

**INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HARMONY WITH NATURE
IN COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY**

Theme: Earth Jurisprudence

UNHQ, New York, Friday 21 April 2017, Trusteeship Council

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Morning Segment

10:00 – 10:40 OPENING REMARKS

- 10:00 • Address by H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly
- 10:10 • Address by H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary General (tbc)
- 10:20 • Address by H.E. Mr. Fernando Huanacuni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia (tbc)
- 10:30 • Address by H.E. Mr. Guillaume Long, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador (tbc)

10:40 – 11:40 PANEL: EARTH JURISPRUDENCE and the Sustainable Development Agenda
The Roles of Rights of Nature, Ecological Economics, Education, Ethics, Philosophy, Holistic Science, and the Media.

This stock-taking panel and ensuing dialogue will discuss Earth Jurisprudence and efforts to apply it to advance the SDGs, including through the adoption of Rights of Nature, with the ultimate goal of forging a thriving relationship between human activity and the Earth.

Moderator: Mr. Jorge Islas, Professor of Constitutional Law, National Autonomous University of Mexico

Panellists:

- Ms. Linda Sheehan, Executive Director of Planet Pledge, USA. Presentation: “The Role of Nature’s Rights in Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals”.
- Ms. Liz Hosken, Director, The Gaia Foundation, South Africa.
- Dr. Peter G. Brown, Director, Economics for the Anthropocene Project, McGill University, Canada. Presentation: “Economics for a Flourishing Earth”.
- Dr. Klaus Bosselmann, Professor of Law and Founding Director of the New Zealand Center for Environmental Law, University of Auckland; Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Ethics Specialist Group. Presentation: “The Next Steps: Earth Trusteeship”.
- Mr. Jean-Paul Mertinez, Producer | Studio Director, Illumina Studios & Media Ltd., UK. Presentation: “Focus Pulling: How the Arts Can Inspire Citizens and Society to Interact with the Natural World”.

11:40 – 1:00 FORMAT: Moderated dialogue with multi-stakeholder panellists, followed by Q and A from the floor by Governments, UN organizations and stakeholders

1:00 – 3:00 LUNCH BREAK

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Afternoon Segment

3:00 – 3:30 **PANEL: EARTH JURISPRUDENCE and the Sustainable Development Agenda**
The Roles of Rights of Nature, Ecological Economics, Education, Ethics, Philosophy, Holistic Science, and the Media.
This stock-taking panel and ensuing dialogue will examine Earth Jurisprudence and Rights of Nature in the Global South, with a focus of developments in Brazil and the application of the Rights of Nature in India and Bolivia, and the role of this movement in forging a thriving relationship between humans and the Earth. (Continued)

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- Rights of Nature developments in Brazil presented by Ms. Germana de Oliveira Moraes, Professor of Constitutional Law in the Federal University of Ceará and Federal Judge in Ceará, Brazil; Co-founder of Pachamama Nation (Violeta Molina).
- Rights of Nature court decisions in India, Justice Gita Mittal, High Court Delhi (tbc)
- Rights of Nature legislation in Bolivia presented by Mr. Iván Zambrana Flórez, Executive Director of the Plurinational Authority of Mother Earth.

3:30 – 5:30 **Moderated dialogue with multi-stakeholder panellists, followed by Q and A from the floor by Governments, UN organizations and stakeholders (continued)**

5:30 – 5:45 **WRAP UP: THE WAY FORWARD**
Moderator will give a brief overview of the outcomes of the morning and afternoon sessions and provide recommendations based on the discussion for next steps in incorporating Earth Jurisprudence into implementation of the SDGs.

5:45 – 6:00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

- H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the 71st session of the General Assembly
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