health Programme

*Responds to SDG 3 Good Health & Well-Being, SDG 5 Gender Equality & SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities*

### Dr. Maya Prabhu, Lead Counsel

International efforts to realize the universal right to health, especially for the bottom billion countries, are only recently making progress, with a great deal of further work remaining. While there has been steady progress in many of the United Nations health-focused Millennium Development Goals, there is still a long way to go.



Disparities remain with regard to water quality and sanitation, maternal and child health and various zoonotic diseases. In international law, many questions remain, including for the further development and implementation of the WHO Tobacco Convention, the Espoo Convention and its Kiev Protocol and the Minamata Convention. With likely agreement on a global sustainable development goal on health, there is a pressing need for cutting-edge new international legal research and education, including legal expertise, capacity and advice.

In contribution to global efforts, through our Health Programme in 2022-2027, CISDL aims to:

- Advance knowledge and understanding of international law on health for sustainable development, building global legal research and advisory capacity, and disseminating key findings to the public, academia and decision-makers.
- Lead new legal research and education on international legal instruments for eco-health, including international impact assessment principles and instruments, treaties on hazardous wastes, chemicals and ozone, and transboundary pollution.
- Lead new legal research and education on respect for the human right to health, including mental health, and on how innovative international health law-making processes and the regulation of international health services can be strengthened and implemented.

## Events

Member of the CISDL, including Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Tejas Rao, Freedom-Kai Phillips, Dr. Annette Nestor and Dr. Markus Gehring participated in the 01 March 2022 University of Cambridge Vice



Chancellor's Lecture on Globalisation, Sustainability, and the Power of Ideas with Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, (Director-General, World Health Organization), entitled "Global Pandemic Response, Public Health and Sustainability", which was delivered online -

<https://www.cisd.org/global-pandemic-recovery-public-health-and-sustainability-the-vice-chancellors-lecture-on-globalisation-sustainability-and-the-power-of-ideas-with-dr-tedros-adhanom-ghebreyesus-director/>

## Key Publications

- Dr Maya Prabhu, "Global mental health law and the interface with ethics" in *Textbook of Global Mental Health: Ethical Principles and Best Practices* (eds AR Dyer, PJ Candilis, & BA Kohrt) (Springer Press 2021) pp 31-45 <[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-66296-7\\_3](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-66296-7_3)>.
- Health and Human Rights: Global and European Perspectives by Brigit Toebes, Mette Hartlev, Aart Hendriks, Katharina O Cathaoir, Janne Rothmar Herrmann and Henriette Sinding Aasen (2<sup>nd</sup> edn., Intersentia 2022) - <https://intersentia.com/en/health-and-human-rights-second-edition.html>
- Rethinking Participation in Global Governance: Voice and Influence after Stakeholder Reforms in Global Finance and Health by Joost Pauwelyn, Martino Maggetti, Tim Buthe, Ayelet Berman (eds) (Oxford University Press 2022) - <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/rethinking-participation-in-global-governance-9780198852568?c=de&lang=en&>

## Fellowship:

*Lead Counsel:* Dr. Maya Prabhu, M.Sc, M.D, LL.B (Canada)

*Programme Coordinator:* TBC

*Legal Research Fellowship:* Dr. Fabiano de Andrade Correa, Ph.D., LL.M. (Brazil/Italy); Adv. Cairo Robb M.A., U.L.B. (UK).

## Legal Specialist Awards 2022: Prof. Brigit Toebes

**Professor Dr B.C.A. (Brigit) Toebes** is a legal scholar with twenty-five years of experience in the international standards protecting health, with a strong emphasis on the role of human rights in health promotion and disease prevention. Currently involved in the discussion about 'global health law' as an emerging branch of public international law. Recent research themes include the NCD pandemic and the regulation of behavioural risk factors (in particular smoking and unhealthy diets), the regulation of vaccination, and the role of law in socio-economic health inequalities. In 2013, Prof. Toebes was awarded a Rosalind Franklin Fellowship at University of Groningen Faculty of Law, which led to her appointment in the Chair Health Law in a Global Context in 2018





## Legal Specialist Awards 2019: Adv Cairo Robb

**Adv Cairo Robb** is a Freelance Legal Editor and Researcher, Legal Research Fellow at the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law, Former Research Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law and Policy Advisor at the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

## Legal Specialist Awards 2018: Dr Dane Ratliff

**Dr. Dane Ratliff** is an environmental law, international business and dispute resolution consultant for both governments and private actors. He is also a professor at Emory and Henry colleges and formerly served as the director of the Commissions for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Submissions on Enforcement Matters Unit, and Lead Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

