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During the CoP16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Cali, Colombia

Outline Programme

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On 26 October 2024 at COP16 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Cali, Parties and Observers to the CBD and other biodiversity accords convene experts, practitioners, scholars and stakeholders from law, governance and other fields, in order to scale up efforts to address the main drivers of biodiversity loss, implement the post 2020 Strategic Framework and the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through legal and institutional measures.

The **2024 Biodiversity Law & Governance Day** seeks to facilitate dialogue, engagement and action to implement the CBD regime, engaging a growing global biodiversity law and governance community of practice. The Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) and partner universities, with guidance from leaders in the Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat (SCBD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UN-Environment), International Union for the Conservation of Nature World Commission for Environmental Law (IUCN-WCEL), International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and other organisations are honoured to bring Parties, UN bodies and agencies, intergovernmental organizations, academia, private sector actors and civil society together, building upon the success of the inaugural 2016 Biodiversity Law and Governance Day (BLGD) held in Cancun alongside CBD CoP13, the 2018 BLGD held in Sharm-El-Sheik alongside CBD CoP14, and the 2022 BLGD held in Montreal alongside CBD CoP15. By tracking trends, sharing knowledge and practical experiences, and building capacity, BLGD 2024 advances legal elements of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; strengthens the effectiveness of CBD and its protocols; and enhances synergies between biodiversity treaties and other international regimes.

Themes of Biodiversity Law & Governance Day 2024:

- **Advancing legal elements of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:** CoP16 will be the first Biodiversity CoP since the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at CoP15 in December 2022 in Montreal, Canada. Parties are expected to show how their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) have aligned with the framework. Much can be learned from law and governance reform approaches that acknowledge Indigenous law and philosophies, and integrate the different value systems that nature embodies, in their implementation of the GBF.
- **Enhancing nature-based solutions, sustainable use of natural resources and synergies with biodiversity and other treaties:** Many international treaties and processes are key for biodiversity and ecosystems, including the CITES, the Convention on Migratory Species, the Ramsar Wetlands Convention, the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement, the UNCCD, the oceans and water conventions, human rights covenants and accords, trade and investment agreements, and indigenous treaties. Parties to the CBD and international organizations must strengthen and improve cooperation to enhance synergies and address intersections between regimes.
- **Strengthening the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol and addressing genetic information:** The Nagoya Protocol entered into force in 2014. Many lessons can be learned from recent national and regional Access and Benefit Sharing (“ABS”) agreements implementation and capacity building efforts. For these agreements to be truly equitable and fair, and agreements to be meaningful and accountable, these concepts should mean the same to all involved, providers and users alike.

Offering dialogue, keynotes, and parallel roundtable/panel sessions, BLGD 2024 stimulates knowledge exchange, builds synergies for capacity building and research collaborations, and inspires cross-pollination between different fields of law, policy and jurisdictions to encourage innovation in legal and institutional tools for mainstreaming biodiversity, to:

- Profile and share innovative multi-level biodiversity law and governance mechanisms, challenges and best practices;
- Catalyse knowledge exchange between delegates, legal practitioners and the legal academic community to co-generate new law and governance knowledge and approaches; and
- Facilitate collaboration within the law and governance community to support capacity development for implementing the CBD, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and SDGs 14 and 15.

Advancing the Global Biodiversity Framework through Policy, Law & Practice

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FINAL DRAFT – OUTLINE PROGRAMME*

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2024 Biodiversity Law & Governance Day Grand Opening

Welcomes from Hosts & Partners

Hosted by CISDL, Univ Cambridge, Universidad de Costa Rica, Universidad Javeriana Cali, Universidad Externado de Colombia

Chairs: **Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger** WJIA FRSC FRSA (Chair, BLGI & Senior Director, CISDL / Chair in Sustainable Development Law and Policy, Univ Cambridge / Univ Waterloo) & **Prof Carlos Andrés Echeverry Restrepo** (Dean, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana)

Welcome: **Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote** (Director, UNEP Law Division); **Prof Jorge Cabrera** (Univ Costa Rica / Lead Counsel, CISDL); **Prof Damilola S. Olawuyi** (International Law Association)* **Dr Michelle Lim** (Deputy Chair IUCN WCEL Biodiversity Law Specialist Group and Associate Professor of Law Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University)

Moderators: **Dr Daniel Ruiz De Garibay Ponce** (Senior Lecturer, Asia Pacific University / Associate Fellow & BLGI Programme Coordinator, CISDL); **Adv Eva Wu** (JD/BCL Cand, McGill University / Legal Researcher & BLGI Programme Co-Coordinator, CISDL); **Natalia Andrea López Acero** (MSc Cand, Univ Coll Dublin / Secretariat Member, BLGI)

**9:00– 9:45
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Opening Plenary: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in International Treaty Regimes

How can international treaty regimes help foster conservation and sustainable use efforts to align with the goals and targets set out by the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?

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Plenary Speakers: **Hon Ivonne Higuero** (Secretary General, CITES); **Adv Amy Fraenkel** (Executive Secretary, Convention on Migratory Species); **Dr Kent Nnadozie** (Secretary, FAO ITGRFA)*; **Adv Wayne Garnons-Williams** (Chair & Founding President, International Inter-Tribal Trade and Investment Organisation IITIO)

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Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables Sessions (I)

I. Experts Roundtable: Sharing Experiences from the Commercial Frontline - Financing 30/30

How can biodiversity credit markets support the financing of the 30x30 conservation goal? What commercial partnerships, legal drivers, and market adoption challenges for achieve this goal? How can law facilitate the adoption, implementation, and effectiveness of these markets?

