

# Climate Law and Governance Day 2024

During the COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan  
Outline Programme

9:00 – 19:00 BAKU LOCAL TIME AZT (GMT +4) | Friday, 15 November 2024  
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During the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP29

ONLINE from Baku, Azerbaijan

Climate law, policy and practice must be strengthened to reduce emissions and keep the world below 1.5°C warming; to foster adaptation and resilience for the adverse impacts of climate change; to foster low greenhouse gas emissions and sustainable development pathways; and to make finance flows consistent with a pathway towards sustainable development.

Over 169 out of 186 countries stress the importance of legal and institutional reform in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the global response to climate change under the Paris Agreement. As over 60 countries also emphasize in their NDCs, exponential increases in law and governance capacity and practice on all levels are crucial for implementation and compliance. Climate finance in many forms, recognising the key roles of both private and public law, also public policy and governance at all levels in accelerating ambition, and in converting ambition to obligation, are also critical.

As Paris Agreement representatives, observers and stakeholders gather in Baku for the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 29<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP29) from 11 - 22 November 2024, Climate Law & Governance Day (CLGD) 2024 convenes a community of leading law faculties and law and governance institutes, international organization counsel, government authorities, law associations, judges, professionals and others responsible for inspiring, innovating and building law, policy and governance capacity.

CLGD 2024 takes place entirely online on Friday, 15 November 2024 during the UNFCCC COP 29 in Baku, UAE. CLGD 2024 follows on key preparatory events, including consultations and a legal experts roundtable during the 60th session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies in June 2024.

CLGD 2024 provides an important opportunity to share ideas, debate trends and advances, and build legal momentum for climate action, building on the success of CLGD 2005 at McGill University during COP11 in Montreal, CLGD 2015 at La Sorbonne Law School during COP21 in Paris, CLGD 2016 at the Université Privée de Marrakech and Hassane I University during COP22 in Marrakech, CLGD 2017 with the University of the South Pacific at the University of Bonn during COP23 in Bonn, CLGD 2018 at the University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland, CLGD 2019 with the University of Chile at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid in Madrid, Spain, CLGD 2021 with the University of Cambridge, the University of Glasgow and the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, UK, and CLGD 2023 at Middlesex University Dubai during COP 28 with the University of Dubai and the University of Cambridge.

## Climate Law & Governance Day 2024 Themes

Four key themes have been identified in consultation with the Climate Law & Governance Initiative (CLGI) Programme Committee based on the vision and goals to enhance ambition and enable action set by Azerbaijan as the UNFCCC COP29 Presidency, as informed by the UNFCCC 60th Subsidiary Bodies meetings in June 2024. Each theme is led by a CLGI Chair:

1. **Operationalising the Paris Agreement:** Contributing to the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG), Global Goal on Adaptation, Article 6 Market and Non-market Approaches, Article 9 Loss and Damage Fund, transparency, technology, capacity-building, through the UNFCCC/Paris Agreement implementation architecture (COP/SBs, global dialogues, expert groups, implementation and compliance committee), UNCLOS and other international regimes.
2. **Scaling up National Climate Ambition and Action through Law and Governance:** Innovating high ambition instruments for climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience, and finance; creating governance synergies within and across sectors; advancing local, regional and national carbon budgets, planning rules and regulations; assessing legal barriers and strengthening capacity amongst leaders, practitioners and advocates for NDCs/LTS delivery.

3. **Advancing Climate Justice:** Engaging civil society and the legal community, courts, law associations and others in raising climate ambition and accelerating climate action, enhancing transparency and ensuring accountability, integrating rights-based approaches, advancing loss and damage response, supporting access to climate justice and climate litigation, and addressing climate migration.
4. **Deploying the Law and Legal Instruments for Investing in Transition:** Harnessing law on all levels and commercial legal instruments to leverage the NCQG for mobilising all finance flows for investment in climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience; scaling up re-allocation of capital and sustainable global supply chains, and addressing fossil fuel subsidies, climate risk disclosure, a just transition and decarbonisation, especially through private, trade, investment and competition law, and through commercial and corporate rules.

