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MESSAGE FROM THE WCEL CHAIR - ANTONIO BENJAMIN

WCEL is pleased to send to its worldwide membership of over 1000 members this inaugural newsletter highlighting recent Commission initiatives. Through the WCEL Newsletter, the Commission will engage members in news, activities, and opportunities for expert contributions. We encourage you to share this newsletter with friends and to check the WCEL website frequently for the more information on events and regular updates. With the 2d WCEL World Environmental Law Congress tentatively scheduled for March 2020 and the IUCN World Conservation Congress scheduled for June 2020 in Marseilles, we have a lot of preparatory work to do, with your help, in the coming year. Please keep in touch with WCEL through our [website](#). WCEL welcomes your participation in the months ahead.



RECENT NEWS

Science and human rights make for a good team in Urgenda case on climate change policy: Dutch government must establish a more ambitious emission reduction target for 2020

By Anemoon Soete - At the end of 2015, a court of first instance in the Hague declared the Dutch policy to mitigate climate change inducing emissions not fit for purpose and lacking a sense of reality. [Read more...](#)



By failing to mitigate climate change, Ireland may be in breach of human rights law

UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment releases "Statement on the human rights obligations related to climate change, with a particular focus on the right to life." [Read more...](#)



Global Pact Gap Report released by UN Environment

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Director of the Law Division for United Nations Environment (UNE), announced the release of the report "Towards a Global Pact for the Environment" in December. [Read more...](#)



General Assembly

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Seventy-third session
Agenda item 14
Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Gaps in international environmental law and environment-related instruments: towards a global pact for the environment

Report of the Secretary-General

INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL REPORTS

- [The Use of the Law of the Sea and Related Fields of International Law and Processes by Pacific Small Island Developing States to Address "Pollution" of the Ocean from Excess Anthropogenic Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#), Clement Yow Mulalap
- [Le droit forestier français](#), Anouk Ferté-Devin
- [El conflicto del río Atuel en Argentina](#), Ricardo Lorenzetti

SPECIALIST GROUP NEWS

- [Climate Change](#), Christina Voigt, Specialist Group Chair
- [Forests](#), Raul Silva Telles do Valle, Specialist Group Chair
- [Ethics](#), Klaus Bosselman, Specialist Group Chair

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