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In-Person and Hybrid Programme

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23-25 June 2025

University of Nairobi
Address: University Way,
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United Nations Office at Nairobi
Address: United Nations Avenue,
Westlands, Nairobi, Kenya

OVERVIEW

All times are in East Africa Time (UTC+3)

MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2025

Location: University of Nairobi

2:30 - 3:30 pm	Registration and Check-in
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Opening Plenary and Keynote Address Professor Margaret Jesang Hutchinson , Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi. Title of Address: <i>Tackling African Environmental Crises through Research, Innovation and Multilateralism</i> Professor Gilbert Ouma , Institute of Climate Change and Adaptation (ICCA) Professor Siphila W. Mumenya Dean, Faculty of Engineering Professor Robert Kibugi , Centre for Advanced Studies on Environmental Law and Policy (CASELAP) Dr. David Obura , Founder and Director, Cordio East Africa and Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Professor Maria Ivanova , Co-Chair 2025 ACUNS Annual Meeting Dr. Franz Baumann , ACUNS President & Researcher Georgetown University Kenyan Government Representative (invited) Moderator: Professor Alice Odingo , Co-Chair 2025 ACUNS Annual Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Opening Reception

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2025

Location: University of Nairobi

8:30 – 9:00 am	Check-in
9:00 – 10:15 am	TUE-A: Simultaneous Panels and Roundtables
10:15 – 10:30 am	Coffee/Tea Break
10:30 – 11:45 am	TUE-B: Simultaneous Panels and Roundtables
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Launch of Arid Cities Network Earthna Center for a Sustainable Future Dr. Michal Mlynar , Deputy Executive-Director, UN-Habitat Professor David Simon , University of London Royal Holloway UN Mission in South Sudan Official (invited) Mr. Sebastien Turbot , Earthna Center for a Sustainable Future Moderator: Ms. Maria Kisumbi , Humanity United

1:00 - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:15 – 3:30 pm	TUE-C: Simultaneous Panels and Roundtables
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Coffee/Tea Break
4:00 – 5:00 pm	ACUNS Lecture in Honour of Kofi Annan Intergenerational Dialogue Mr. Donald Kaniaru Mr. Alphonse Munyao Muia Moderator: Professor Maria Ivanova , Co-Chair, ACUNS Annual Meeting Brief Remarks Global SDGs and Leadership Development Center
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Theatre Performance <i>Who knows it feels it: a waste pickers' perspective for a just transition</i> Professor Cressida Bowyer , University of Portsmouth Professor Erika Hughes , University of the Arts London Members of the Kenyan National Waste Pickers Welfare Association and the Social Justice Travelling Theatre

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE

Location: United Nations Offices, Gigiri

7:30 – 8:30 am	Security & Check-in
8:30 – 9:45 am	WED-A: Simultaneous Panels and Roundtables
9:45 – 10:00 am	Coffee/Tea Break
10:00 - 11:15 am	WED-B: Simultaneous Panels and Roundtables
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Holmes Lecture Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura , Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi Moderator: Professor Lise Howard , Georgetown University
12:30 – 1:30 pm	United Nations University - Centre for Policy Research Global Policy Dialogue: Readouts & Feedback Professor David Passarelli , Director, United Nations University - Centre for Policy Research Mr. Peter Maddens , Ambassador of Belgium to Kenya, Madagascar, Seychelles, Comoros, Eritrea, Somalia; Permanent Representative to UNEP and Habitat

Mr. Henk Jan Bakker, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Kenya, Somalia, Eritrea and Seychelles; Permanent Representative to UNEP and Habitat
Mr. Mirko Giulietti, Ambassador of Switzerland to Kenya, Eritrea, Rwanda, Somalia and Uganda Permanent Representative to UNEP and Habitat
Moderator: **Dr. Richard Ponzio**, Stimson Center and Co-Director, Global Governance Innovation Network

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Lunch

2:30 - 3:45 pm

Closing Plenary Session

Mr. Stephen Jackson, UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya

Ms. Edlam Abera Yemeru, Director of External Relations Strategy, Knowledge, and Innovation Division, UN-Habitat

