

2022



**INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL
LAW,
GOVERNANCE AND
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

PROGRAMME

THEME:

**CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY
TRANSITION AND LOOKING BEYOND
THE EARTH'S FUTURE: THE ROLE OF
STAKEHOLDERS IN SUSTAINING
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
RULE OF LAW**

DATE:

MAY 5, 2022

9:00am - 4:00pm (West African Time)

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The International Conference on Environmental Law, Governance, and Sustainable Development provides a timely opportunity to critically investigate practical, philosophical, and methodological approaches for addressing longstanding barriers to the effective design and implementation of environmental law.

This Conference brings together governments, business leaders, environmental educators, academics, and practitioners to exchange knowledge experience and learn from each other on how to strengthen the implementation and application of the international environmental rule of law in Africa and beyond.



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

8.50am - 9.00am	NATIONAL ANTHEM
9.00am - 9.20am	WELCOME REMARKS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prof. Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN, FCARB, Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee ii. Prof. Elisabata Smaranda Olarinde, FCARB, FCAI, Vice Chancellor, Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti iii. Prof. Fidelis Oditah, QC, SAN, President, Nigerian Branch of the International Law Association
9.20am - 9.30am	GOODWILL MESSAGE:
	Aare Afe Babalola, SAN, OFR, CON , Founder and Chancellor, Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti
9.30am -10.15am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1
	<p>Speaker: Prof. Nulifer Oral, Member of the United Nations International Law Commission, and Director, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Jason McSparren, Vice President, The Green Institute</p>
10.15am–11.00am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2
	<p>Speaker: Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote, SC, EBS, Director, Law Division of the United Nations Environment Programme</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Jason McSparren, Vice President, The Green Institute</p>
11.00am–11.05am	TEA BREAK
11.05am–12.05pm	1ST PLENARY (BREAKOUT SESSION):
	<p>Panel A: Sustainability and Environment: Waste Management, Green Energy, Resource Future Proofing, Eco System Management and Sustainable Communities</p> <p>Session Moderator: Dr. Adenike Akinsemolu, Director, The Green Institute</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dr. Uzuazo Etemeri, Associate Professor Faculty of Law, University of Port Harcourt ii. Prof. Byron Price, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York, USA iii. Opeyemi Awe, Vice President, The Green Institute and Consultant, Deloitte's Government and Public Service Sector, USA iv. Dr. Pedi Obani, Faculty of Management, Law and Social Science, University of Bradford

	<p>Panel B: Renewable Energy, Natural Resource Audits, Smart Use, Investment and Diversification</p> <p>Session Moderator: Dr. Victoria R. Nalule, Executive Director of the African Energy and Minerals Management Initiative, United Kingdom</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dr Geofery Mabea, Executive Secretary at the East African Energy Regulators Association, Kenya ii. Toulekima Mirelle, Managing Director at MT Energy resources Limited, Australia iii. Love Alfred, Faculty of Law, University of Birmingham iv. Tom Ayebare Rukundo, Manager, Economic and Financial Analysis, Petroleum Authority of Uganda.
<p>12.05pm-12.30pm</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>Networking – attendees and sponsors</p> <p>Display of sponsors/partners demos, brand and contact sharing</p>
<p>12.30pm-1.15pm</p>	<p>STUDENT DEBATE SESSION</p> <p>Topic: Legally Binding Nature of International Instruments on Climate Change: A Myth or Reality.</p> <p>Team A: University of Benin, Edo State, Nigeria Team B: Afe Babalola University, Ekiti State, Nigeria</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Jason McSparren, Vice President, The Green Institute</p>
<p>1.15pm-02.15pm</p>	<p>2ND PLENARY (BREAKOUT SESSION):</p>
	<p>Panel A: Business, Human Rights and Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Harm in Africa</p> <p>Session Moderator: Dr. Oyeniyi Abe, Senior Research Fellow, OGEES Institute, and Lecturer University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prof. Romola Adeola, Director, Global Engagement Network on Internal Displacement in Africa, South Africa, and Assistant Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Canada. ii. Dr Fola Adeleke, Privacy Counsel, CGI, Canada. iii. Dr. Olubunmi Afinowi, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos iv. Hassan Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Canada <p>Panel B: (Governance and Leadership) Legislation, Education, Finance, Politics, and Leadership</p> <p>Session Moderator: Dr. Eghosa Ekhator, Senior Lecturer, Law School, University of Derby, United Kingdom</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prof. Hilary Bell, College of Law, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar ii. Prof. Tolu Ogboru, Faculty of Law, University of Jos, Nigeria iii. Prof. Bright Bazuaye, Faculty of Law, University of Benin, Nigeria iv. Kenneth O. D. Okwor, PhD Candidate, Rowan Williams Scholar, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge

