

# 5<sup>th</sup> ASSELLMU Conference

## القانون البيئي وخطة التنمية المستدامة ٢٠٣٠ Environmental Law and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Develop

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Legislation towards a Sustainable Economy in the MENA Region

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Sohar University  
Sultanate of Oman



Association of Environmental Law Lecturers  
in Middle East and North African Universities  
جمعية محاضري القانون البيئي في جامعات الشرق الأوسط وشمال إفريقيا



UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law  
and Sustainable Development  
كرسي اليونسكو في القانون البيئي  
والتنمية المستدامة



## 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

10:30 AM

Momentos and Group Photo

BREAK

## Day 1

Monday, February 19, 2024

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### Keynote Lecture

#### Professor Patricia Mbote SC

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

## Day 1

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15:00 PM - 15:15 PM

Health Break

15:15 PM - 16:30 PM

Workshop 2 – PRESENTATIONS

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**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

## Day 2

📅 Tuesday, February 20, 2024

08:30 AM - 9:30 AM

### Registration

09:00 AM - 09:10 AM

### Opening Remarks

#### Dr. Riyad Fakhri

Vice President, ASSELLMU & 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

## Day 2

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### Workshop 3 - PRESENTATIONS

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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

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#### 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 Owajori**  
Durban University of Science and Technology, South Africa
- **Dr. Jaafar Theeb Bader Almaani**  
Salt Civil First Instance Court Judge, Jordan

## Day 2

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**15:00 PM - 15:15 PM**

**Health break**

**15:15 PM - 16:15 PM**

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

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**Partnerships for Environmental Law Education and the SDGs: Future Directions**

**Young Scholars' Session**

**Chair: Dr Seda Duygy Sever-Mehmetoglu**

Post Doctoral Associate, Carnegie Mellon 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

## Day 2

 Tuesday, February 20, 2024

**16:15 PM - 17:00 PM**

### **Closing Remarks and Presentation of Conference Certificates**

#### **Moderator: Professor Damilola Olawuyi, SAN**

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**17:00 PM**

### **End of Conference**