### Climate Law & Governance Day 2024 Objectives

1. **To inspire and optimize** legal and institutional reform for achieving current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, responding to 2024 Global Stocktake outcomes and increasing the ambition of the next round of NDCs
2. **To identify and share** innovative international, national, and local law and governance challenges, mechanisms and good practices relating to global efforts to address climate change.
1. **To catalyse knowledge exchange** and co-generate new climate law and governance scholarship, insights and approaches, facilitating new dialogue and partnerships.
2. **To strengthen capacity and collaboration** among the climate law and governance community of practice to implement the Doha Amendment, Paris Agreement and COP outcomes, supporting achievement of the world's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### Climate Law & Governance Initiative 2024 Venue

To reduce barriers and encourage global participation, this year's Climate Law and Governance Day will be held entirely online via Zoom. Registration for the symposium is open, online through Eventbrite.

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**9:00 – 19:00 Baku Local Time AZT/ 6:00 – 16:00 CET on Friday, 15 November 2024**

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**ONLINE**

## OUTLINE PROGRAMME

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<b>8:30 – 9:00</b> <b>Baku AZT</b>	<b>Registration and Technical Confirmations</b> <i>Masters of Ceremonies: <b>Adv Ayman Cherkaoui</b> (Lead Counsel, CISDL / Vice-Chair, IUCN WCEL) &amp; <b>Adv Maeve E McDermott</b> (CLGI Manager, CISDL)</i>
<b>5:30 – 6:00</b> <b>CET</b>	<i>Rapporteur: <b>Adv Lara Douvartzidis</b> (Senior Legal Executive, Net Zero Lawyers Alliance / Special Projects Officer, IBA Business &amp; Human Rights Committee)</i>
<b>23:30 – 00:00</b> <b>EST</b>	<i>Online Moderators: <b>Adv Tejas Rao</b> (Senior Manager, CISDL), <b>Dr Maria Antonieta Nestor</b> (Post-Doctoral Fellow, Univ of Cambridge / CLGI Manager, CISDL) &amp; <b>Ananya Chaudhuri</b> (CLGI Coordinator, CISDL)</i>
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<b>9:00 – 10:00</b> <b>Baku AZT</b>	<b>2024 Climate Law and Governance Day Grand Opening (Baku Plenary)</b> <i>Welcomes from Hosts &amp; Partners</i>
<b>6:00 – 7:00</b> <b>CET</b>	<i>Chairs: <b>Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger</b> WIJA (CLGI Exec Sec &amp; Senior Director, CISDL / Chair, Univ Cambridge) &amp; <b>Dr Rashad Ibadov</b> (Dean, School of Law, ADA Univ)</i>
<b>00:00 – 1:00</b> <b>EST</b>	<i>Welcome: <b>Dr Fariz Ismailzade</b> (Vice-Rector, External Gov &amp; Student Affairs, ADA Univ)</i>  <i>Opening Plenary: <b>Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote</b> (Director, UNEP Law Division / CLG Global Leadership Award); <b>Adv Thomas M. Clark</b> (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / General Counsel, ADB); <b>Adv Michael Strauss</b> (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / General Counsel, EBRD); <b>Prof Christina Voigt</b> (Chair, IUCN WCEL / Co-Chair, PAICC); <b>Adv Ilaria Bottigliero</b> (Research Director, IDLO)*</i>
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<b>10:00 – 10:40</b> <b>Baku AZT</b>	<b>Climate Compliance on Trial - High-Level Plenary I (Baku Plenary)</b> <i>What advice are international tribunals, dispute settlement bodies and compliance mechanisms providing in the global response to climate change?</i>
<b>7:00 – 7:40</b> <b>CET</b>	<i>Chairs: <b>Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote</b> (Director, UNEP Law Division / Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award) &amp; <b>Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger</b> WIJA (CLGI Exec Sec &amp; Senior Director, CISDL / Chair, Univ Cambridge)</i>
<b>1:00 – 1:40</b> <b>EST</b>	<i>Plenary Keynotes: <b>Justice Kathy-Ann Brown</b> WIJA (Judge, International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea); <b>Justice Anja Seibert-Fohr</b> (Judge, European Court of Human Rights); <b>Prof Thomas Cottier</b> (Senior Fellow, CISDL / former Chair, World Trade Organization Appellate Body)*</i>
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<b>10:40 – 11:00</b>	<b>Break</b>

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11:00 – 12:10  
Baku AZT

## Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables/ Workshop Sessions (I)

8:00 – 9:10  
CET

### **I. Legal Roundtable: Galvanizing Global Attention on the ICJ Climate Change Proceedings**

*What is the significance of addressing climate justice through legal avenues such as the ICJ advisory opinion on climate change? What is the role of small island states and climate-vulnerable states and those championing calls for a human rights-based approach to climate justice? What do you foresee as future trends in climate litigation and how might legal strategies evolve?*

