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Legal Responses to Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss: Global to Local

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This two-day Conference will bring together legal experts, scholars, and institutional representatives to explore current and evolving legal responses to climate change and biodiversity loss. The years 2024 and 2025 mark a pivotal moment in the international legal framework addressing these issues, particularly regarding States' obligations to protect climate-dependent ecosystems for present and future generations.

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13 November 2025
Welcome and Introductory remarks

H 9:30 | **Gemma Andreone,** *Director, Institute for International Legal Studies, CNR*

Andrea Lenzi, *President, National Research Council of Italy (CNR)*
Salvatore Capasso, *Director, Department of Human and Social Sciences, Cultural Heritage, CNR*
Francesco Corvaro, *Special Envoy for Climate Change, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs TBC*
Jia Guide, *Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Italy TBC*

Welcome Coffee

Panel 1: H 10:30 - 12:30
The role of international courts in addressing climate change
Chair: Giuseppe Cataldi, *AssIDMer, University of Naples L'Orientale*

The ITLOS Advisory opinion on climate change and international law
Ida Caracciolo, *International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, University of Campania "L. Vanvitelli"*

The ICJ opinion on the obligations of states in respect of climate change
Philippe Gautier, *International Court of Justice*

The IACtHR Advisory opinion on climate emergency and human rights
Gianfranco Nucera, *University of Rome La Sapienza*

The ECtHR: climatizing human rights law: the judgement of the ECtHR in the case *Klimaseniorinnen* and beyond
Haritini Dipla, *University of Athens*

Q&A *Lunch Break*

Panel 2: H 14:00-16:30
Litigating climate change and biodiversity loss: national developments
Chair: Philippe Gautier, *International Court of Justice*

Litigating climate change in the Netherlands: what's next after Urgenda?
Otto Spijkers, *University of Leiden*

Trends in climate change litigation: a Chinese perspective
Nanxiang Sun, *Institute of International Law, Chinese Academy of Social Science*

Climate change and biodiversity loss litigation in France
Anne Sophie Martin, *CNR ISGI*

Climate change litigation in Italy: state of the art and challenges ahead
Chiara Venturini, *University of Rome UnitelmaSapienza*

Q&A

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Celebrating 10 years of the Maritime Safety and Security Law Journal

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Gemma Andreone, Editor en Chief, *MarSafeLaw Journal, CNR ISGI*
Andrea Caligiuri, Editor, *MarSafeLaw Journal, University of Macerata*
Yitong Chen, Editor, *Marine Development, Ocean University of China*
Ludovica De Benedetti, Editorial assistant, *MarSafeLaw Journal*
Valentina Rossi, Advisory Board, *MarSafeLaw Journal, CNR IRISS*

Coffee break

Panel 3: H 10:45 - 13:00
Evolving approaches to cope with climate change and biodiversity loss
Chair: Ida Caracciolo, *ITLOS, University of Campania "L. Vanvitelli"*

Climate change and sea-level rise: progress and challenges at the International Law Commission
Giuseppe Nesi, *International Law Commission, University of Trento*

Global shipping and climate change: the IMO's strategy to cut GHG emissions
Lorenzo Schiano di Pepe, *University of Genova*

Climate change, biodiversity and social justice in China: policy, innovation and global role
Jing Luo, *Institute of Chinese Borderland Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*

Cultural perspectives on biodiversity in the ocean governance
Danilo Garcia, *Universidad Central del Ecuador*

Q&A *Lunch Break*

Panel 4: H 14:00 - 16:30
Tackling climate change and biodiversity loss under international law of the sea
Chair: Tullio Scovazzi, *University of Milano-Bicocca*

Protecting the ocean environment: UNCLOS and the interpretative criterion of systemic integration
Roberto Virzo, *University of Messina*

The exploitation of the Area: threat or opportunity for climate change?
Guillaume Le Floch, *University of Rennes*

Integrating climate change into global ocean governance: a Chinese perspective
Yitong Chen, *Ocean University of China*

Due Diligence obligations under UNCLOS: navigating the conduct - result dichotomy in the context of ocean climate change
Zhongua Chen, *Ghent University*

Facing biodiversity loss in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction: the BBNJ agreement and its entry into force
Giovanni Ardito, Editor, *MarSafeLawJournal*

Q&A