Ms. Patricia Mbote, Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme

Moderator: **Dr. Franz Baumann**, Researcher Georgetown University and President ACUNS

AWARDS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACUNS Dissertation Award Winner

ACUNS Service Award

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3:45 – 5:00 pm

Closing Reception

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WAYS TO ENGAGE & HOW TO PREPARE

The 2025 ACUNS Annual Meeting will have three types of Panels/Roundtables:

- **In-Person:** panels and roundtables where ALL of the speakers are joining us in Nairobi, Kenya.
- **Hybrid:** panels and roundtables where SOME (but not all) of the speakers will join us in-person.
- **Virtual:** panels and roundtables where ALL of the speakers are unable to attend in person. The **Youth Track** will be included in the virtual programming for the Meeting.

In-Person Attendees:

Please bring your laptop and earphones to facilitate hybrid interaction and be mindful to include online participants in discussions. Speakers tuning in via Zoom are indicated with a [v] for virtual. Please note that for Kenya the associated plug type is G, which is the plug that has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Kenya operates on a 240V supply voltage and 50Hz. You may consider the use of a travel adaptor, which is a device that simply allows you to plug any electrical appliance into a foreign electrical socket. It is important to note that it does not convert the voltage or frequency.

Hybrid Presenters:

The Planning Committee made every effort to incorporate your Panel or Roundtable at a time that would accommodate both in-person and virtual engagement. We will make the Zoom links that would be used for the Hybrid sessions available 3 days before the start of the Annual Meeting and will inform all participants when they are available.

Virtual Presenters (including the Youth Track):

For Panels or Roundtables where ALL speakers are not attending in-person, the Planning Committee is in the process of scheduling your presentation. The schedule of Virtual Panels and Virtual Roundtables will be published in early June. In addition to panels and roundtables, we will have three High Level Sessions specifically for virtual attendees. This will be an opportunity for all online participants to come together and engage on a subject that aligns with the theme and interests of the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Reminders to Chairs, Discussants, and Authors

NB: Panels include a Chair, a Discussant, and several authors of working papers or policy briefs. Roundtables are composed of a Chair (book author for book roundtables), and several experts who provide commentary.

Chairs contact all panel/roundtable participants approximately 10 days ahead of the Annual Meeting to facilitate the logistics of the session. ACUNS will provide each Chair with the email addresses. For additional assistance, contact annualmeeting@ACUNS.org

Chairs request that authors – of working papers, policy briefs or books – circulate their work to the discussant(s) and other panelists at least one week before the Annual Meeting. During the meeting, Chairs are responsible for introducing the speakers, keeping time, and facilitating meaningful research-policy discussions and debate among panelists and between panelists and the audience. Make sure to reserve approximately 20 minutes at the end for Q & A. We will place time cards in each room, so you can flag to each panelist how much time they have left and ensure sufficient time for Q & A.

Discussants are responsible for reading working papers and policy briefs ahead of time, and for providing constructive feedback during the panel in approximately 7-10 minutes total. Discussants should receive materials one week ahead of the meeting.

Authors on Panels are responsible for sharing their materials – working papers and policy briefs—with the discussant(s) and fellow panelists at least one week before the Annual Meeting. Authors may also want to familiarize themselves with the works of fellow panelists in order to engage in a more meaningful discussion. Authors should present their research/policy findings in approximately 7-10 minutes during their panel. Authors can, but are not required to, use slides.

Roundtable Participants provide expert commentary on a specific theme or book. Comments should be limited to 8-10 minutes, depending on the number of other participants and advice of the Chair.

Attendees who do not otherwise have a speaking role are encouraged to participate in the Q & A, and to apply to participate in a future ACUNS Annual Meeting!

Global Governance Workshop for Prospective Authors

University of Nairobi, Tuesday, 24 June 2025

The editors of *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations*, you to participate in an authors' workshop organized as part of the ACUNS Annual Meeting.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this authors' workshop is for prospective authors from underrepresented groups, in particular Global South scholars, to receive detailed feedback on their individual papers to improve the chances of publication in *Global Governance*. It is intended to inform prospective authors about the editorial process and to provide closer interaction between editors and authors.