*Hosted by Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change (PISFCC); World's Youth for Climate Justice (WYCJ)*

*Chair: Adv Vishal Prasad (Director, PISFCC)*

2:00 – 3:10  
EST

### **II. Legal Roundtable: Advancing Global Accountability for Corporate Climate Action**

*What legal and regulatory changes are needed to support the effective implementation of corporate net zero pledges? What accountability mechanisms are available to ensure companies deliver on climate action promises and are held responsible for climate damage? How can businesses themselves be better engaged to ensure greater transparency and accountability regarding their climate actions and what changes are needed in the existing legal and financial regulatory frameworks to support them?*

*Hosted by Melbourne Climate Futures (MCF) at Univ Melbourne; Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change & the Env't (GRI) at London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE); Dept Land Economy at Univ Cambridge; Centre on Int'l Courts & Tribunals at Univ College London (UCL)*

*Chair: Prof Jacqueline Peel (MCF Director, Univ Melbourne)*

### **III. Participatory Workshop: Enhancing Climate Resilience by Securing Legal Rights for Migrants**

*How can innovative legal frameworks and governance strategies significantly enhance climate resilience, with a particular focus on climate-vulnerable regions? What can be done for climate migrants who currently lack legal entitlement to support, as a significant gap in the country's approach to localized services and climate adaptation? How to establish legal entitlements and wider coverage for climate migrants, and what is needed to secure a comprehensive support system, ranging from early warning mechanisms to intensive care, to ensure that climate migrants are adequately protected and empowered? What are the challenges, best practices and opportunities for scaling up climate adaptation, mitigation, and resilience efforts?*

*Hosted by Friendship Bangladesh*

*Chair: Kazi Amdadul Hoque (Director of Strategic Planning / Head of the Climate Action, Friendship)\**

12:30 – 13:40  
Baku AZT

## Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables / Workshop Sessions (II)

9:30 – 10:40  
CET

### **IV. Experts Panel: Connecting Trade, Investment and Climate through NDC Updates and Future Trade Foresight**

*What are the intersections between trade, investment, corporate governance and global efforts to combat climate change? What can we learn from new sustainability provisions in trade and investment agreements, to align economic policy with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), how can foresight into legal scenarios for a net zero economic system help, and what is the contribution of carbon markets? Further, what is the link between climate change and directors' duties, and practical implications in different sectors and geographies?*

*Hosted by Centre for European Legal Studies at Univ Cambridge; Hughes Hall Centre for Climate Engagement (CCE) at Univ Cambridge; Commonwealth Secretariat; European Climate Foundation (ECF) and CISDL*

*Chair: Dr Markus Gehring (Assoc Prof, Univ Cambridge / Lead Counsel, CISDL)*

3:30 – 4:40  
EST



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## V. Legal Roundtable: Galvanizing Climate Ambition through Climate Competent Lawyering by Lawyers and Law Associations

*What does the term 'climate competent lawyering' mean? What does climate competence look like in practice for lawyers and law firms? How can law societies, bar associations, legal alliances and civil society organisations raise awareness of this evolving duty, and further advance climate ambition and justice among the legal profession?*

*Hosted by International Bar Association (IBA); American Bar Association (ABA); Net Zero Lawyers Alliance (NZLA)*

*Chair: Adv Emily Morison (Project Lawyer, IBA)*

## VI. Legal Roundtable: Advancing Climate Action and Collaboration through Conciliation

*What are legal experts, including Members of the ICCA Panel of Experts to Develop a Paris Agreement Conciliation Annex, proposing as context, methodology, and key considerations of a Draft Conciliation Annex? How could the Draft Conciliation Annex advance climate action by providing all States Parties an effective avenue to resolve climate disputes through a collaborative mechanism that promotes inclusiveness, enhances trust, and strengthens the disputing parties' relationships? Through conciliation, could States gain greater access to effective dispute resolution mechanisms, also building sustained collaboration and cooperation necessary to effectively address climate change on a global scale?*

*Hosted by Climate Change Counsel; International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)*

*Chair: Adv Catherine Amirfar (Co-Chair of International Disputes Resolution Group at Debevoise & Plimpton); Dr Annette Magnusson (Co-Founder, Climate Change Counsel)*

