



Asian Judges Network on Environment in Partnership with
Global Judicial Institute on the Environment

ASIA-PACIFIC JUDICIAL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADJUDICATION: TRENDS AND IMPACTS

7–8 October 2019
Nadi, Fiji

AGENDA

<p>DAY 1 7 October 2019</p> <p>REGISTRATION 8:00 a.m.–9.00 a.m.</p>	
<p>INAUGURAL SESSION 9:00a.m.–11:30 a.m. Facilitator: C/O Supreme Court, Fiji</p>	
<p>Traditional Welcoming Ceremony (30 minutes)</p> <p>Welcome Remarks by the Supreme Court of Fiji (10 minutes)</p> <p>Keynote Address (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Justice Kamal Kumar, Acting Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Fiji</p> <p>Mr. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney General, and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communication, Fiji</p>
<p>GROUP PHOTO 10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.</p> <p>TEA BREAK 10:10 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.</p>	
<p>Remarks from the Asian Development Bank (10 minutes)</p>	<p>Ms. Catherine Marsh, Assistant General Counsel, ADB</p>

Remarks from United Nations Environment Programme (10 minutes)	Mr. Andrew Raine, Head, International Environmental Law Unit, Law Division, UN Environment
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TECHNICAL SESSION 1: FOCUS ON THE PACIFIC: REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
 Facilitator: Mr. Andrew Raine, Head International Environmental Law Unit, Law Division, UN Environment

1. Fiji’s Climate Challenges: Legal Frameworks, Policies, and Issues	Ms. Jeanette Mani, Climate Change Mitigation Specialist and Mr. Shivanal Kumar, Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, Climate Change Unit, Ministry of Economy, Fiji
2. Climate Justice and Disasters: A Pacific Perspective	Prof. Rosemary Lyster, Professor of Climate and Environmental Law, University of Sydney Law School and Director, Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law
3. Climate Change Updates: Paris Agreement, Rulebook, and Recent Developments	Ms. Maria Cecilia T. Sicangco, Climate Change Law and Policy Expert, ADB
4. Three Little Pigs: Make Friends and Save the Climate	Ms. Briony Eales, Climate Change Law and Policy Expert, ADB

10 minutes for each presentation and 30 minutes for Q&A

LUNCH BREAK
1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

TECHNICAL SESSION 2: EMERGING ISSUES ON CLIMATE CHANGE-GENDER FRONT
2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
 Facilitator: Ms. Briony Eales, Knowledge Management Specialist (Consultant), ADB

1. Gender Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	Justice Robyn Layton, Former Judge, Supreme Court of South Australia
2. Climate Migration and Regional Approaches to Migration: Saving Lives and Preserving Culture, Heritage, and Identity	Ms. Sarah_Queblatin, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Green Releaf Initiative, Inc.
3. Climate Impacts on Vulnerable Groups: Focus on Asia and the Pacific	Ms. Irum Ahsan, Principal Counsel, Law and Policy Reform, ADB
4. One Billion Rising: A Perspective on How Climate Change Impacts Women and Girls?	Ms. Monique Wilson, Actress and Director, One Billion Rising

10 minutes for each presentation and 30 minutes for Q&A

TECHNICAL SESSION 3: COASTAL MANAGEMENT, HEALTHY OCEANS and NATURE**3:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m**

Facilitator: Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, Head, UN Environment Pacific Office (TBC)

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| 1. Plastic Pollution in Oceans: Regional Focus and Judicial Strategies | Ms. Maria-Goreti Muavesi, Senior Environmental Legal Officer, Oceania Regional Office, IUCN |
| 2. Legal Barriers to Community Based, Low-Impact, Conservation Focused Tourism | Mr. Kasi Taukeinikoro and Mr. Colin Philp, Co-Chairs of Duavata Sustainable Tourism Collective, Fiji |
| 3. Regional Approaches to Protecting Reefs and Ocean Resources | Ms. Anna Oposa, Executive Director, Save Philippine Seas |

10 minutes for each presentation and 30 minutes for Q&A**END OF DAY 1****WELCOME DINNER
TBC****DAY 2****8 October 2019****TECHNICAL SESSION 4: CLIMATE LITIGATION- TRENDS AND IMPACTS****9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.**

