PRESS RELEASE
INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE TRIBUNAL

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The 5th International Rights of Nature Tribunal will be held on December 5th, 2019 in Santiago, Chile from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the D’Etigny Auditorium, at the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, at Beaucheff 850. It will also hold a forum within the People’s Summit on December 4th, and a workshop to deliver tools for people to hold their own Tribunals on December 7th.

The cases that will be presented during this session of the Tribunal are the following:

1) Lithium mining in the Atacama Desert - Chile
2) Threats to Patagonia: water and life reserve - Chile
3) Privatization of water: water as an object in Chile

These three cases will be presented and judged in their entirety. Additionally, the Tribunal will hear two more cases: Amazon (multiple countries) and Vaca Muerta (Argentina). The presentation of these cases will initiate a process of investigation and data collection. After carrying out this process, the cases will be presented and tried in a future Tribunal.

The judges confirmed for the fifth session of the International Rights of Nature Tribunal, Santiago, Chile are the following:

- Yaku Pérez (Ecuador) - President of the Tribunal
- Nancy Yáñez (Chile)
- Alberto Acosta (Ecuador)
- Raul Sohr (Chile)
- Maristella Svampa (Argentina)
- Antonio Elizalde (Chile)

The prosecutor for this Tribunal will be Enrique Viale (Argentina) and Natalia Greene (Ecuador) will be the Secretary General. An acknowledgment as Honorary Judge will be delivered to Dr. Humberto Maturana for his outstanding career and his contributions to the global movement for the Rights of Nature.

The information for the additional events is as follows:

Forum: Constituent Experiences and the Rights of Nature in Latin America

Day and time: Wednesday, December 4th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Place: Room 1 of the School of Arts and Crafts - EAO - of the USACH
Panelists: Alberto Acosta, Pablo Solón, Francisca Fernández, Wilma Mendoza
Moderator: Camila Zárate

Workshop: Recognizing the Rights of Nature in Chile

Day and time: Saturday, December 7th, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Place: Headquarters of the Student Federation of the University of Chile at Periodical José Carrasco Tapia, 9

- To register to the Tribunal: https://bit.ly/2qHfFMg
- Visit the Tribunal website: https://www.rightsofnaturetribunal.com/tribunal-chile-2019
- Write us: organizer@therightsofnature.org and communications@therightsofnature.org
- A Livestream of the event will be held, through the Facebook page of the Tribunal with the following address: https://www.facebook.com/rightsofnaturetribunal/