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13:40 – 13:55  
Baku AZT

**Break**

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13:55 – 15:05  
Baku AZT

**Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables / Workshop Sessions (III)**

10:55 – 12:05  
CET

## VII. Legal Roundtable: Reforming Investment Arbitration Practice to Advance Climate Action

*Does the current Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) system impede climate action? What reforms are necessary to align investment treatise with global climate goals? How must dispute resolution be transformed to prioritize sustainable development and enhance state sovereignty in climate related investment disputes?*

*Hosted by ETeCAL Instincts*

*Chair: Adv Anusha Jayatilake (Founder, ETeCAL Instincts)*

4:55 – 6:05  
EST

## VIII. Legal Roundtable: Accelerating Climate Action Through Pro Bono

*What role does the legal sector play in supporting climate actors? What challenges do climate NGOs face that can be addressed through pro bono support? How can pro bono legal services be harnessed to unlock effective climate action?*

*Hosted by Advocates for International Development (A4ID)*

*Chair: Adv Elizabeth Wu (Energy Systems, Asia Legal Consultant, Client Earth)*

## IX. Experts Panel: Advancing Climate Justice through Indigenous Treaties and Indigenous and Rural Customary Law

*How does Indigenous law, including Indigenous treaties with governments, economic cooperation arrangements and customary law systems, contribute to the global response to climate change? What provisions and arrangements, in international Indigenous treaty law and in local Indigenous legal systems, are being agreed to help respect and promote stewardship and sustainable management of land and resources, including climate adaptation and resilience?*

*What are the perspectives of youth, as voices of future generations?*

*Hosted by the CISDL; International Inter-Tribal Trade & Investment Organisation (IITIO); International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)*

*Chair: **Adv Wayne Garnons-Williams** (founding President and CEO, IITIO)*

**X. Legal Seminar: Exploring Climate Law and Governance Innovations in the Caspian Region\***

*What have been the challenges for development of climate law and governance in Azerbaijan, and the Caspian region?*

*What are the innovations and advances in law and policy which are shaping climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience, and finance? How are leading law and governance institutions, including in legal education and practice, responding to climate change?*

*Hosted by ADA Univ Faculty of Law*

*Chair: **Dr Rashad Ibadov** (Dean, School of Law, ADA Univ)\**

**15:15 – 16:25**  
**Baku AZT**

**Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables / Workshop Sessions (IV)**

**12:15 – 13:25**  
**CET**

**XI. Experts Panel: Partnering for People and Planet with MDB Financing and the Private Sector for the Climate Transition**

*What can legal, technical, and business professionals from MDBs and private practice share about their role in supporting the climate transition? What new commercial and legal instruments, or technical support are being developed by MDBs and the private sector to advance climate adaptation and mitigation goals? What are the key challenges and opportunities for MDBs and the private sector for climate and sustainable investment in developing countries?*

*Hosted by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD); International Finance Corporation (IFC)*

*Chair: **Adv Vesselina Haralampieva** (Head, Sustainable Finance Governance & Regulation, EBRD)*

**6:15 – 7:25**  
**EST**

**XII. Experts Panel: Bolstering National Legal and Institutional Frameworks for Climate Action**

*What is the relevance of laws and regulations to a country's ability to implement its NDC and advance the goals of the Paris Agreement? What tools are available to assess whether a country's legal and institutional framework is "fit for purpose" to catalyse climate action and investment from the private sector? What institutional elements does a country need to have in place to effectively take part in carbon markets under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement?*

*Hosted by World Bank; Ethiopian Civil Service Univ*

*Chair: **Adv Remi Moncel** (Senior Counsel, World Bank)*

**XIII. Experts Panel: Navigating the Green Transition where Trade Meets the Bioeconomy**

*How can bioeconomy protect biodiversity, enhance sustainability, and support growth in a circular and inclusive economy? What regulatory frameworks and policies are needed to facilitate trade in bio-based products? How can legal innovation enhance regime coordination and avoid fragmentation?*

*Hosted by Brazilian Bar, Rio Grande do Sul State Chapter (OAB/RS); International Flavours & Fragrances (IFF)*

*Chairs: **Prof Alessandra Lehmen** (President, Enviro Law Commission, OAB/RS / Member, Brazilian Bar Federal Climate Change Commission)*

#### **XIV. Legal Roundtable: Scaling Up Climate Ambition with Carbon Takeback Obligations**

*Will achieving the mitigation objectives of the Paris Agreement require both aggressive decarbonization of the global economy as well as large-scale removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and capture of carbon dioxide at the point of combustion in energy production and industrial facilities? If so, is current market demand for CDR and CCS, largely embodied in voluntary carbon markets, sufficient to achieve climate goals? What is the potential legal role of national Carbon Take Obligations, which would impose an obligation on the part of producers of carbon dioxide to either effectuate removal or pay for removal?*