Hosted by Hogan Lovells

Chair: **Adv Bryony Widdup** (Partner, Sustainability Finance and Investment, Hogan Lovells)

II. Roundtable Workshop: Fostering Biodiversity through Indigenous Treaty Law

What lessons can we respectfully learn from Indigenous knowledge-holders to foster global biodiversity? Who holds the responsibility of implementing the changes required to restore and revitalized our ecosystems? How can we support Indigenous stewards of biodiversity as allies?

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III. Roundtable Workshop: Synergies between International Treaties for Catalysing Environmental Democracy

What is the role of environmental democracy in achieving the 30x30 framework? How can international treaties create synergies for promoting environmental democracy? What is the role of environmental defenders in the integration of human rights and environmental protections?

Hosted by Raoul Wallenberg Institute on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund Univ, Global Network for Human Rights and Environment

Chair: **Dr Claudia Ituarte-Lima** (Senior Researcher, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund University)

11:00 – 12:15
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Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables / Workshop Sessions (II)

IV. Experts Roundtable: Youth Voices and Leadership in Biodiversity Governance and Conservation

How can youth-led initiatives advance biodiversity when grounded in the Convention on the Rights of the Child? What is the role of youth in biodiversity conservation and the legal frameworks? How can young leaders be empowered in global biodiversity governance and policy-making?

Hosted by Voices of the Future Generations Children's Initiative, Youth Negotiators Academy, Danish Youth Delegates to UN on Climate and Environment, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, Global Landscape Forum

Chairs: **Eliany (Ela) Martinez** (CISDL, VoFG CI, GYBN) & **Marie-Claire Graf** (Youth Negotiators Academy)

V. Roundtable Workshop: Advancing the Legal Protection for Biodiversity in Armed Conflict

How does international biodiversity law intersect with international humanitarian law to promote the protection of biodiversity in armed conflicts? What legal and policy challenges impede the integration of biodiversity protection into the law of armed conflict? How can legal recognition and protection of biodiversity be advanced before, during, and after armed conflicts?

Hosted by Charles De Visscher Center for International and European Law (CeDIE) at Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)

Chair: **Prof Raphaël van Steenberghe** (Professor, University of Louvain / Qualified Researcher, Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS))

VI. Roundtable Workshop: Engaging Ecocide Law as a Mechanism for Climate Ambition

What role do Indigenous communities play in the enforcement of the Ecocide Law? How can their traditional knowledge systems be integrated into the global legal frameworks for environmental protection? What role can youth play in amplifying the impacts of Ecocide Law?

Hosted by Youth for Ecocide Law (Y4EL), Stop Ecocide International

Chair: **Adv Léa Weimann** (Co-Lead, Youth for Ecocide Law / PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge)

12:15 – 12:45
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Break

12:45 – 14:00
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Concurrent Experts Panels / Roundtables / Workshop Sessions (III)

VII. Experts Roundtable: Investing in Nature - Financial Innovation and Good Corporate Governance and Dispute Resolution for Biodiversity Strategies and Frameworks

How can corporate governance frameworks and public policy shift towards more sector-specific reporting requirements? In what ways can stakeholder engagement be enhanced to ensure that biodiversity conservation becomes central to corporate decision-making? How can Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) and other alternative mechanisms be utilized to manage biodiversity-related conflicts in Colombia?

Hosted by Universidad Externado de Colombia (UEC), Instituto Interamericano de Justicia y Sostenibilidad (IIJS), UICN-Union Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza PNUMA

Chairs: **Dr Ligia Catherine Arias-Barrera** (Professor, Universidad Externado de Colombia (UEC) / Registered Expert, IMF / CEO, Financial Services Consulting LLP / Author, Regulation and Supervision of the OTC Derivatives Market and The Law of ESG Derivatives / ICC Working Group, Sustainable Finance); **Adv Claudia S de Windt** (CEO, Inter-American Institute on Justice and Sustainability (IIJS) / Steering Committee, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law / Directora Ejecutiva, Instituto Interamericano de Justicia y Sostenibilidad (IIJS) / Directiva, UICN Comisión Mundial de Derecho Ambiental)

VIII. Roundtable Workshop: Making Peace with Nature through Biodiversity, Environmental Rights and the Law

How are biodiversity, environmental rights, and the law intrinsically linked? What are the unique situations that uplift or hinder the conservation of biodiversity in Colombia? What domestic legal developments have, or should be, implemented to advance the country's progress towards achieving the 30x30 frameworks?

Hosted by Universidad Externado de Colombia, Universidad Javeriana Cali Hicha Uaia, Vamos por los Derechos

Chair: **Adv Laura Daniela Ballesteros Rojas** (Dirección Ejecutiva, Acción Autónoma de Juristas)

IX. Roundtable Workshop: Advancing Biodiversity Law and Fair Governance through Agroecology

How can agroecology advance biodiversity law and fair governance? How can the current food systems governance be best designed to better take into account biodiversity and vice-versa? How can stakeholders promote a more inclusive and representative governance system to ensure more equity and enhanced biodiversity law?

Hosted by Agroecology Coalition and IPES-Food

Chair: **Oliver Oliveros** (Coordinator, Agroecology Coalition)

14:00 – 15:15
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High-Level Plenary: Legal Dimensions of Implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

How to advance the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by scaling up law and governance capacity, practice and reform?

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Plenary Speakers: **Prof Cymie Payne** (Prof, Rutgers Univ / Chair of Ocean Law Specialist Group, IUCN); **Basile van Havre** (Director-General, Canadian Wildlife Service, ECCC); **Dr Viviana Figueroa** (Leader, Indigenous Women Network on Biodiversity for LAC); **Dr Harry Jonas** (Sr Director, WWF / Co-Chair, IUCN WCPA Specialist Group on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures)

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Closing, 2024 Global Biodiversity Law & Governance Leadership Awards

Closing of BLGD 2024.

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