Session #1 TUE-A1 In-Person, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Publishing Workshop Session 1

Room: Coming Soon

Open to all ACUNS registered attendees. This session will provide insights into the journal's scope, policies, and publishing standards. Participants will learn how to publish in *Global Governance* and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Presenters:

Alanna O'MALLEY, Leiden University

Aigul KULNAZAROVA, Tama University

Frank MATTHEIS, United Nations University

Inken von BORZYSKOWSKI, University of Oxford

Session #2 TUE-B10 In-Person, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Publishing Workshop Session 2

Room: Coming Soon

This is a closed session, for only those whose papers were accepted through the Application Process. These select participants will engage with journal editors and peers to receive feedback on their individual papers, with a focus on improving writing, argumentation, and publication quality. Accepted participants will be divided into four groups, with three papers per group in the 75-minute session.

Our objective is to help develop papers into drafts that have a higher chance of eventually being published in *Global Governance*.

ABOUT GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

The journal *Global Governance* showcases the expertise of leading scholars and practitioners concerned with the processes of international cooperation and multilateralism. Research articles explore pressing transnational challenges of our time, such as peace and security, development, human rights, the environment, and health.

TUESDAY IN-PERSON AND HYBRID SESSIONS

TUE-A SESSIONS: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 24

TUE-A1 *In-Person* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Publishing Workshop Session 1

Alanna O'MALLEY, Leiden University
Aigul KULNAZAROVA, Tama University
Frank MATTHEIS, United Nations University
Inken von BORZYSKOWSKI, University of Oxford

TUE-A2 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Asian Perspectives on the Effective Role of the United Nations in the Turbulent Era

Franz BAUMANN, President of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)
Zhang YUNFEI, UN Association of China
Tu XINQUAN, The University of International Business and Economics
DongJoon PARK, Jeju Peace Institute (and Director of General Affairs at KACUNS) [v]
Jaejuk PARK, President of the Korean Academic Council on the UN System (KACUNS)
Yasuhiro UEKI, Sophia University

TUE-A3 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Enhancing International Earth System Scientific Capacity Through the Establishment of Global 'Early Warning Systems'

Maja GROFF, Climate Governance Commission
Maria Fernanda ESPINOSA, Climate Governance Commission/GWL Voices
Anders LEVERMANN, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
Xiye BASTIDA, Planetary Guardians
Arundabha GHOSH, Council for Energy Environment and Water
David OBURA, Coastal Oceans Research and Development—Indian Ocean (CORDIO) East Africa

TUE-A4 *In-Person* Panel, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Incorporating Sustainable Solutions to Address the Triple Planetary Crisis

Population, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development in Africa
Ndirangu NGUNJIRI, University of Nairobi
Anthony KAMAU, University of Nairobi

Russia's War against Ukraine and the Reform of the Security Council
Stelian DIMITROV, Kliment Ohridski University Sofia
Maria STOICHEVA, Sofia University

Climate Change Threat to Peace and Security in Northern Kenya
Ndirangu NGUNJIRI, University of Nairobi

Introducing the Environmental Peacebuilding Geoportal
Dahlia SIMANGAN, Hiroshima University

TUE-A5 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Empowering Communities for Resilience: The Public Ministry's Innovative 'Zero Deaths' Project in Brazil

Antonella CONTIN, Politecnico di Milano
Denise TARIM, Procuradora de Justiça, Ministério Público do Estado do Rio de Janeiro
Edmundo GALLO, Senior Researcher, Observatory of Sustainable and Healthy Territories [v]
Fernanda LEMES, PUC-Rio

TUE-A6 *Hybrid* Panel, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Gendered Impacts of Climate Change on Women in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Call for Inclusive Policy Frameworks

Policy Frameworks for Gender-Responsive Climate Action in Sub-Saharan Africa
Ndoni EREBI, University of Bradford

Understanding the Gendered Dimensions of Climate Vulnerability and the Role of Grassroot Activism in Climate Justice
Taiwo ODUMOSU, Nicosia University
Adedayo ADELAKUN, AND Attorneys