*Hosted by Institute for Responsible Carbon Removal, American Univ; School of Complex Adaptive Systems, Arizona State Univ (ASU)*

*Chair: **Dr Wil Buns** (Director, Institute for Responsible Carbon Removal, American Univ)*

**16:35 – 17:35**

**Baku AZT**

#### **Mobilising Climate Finance through Legal and Policy Solutions - High-Level Plenary II**

*How can law and policy contribute to the mobilisation of climate finance, and what leading initiatives, including by international financial institutions, can be highlighted?*

**13:35 – 14:35**  
**CET**

*Hosted by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD); Asian Development Bank (ADB); and International Finance Corporation (IFC)*

**7:35 – 8:35**  
**EST**

*Expert Moderators: **Adv Vesselina Haralampieva** (Co-Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / Head, Sustainable Finance Governance & Regulation, EBRD); **Adv Christina Pak** (Co-Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / Principal Counsel, ADB)*

*Plenary Keynotes: **Adv Michael Strauss** (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / General Counsel, EBRD); **Adv Thomas M. Clark** (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / General Counsel, ADB); **Adv Ramit Nagpal** (General Counsel, IFC); further General Counsel as agreed.*

**17:45 – 18:10**  
**Baku AZT**

#### **Breaking the Oil Spell through Law - High-Level Plenary III (Baku Plenary)**

*How can law play a role in breaking the oil spell? What can be learned from the challenges, innovations and experiences of leading countries?*

**14:45 – 15:10**  
**CET**

*Chairs: **Adv Wendy Miles KC** (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / Barrister, Twenty Essex)\* & **Adv Ilona Millar** (Laureate, CLG Global Leadership Award / Partner, Gilbert & Tobin)\* in Conversation with **Dr Reda Cherif** (Author of Breaking the Oil Spell, International Monetary Fund, Bennett Institute for Public Policy, Univ of Cambridge) & **Dr Fuad Hasanov** (Author of Breaking the Oil Spell, International Monetary Fund, Bennett Institute for Public Policy, Univ of Cambridge, Georgetown Univ)*

**8:45 – 9:10**  
**EST**

**18:10 – 19:00**  
**Baku AZT**

#### **Closing**

*Masters of Ceremonies: **Adv Ayman Cherkaoui** (Lead Counsel, CISDL / Vice-Chair, IUCN WCEL) & **Adv Maeve E McDermott** (CLGI Manager, CISDL)*

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**9:10 – 10:00**  
**EST**

*Closing Address: **Prof Damilola Olawuyi** (UNESCO Chair, HBKU / Vice-Chair, ILA)\*, **Adv Done Yalcin** (Senior Partner, CMS), **Adv Kelly Sporn** (Special Counsel & Intl Head of Strategic Delivery - Sustainability & ESG, DLA Piper), **Adv Hafij Khan** (Director, Climate Justice Centre Bangladesh / Advisor, UNFCCC Loss & Damage Fund Board)*



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Rapporteur: **Adv Lara Douvartzidis** (Senior Legal Executive, Net Zero Lawyers Alliance / Special Projects Officer, IBA BHR Committee)

*\* Subject to change; Invited but not confirmed*

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## Key Elements of Climate Law & Governance Initiative 2024 at COP29

Each year, CLGI supports an international programme of special side events and other sessions hosted by collaborating partners, co-hosts and session hosts, including the Research and Independent NGOs (RINGOs) constituency and others at the COP.

These events often take place in official UNFCCC side event zones of the COP29 Climate Change Conference, as well as further associated venues, in collaboration with leading climate law and governance organisations. This year's events will include a half-day Climate Law and Governance Specialisation Course, which will be held online on 17 November 2024 to strengthen legal and institutional knowledge and capacity of UNFCCC delegates, observers, scholars and others for implementation and compliance with the Paris Agreement. A CLGI Booth at COP may also be available as a meeting point and dedicated space to share knowledge and materials, including about climate law and governance issues and activities, opening opportunities for exchanges among delegates and observers. CLGI publishes blog contributions during COP29, as well as legal working papers and books with world-leading presses based on COP collaborations.

For further information or any media and interview inquiries about the CISDL and CLGI, please reach out to CISDL Manager, Adv Tejas Rao at [tejas.rao@cisdl.org](mailto:tejas.rao@cisdl.org)

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