Facilitator: Mr. Matthew Baird, Director, Asian Research Institute on Environmental Law

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| 1. Judges and Climate Change: Role and Responsibility | Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin, Superior Tribunal de Justicia, Brazil (Video Presentation) |
| 2. Climate Litigation: The Fight Heats Up? | Ms. Briony Eales, Law and Policy Reform and Knowledge Management Specialist, ADB |
| 3. Redress for Climate Change Impacts on Human Rights- Carbon Majors Example | Ms. Grizelda “Gerthie” Mayo-Anda, Executive Director, Environmental Legal Assistance Center and Professorial Lecturer, Palawan State University College of Law |
| 4. Best Judicial Practices from South and Southeast Asia: Cases and Green Courts | Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Environmental Lawyer and Managing Trustee, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment, India |

10 minutes for each presentation and 30 minutes for Q&A**TEA BREAK****10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.**

BREAKOUT SESSION: SUSTAINABLE JUDICIAL CAPACITY IN THE PACIFIC FOR ADJUDICATING ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CASES: WORKING TOWARDS A REGIONAL STRATEGY

10:45 a.m.–12 noon

Facilitators: Mr. Andrew Raine, UN Environment, and Mr. Matthew Baird, Director, Asian Research Institute on Environmental Law

Participants will break out into smaller groups facilitated by the experts to discuss the topic. Groups will then report back to the Plenary.

Ideas to Discuss:

- a. Setting up a judicial secondment/exchange programme between Asia, Pacific, and other jurisdictions
- b. Developing or tailoring a Pacific-focused judicial training manual for national judicial academies, to the extent they exist
- c. Establishing the first Pacific judicial network on environmental law or Integrating Pacific judges into existing networks, such as the Asian Judges Network on Environment and the Global Judicial Institute on Environment
- d. Establishing green benches in the Pacific
- e. Forward thinking: Discussing about a possible Pacific Environmental Tribunal that can act as mediator or arbitrator in major investment disputes (i.e., Belt and Road Initiative and other infrastructure developments)
- f. Impediments to environmental and climate justice in the Pacific.

45 minutes for the breakout group discussions and 30 minutes for the group leaders' reporting before the plenary

LUNCH BREAK

12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.

TECHNICAL SESSION 5: SUSTAINABILITY OF CLIMATE ACTIONS

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Ms. Maria Cecilia Sicangco, Knowledge Management Specialist (Consultant), ADB

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| 1. Sustainable Urban Development for Small Island Developing States: Lessons from Asia | Ms. Sonia Chand Sandhu, Principal Knowledge Sharing and Services Specialist, ADB |
| 2. Sustainability of Climate Mitigation and Adaptation- Resource Depletion | Ms. Sara Khan, Award Winning Film Maker and Student at Oxford University |
| 3. Sustainable Energy: Carbon Neutrality and Renewables in the Asia-Pacific | Mr. Sanjay Upadhyay, Founder and Managing Partner, Enviro Legal Defence Firm, India |
| 4. Behavior Change for Nature: A Behavioral Science Toolkit for Practitioners | Mr. Gene Blackley, Founder & Climate Solutions Advocate, Drawdown Australia |

10 minutes for each presentation and 30 minutes for Q&A

PLENARY SESSION: JUDICIAL COOPERATION AND WAY FORWARD

2:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Facilitators: Mr. Andrew Raine, UN Environment, and Mr. Matthew Baird, Director, Asian Research Institute on Environmental Law

Panel or roundtable discussion of judges to discuss Breakout Session's outcomes and Listing 3 Key Actions for Future.

Open discussion with the Panelists and the Participants

TEA BREAK

3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION

3:00 p.m.–3:45 pm

Facilitator: C/O Supreme Court, Fiji

Closing Remarks by the Supreme Court of Fiji

Justice Kamal Kumar, Acting Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Fiji

Remarks from the Asian Development Bank

Irum Ahsan, Principal Counsel Law and Policy Reform, ADB

Remarks from UN Environment

Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, Head, UN Environment Pacific Office

END OF DAY 2