

# **FUTURES LABS @ COP26**

***Bold Ideas for systems change to accelerate the transition to a regenerative, just world***

## **“Looking at the Law: a Window of Opportunity” Programme**

Organised by the following partners:

Global Judicial Institute on the Environment

Grantham Research Institute (LSE)

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Natural Justice

World Commission on Environmental Law (IUCN)

## Law: “Looking at the Law: a Window of Opportunity”

Vision Statement	<p><i>What are the visions for the future you want to explore?</i></p> <p>We explore a vision of the future where the law will place the interests of affected communities first to build resilience, and where the law will have developed a framework for accountability in respect of emissions reductions. We explore the need for both carrot and stick approaches to change corporate behaviours (i.e. the need for regulatory changes in respect of business &amp; human rights / ESG obligations as well as the need for corporate clients to be advised to change their governance internally). We seek to explore judicial decision-making to understand how the decision-makers of the future will decide cases.</p>
Challenges	<p><i>What challenges are you experimenting with to get there?</i></p> <p>Speakers will explore challenges to corporate accountability, challenges to regulation (how to come to internationally applicable standards of good sustainable governance) and the limitations of bringing about change via litigation as opposed to via changes to internal corporate governance and via community-led negotiation. Speakers will also look at the challenges around reconciling carrot and stick approaches in order to ensure that legal frameworks are effective in allowing affected individuals and communities to bring about systemic social change. Speakers will also explore the limitations of litigation in the context of mitigation / adaptation, and explore alternatives to litigation- e.g. community led negotiation.</p>
9/11/2021 18:15-19:45 pm	Looking at the Law: a Window of Opportunity
10 mins	<p>Introduction by event MC, Kate Higham, followed by Screening of video-edited clip carrying messages from senior justices from around the world. The judges are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Judge Noer (Norway)</li> <li>● Judge Dambuzza (South Africa)</li> <li>● Judge Benjamin (Brazil)</li> <li>● Judge Mansoor Ali Shah (Pakistan)</li> <li>● Judge Lavrysen (Belgium)</li> <li>● Judge Preston (Australia)</li> <li>● Lord Carnwath (UK)</li> </ul>
20 minutes	<p><i>Part 1: A judicial dialogue on the potential of future decision making</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 20 Minute: Dialogue between Lord Carnwath and Justice Rafaela Santons Marins da Rosa, moderated by Christina Voigt (with Joana Setzer to act as back up should Christina be caught in negotiations)</li> </ul>
28 minutes	<p><i>Part 2: Case Scenario Analysis, Race to Resilience - LEAD: Mark Odaga, Natural Justice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Focus on: movement lawyering/community led approaches to strategy, litigation and negotiation</li> <li>● Limits and opportunities of legal empowerment</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community perspective on movement lawyering</li><li>• Linking and scaling for impact beyond legal processes</li></ul> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: Pooven Moodley - in person</li><li>• Speaker: Raaya Famau - virtual</li><li>• Speaker: Cesar Rodriguez-Garavito - virtual</li><li>• Speaker: Kanchi Koli - virtual</li></ul>
24 minutes	<p><i>Part 3: Race to Zero Discussion - LEAD: Margherita Cornaglia, Climate Champions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on: corporates and race to zero (emissions reductions obligations)</li><li>• From soft to hard law: the future bite of instruments such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the UN Global Compact and OECD Guidelines</li><li>• The importance of changing governance from within: the key role played by corporate / commercial lawyers</li><li>• The future of voluntary commitments</li></ul> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: Wendy Miles QC - in person</li><li>• Speaker: Surya Deva - virtual</li><li>• Speaker: Tessa Khan - in person</li></ul>
8 minutes	<p>MC re-enters stage and introduces Mark's call to action video (2.5 mins)</p> <p>Video is screened with MC on stage</p> <p>When video ends MC introduces Nigel Topping to give closing remarks (5 mins)</p>