2.15pm-3.00pm	3RD PLENARY (HIGH LEVEL PANEL)
	<p>Looking Ahead: Policy Framework for Green Growth</p> <p>Session Moderator: Prof. Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN, Vice Chair, International Law Association and Director, OGEES Institute</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prof. M Ladan, Director General of Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies ii. Dr. Markus W. Gehring, Director of the Centre for European Legal Studies iii. Dr. Emem Anwana, Research Coordinator, Faculty of Management Science, Durban University of Technology, South Africa
3.00pm-03.45pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3
	<p>Speaker: Professor David Boyd, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Jason McSparren, Vice President, The Green Institute</p>
3.45pm - 3:55pm	CLOSING REMARKS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prof. Elisabata Smaranda Olarinde, FCARB, FCAI, Vice Chancellor, Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti ii. Prof. Fidelis Oditah, QC, SAN, President, Nigerian Branch of the International Law Association
3:55pm – 4:00pm	NATIONAL ANTHEM
	End of Conference



MEET THE SPEAKERS

SPECIAL GUEST



Aare Afe Babalola, SAN, CON, OFR, FNIALS, FCI Arb
Founder and Chancellor, Afe Babalola University,
Ado Ekiti (ABUAD), Nigeria

Aare Afe Babalola, SAN, CON, OFR, has been in practice for about 50 years and is an active uninterrupted member of the Nigeria Bar Association and International Bar Association (IBA). He is a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria, Fellow of the Leadership Institute of Nigeria, member of the Body of Benchers, the highest legal body in Nigeria. Aare Afe Babalola is the founder of Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State (ABUAD). He is a traditional chief and a holder of the prestigious national honours of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) and Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON).

HOST



Prof. Fidelis Oditah, QC, SAN

President

International Law Association, Nigerian Branch

Professor Oditah is a Nigerian barrister, an authority on insolvency law. He was educated at the University of Lagos (LLB - First Class Honours) and at Magdalen College, Oxford where he received his MA, BCL and DPHIL (Oxon) degrees. He was called to the English Bar in July 1992 (Lincoln's Inn), was appointed Queen's Counsel (QC) in 2003 and Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) in 2004. He is a Senior Member of 3-4 South Square, Gray's Inn, London, a leading London commercial chambers as well as being the Principal Partner of Fidelis Oditah & Co a leading legal firm based in Nigeria. He has extensive knowledge and practical experience of Nigerian and English commercial law, banking and finance, corporate law, energy and natural resources and insolvency. He is currently the president of the International law association Nigerian branch.

CO-HOST



Prof. Elisabeta Smaranda Olarinde, FC Arb, FCAI
Vice Chancellor, Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti
(ABUAD), Nigeria

Professor Olarinde Elisabeta Smaranda is a Professor of Law; Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators (FC Arb); Fellow, Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria; Pioneer member and Fellow, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CEPACS), University of Ibadan. She was a researcher for International Documentation and Research Centre (IDRC) on Land Tenure and Access to Land for Women; the Joint Research Initiated by the World Bank on Law, Development and the Status of Women Towards a Gender Strategy in Nigeria; UNICEF – Legal researcher for Niger State (Urban and Rural Area) and Oyo State (Urban Area); The Netherlands, Israel and Nigeria joint research on the Girl Child's Sexuality; amongst many others. Professor Olarinde is currently the Ag. Vice Chancellor; Provost, College of Law, Member of Board of Trustees and member, Governing Council, Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti. She has over 36 years of cumulative experience as a law teacher, academic, scholar, university administrator and legal practitioner. Her legal background, in both civil law (Romania) and common law (Nigeria) systems, adds to her diverse multidisciplinary expertise and profile.

