Environmental Law and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

19 -20 February 2024

Sohar University
Sultanate of Oman
Day 1

📅 Monday, February 19, 2024

08:30 AM - 09:00 AM
Registration

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Opening Session

**GUEST OF HONOUR**

His Excellency Dr. Mahad bin Said Ba‘owain
Minister of Labour

09:00 AM - 09:05 AM
Welcome Remarks

Dr. Hamdan Al Fazari
Vice Chancellor,
Sohar University, Oman

09:05 AM - 09:30 AM

Professor Patricia Mbote, SC
Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme

Philipp Bremer
Law Programme Middle East & North Africa, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

Rany Sader
Chief Legal Innovation Officer, SADER Publishing (video stream)

Professor Damilola Olawuyi, SAN
Professor of Law and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar; President and Chair, ASSELLMU

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Keynote Lecture

HE Dr Abdullah bin Ali Al Amri
Chairman of Environment Authority Oman

**Moderated by:** Sheikh Dr Yaqoub Mohammed Al Saidi
Supreme Court Judge and Head of the Directorate General of Judicial Inspection

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Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme

Moderated by: Professor Damilola Olawuyi, SAN
Professor of Law and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar; President and Chair, ASSELLMU

11:30 AM - 13:00 PM
DISCUSSION PANEL

The Teaching and Practice of Environmental Law in the MENA Region: Current Status and Future Directions

Chair: Dr. Riyad Fahkri
Vice President, ASSELLMU & Professor of Law, Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

Speakers

• Dean Susan L. Karamanian
  Dean, College of Law, HBKU, Qatar

• Dr Enas Qutieshat
  Dean, Faculty of Law, Sohar University, Oman

• Professor Hassana Kejji
  Dean, Faculty of Law, Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

• Dr. Khalid O. Al-Omair
  Dean, College of Law, Faculty of Arab East Colleges, Saudi Arabia

• Dr. Mohammad Amra
  Dean, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Sabratha University, Libya

13:00 PM - 14:00 PM
Lunch Break

14:00 PM - 15:00 PM
Keynote Lecture

Financing the SDGs in an Era of Sovereign Distress:
Innovative Financing Approaches and the Role of Legal Educators

Professor Attiya Waris
United Nations Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights
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15:00 PM - 15:15 PM
Heatlh Break

15:15 PM - 16:30 PM
Workshop 2 – PRESENTATIONS

International Environmental Rule of Law and the SDGs

Chair: Philipp Bremer
Law Programme Middle East & North Africa, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

Speakers

• Andrea Curcio Lamas
  Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme

• Professor Mounir Snoussi
  Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Sohar University, Sultanate of Oman

• Dr. Aude-Solveig Epstein
  Visiting Assistant Professor of legal studies at New York University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

• Professor Robert Home
  Emeritus Professor in Land Management at Anglia Ruskin University, United Kingdom

• Professor Youness Lazrak
  Professor of Law, Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

• Dr. Mohamed Abdelatif
  Professor of Law, University of Mansoura Egypt

• Dr. Omar Al-Khataibeh and Mona Tourky
  University of Jordan

16:30 PM - 16:40 PM
Questions and Discussion

17:00 PM - 18:30 PM
Tour of Sohar

19:30 PM
Welcome dinner on campus
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Registration

09:00 AM - 09:10 AM
Opening Remarks

Dr. Riyad Fahkri
Vice President, ASSELMU & Professor of Law,
Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

09:10 AM - 10:00 AM
Keynote Lecture

Pedagogical Methodologies for Environment and Sustainable Development Law Education

H.E. (Professor) Leila Chikhaoui Mahdaoui
Minister of Environment of Tunisia

Moderated by: Dr. Omar Al-Khataibeh, Jordan

10:05 AM - 10:15 AM
Questions and Discussions

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM
Coffee break

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Workshop 3 - PRESENTATIONS

Integrated and Multistakeholder Approaches on SDGs

Chair: Professor Youness Lazrak
Professor of Law, Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

Speakers

- **Takoua Tayari**
  Business and Human Rights Specialist (MENA Region), United Nations Development Program

- **Dr. Pavlos Eleftheriadis**
  Professor of Law, New York University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

- **Michael Anwana**
  Head, Contracts and Procurement, Business and Controls Department,
  QatarGas Operating Company, Doha, Qatar

- **Dr. Mohsen Abdollahi**
  Associate Professor of International and Environmental Law, University of Shahid Beheshti, Tehran, Iran
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Speakers - continued

- **Dr. Abdeljabbar Arrach**
  Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, University Hassan the First, Settat, Morocco
- **Zeina Mohamad Ahmad**
  Attorney at Law, United Arab Emirates
- **Dr. Wissal Charqi**
  Judiciary Office of The Kingdom of Morocco
- **Dr. Radwan Ahmed Al-Haf**
  Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law Sohar University

12:30 PM - 13:30 PM
Lunch Break

13:30 PM - 15:00 PM
Workshop 4 - PRESENTATIONS

**Strengthening Environmental Legal Education on Biodiversity and Nature Conservation: Future Directions**

**Chair: Professor Mounir Snoussi**
Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Sohar University, Sultanate of Oman

**Speakers**

- **Dr. Pedi Obani**
  Associate Professor, University of Bradford School of Law, UK and Visiting Researcher, Water Security, Policy and Governance at the University of Leeds, UK
- **Dr. Ali Al-Hammouri**
  Faculty of Law, University of Jordan
- **Dr. Nisrine Zerdoug**
  Professor of Public Law, University of Cady Ayyad-Marrakech, Morocco
- **Dr. Shirin Shirazian**
  Assistant Professor of Environmental Law, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran
- **Dr. Ali Heikal**
  Faculty of Law, Sohar University, Oman
- **Masoud Faryadi**
  Assistant Professor of Environmental Law, Department of Law, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, University of Mazandaran, Babolsar, Iran
- **Dr. Emem Anwana and Oluwatobi Owojori**
  Durban University of Science and Technology, South Africa
- **Dr. Jaafar Theeb Bader Almaani**
  Salt Civil First Instance Court Judge, Jordan
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15:00 PM - 15:15 PM
Health break

15:15 PM - 16:15 PM
PANEL DISCUSSION

Partnerships for Environmental Law Education and the SDGs: Future Directions

**Young Scholars’ Session**

*Chair: Dr Seda Duygy Sever-Mehmetoglu*
Post Doctoral Associate, Carnegie Melon University, Qatar

*Dr. Zeenat Beebeejaun*
Assistant Professor of Law, University of Birmingham Dubai, United Arab Emirates

*Dr. Zeina Moneer*
Postdoctoral Fellow and Senior Lecturer, American University in Cairo, Egypt

*Dr. Ghita Chehbouni*
Caddi Ayyad Faculty of Law, Marrakesh, Morocco

*Dr. Abdelsadok Kheira*
Lecturer in Law, University of Law and Political Science Ibn Khaldoun, Algeria

*Med Ikhal Anak*
Faculty of Law, Damascus University, Syria

*Josephine Ilesanmi*
Durban University of Technology, South Africa

*Dr. Mahnaz Rashidi, Assistant Professor*
Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran

*Tasniem A. Hussain*
JD Candidate, College of Law, HBKU, Qatar
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16:15 PM - 17:00 PM
Closing Remarks and Presentation of Conference Certificates

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End of Conference