CHAIR, CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE



Prof. Damilola Olawuyi, SAN, FCI Arb
Vice Chair, International Law Association and
Director, OGEES Institute

Professor Damilola Olawuyi, SAN is an international lawyer, professor of law, arbitrator, author, and policy consultant, with expertise in petroleum, energy and environmental law. In 2015, Professor Olawuyi was promoted to the rank of Full Professor of Law at Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria at the age of 32 years, becoming one of the youngest full professors of law in Nigerian history. He is the Vice Chair, International Law Association; Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships; Chancellor's Fellow and Director of the Institute for Oil, Gas, Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development (OGEES Institute), Afe Babalola University, Nigeria. He is also a professor of petroleum, energy and environmental law at HBKU Law School, Doha, Qatar where he teaches energy and environmental law courses. A prolific and highly regarded scholar, Professor Olawuyi has practiced and taught law in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote, SC, EBS
Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment
Programme (UNEP)

Professor Patricia Kameri-Mbote is a Founding Research Director of (IELRC), and the Programme Director for Africa. She studied law at the University of Nairobi, the University of Warwick, the University of Zimbabwe and pursued her doctoral studies at Stanford Law School, (Stanford University). She is currently an Associate Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Nairobi and an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. She has also taught international environmental law at the University of Kansas. She is a member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, a board member of the Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE-Uganda) and Women and Law in East Africa (WLEA). She has consulted for many international and national agencies including the World Bank, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) and the government of Kenya.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Prof. David R. Boyd
United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human
Rights and the Environment

Professor David Boyd was appointed as the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment for a three-year term commencing August 1, 2018. He is an associate professor of law, policy, and sustainability at the University of British Columbia. He has a PhD in Resource Management and Environmental Studies from UBC, a law degree from the University of Toronto, and a business degree from the University of Alberta. His career has included serving as the executive director of Ecojustice, appearing before the Supreme Court of Canada, and working as a special advisor on sustainability for Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin. He has advised many governments on environmental, constitutional, and human rights policy and co-chaired Vancouver's effort to become the world's greenest city by 2020. He is also the author of nine books and over 100 reports and articles on environmental law and policy, human rights, and constitutional law.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Prof. Nilufer Oral

Member of the United Nations International Law Commission,
and Director, Centre for International Law, National University of
Singapore

Professor Nilufer Oral is a member of the United Nations International Law Commission and co-chair of the Study Group on Sea-level rise in relation to international law. She served as a legal advisor to the Turkish Foreign Ministry for law of the sea and as a climate change negotiator. She is a Distinguished Fellow of the Law of the Sea Institute at Berkeley Law; has lectured at the Centre for International Law (NUS); the UN Regional Law Courses for International Law, and at the Rhodes Academy for the Law of the Sea. Prof. Oral served on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Council (2012-2016); was Co-chair of the IUCN Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs (2006-2018); and Chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (2014-2017). She is the series editor for the International Straits of the World publications (Brill); a member of the Board of Editors of the European Society of International Law Series; Associate Editor of the Research Perspectives in the Law of the Sea (Brill). She has published numerous articles and edited several books, and has spoken at numerous international conferences.

PANEL SPEAKERS

Sustainability and Environment:
Waste Management, Green Energy, Resource Future Proofing, Eco System Management and Sustainable Communities



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Renewable Energy: Natural Resource Audits, Smart Use, Investment and Diversification



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Governance and Leadership: Legislation, Education, Finance, Politics, and Leadership



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PANEL SPEAKERS

Looking Ahead: Policy framework for Green Growth



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