Women as Environmental Stewards: Case Studies from West and South Africa
Olayinka ADENIYI, Rhodes University [v]

Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Resilience: Lessons from East and Central Africa
Miriam Zacharia MATINDA, Institute of Accountancy

TUE-A7 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Bridging Divides: Addressing Refugee Crisis and Climate Change in Europe and the Middle East

Forough JONGHANI, Arcadis
Martijn DALHUIJSEN, UNAMI
Zarin HAINSWORTH, Serene Communications [v]
Reza ARAB, The University of Queensland
Hamed SHEIBANYRAD, Iran Novin Party
Arthur DAHL, President of the International Environment Forum [v]

TUE-B8 Hybrid Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Panel & Book Launch: Eco-Social Contracts for Sustainable and Just Futures: Harnessing Collective Power in Dealing with the 21st Century Polycrisis

A New Pact with Nature: From Social to Eco-Social Contracts

Patrick HUNTJENS, Inholland University & Radboud University

Najma MOHAMED, UNEP-WCMC

Advancing Earth System Governance: Key Achievements & Propositions for a Global Eco-Social Contract

Maja GROFF, Climate Governance Commission

Georgios KOSTAKOS, Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS) [v]

The Climate COP: Process and Pathways for Eco- and Peace-Sensitive Social Contracts

Erin MCCANDLESS, Global Institute for Strategic Research & German Institute for Development and Sustainability (IDOS) [v]

Introduction to Edited Volume: Eco-Social Contracts for Sustainable and Just Futures

Katja HUJO, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

Manisha DESAI, Stony Brook University

TUE-A9 Hybrid Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Technology, Policy and Governance Interface for Sustainable Marine and Maritime Sector: Emerging Issues and Road Ahead

Shiv TRIPATHI, Berlin School of Business and Innovation [v]

Anastasia KIRITSKI, Arden University UK

Josianne CUTAJAR, Member of Parliament of European Union [v]

Ratnesh JHA, UN Global Compact Network India

Ronald BERENBEIM, Adjunct Professor Emeritus

Rashid AL MANSOORI, Amaal Group

TUE-A10 In-Person Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, New Evidence on How to Achieve Societal and Environmental Change

Disaster Risk Reduction Through Multilateral Network: South Asia Case Study

Sanjay SHARMA, Pondicherry University

Inclusiveness of Indigenous Water Practices in Urban Sustainability

Olayemi SOLADOYE, Lagos State University

Ibrahim SALAMI, Lagos State University of Education

The COP Climate Framework Annual Meetings: Impact and Potential
Henry (Chip) CAREY, Georgia State University

Multi-Stakeholder Engagement in Scientific Research
Sadhbh CREAN, Trinity College Dublin
Amy FAHY, Maynooth University
Joseph ROCHE, Trinity College Dublin

TUE-A11 *In-Person* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Leveraging Local Engagement for the Advancement of MEAs (Multilateral Environmental Agreements) and Climate Justice

Muusi NGUUTU NZYOKA, University of Nairobi
Charity MWABU, Tendet Foundation
Boniface MUEMA HARRISON, Muema Action-Post

TUE-A12 *In-Person* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Inclusivity: The Role of Art, Culture, and Technology

Mayowa Johnson AGBENIGA, National Research University - Higher School of Economics
Valery MFONDOUM, Freelance Consultant
Hiroko TSUBOI-FRIEDMAN, NA
Bibi Saira SAIRA, Minhaj University Lahore

TUE-B SESSIONS: 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 24

TUE-B1 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM
Global Policy Dialogue Roundtable One: Global Governance of Climate

Rebekah SHIRLEY, Deputy Director, World Resources Institute Africa
Maja GROFF, Convenor, Climate Governance Commission
Richard PONZIO (*Moderator*), Global Governance Innovation Network and Stimson Center
Alanna O'MALLEY (*Moderator*), Editor-in-Chief, *Global Governance*

TUE-B2 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Youth Leadership in Global Environmental Governance

Olga SKAREDINA, Northeastern University [v]
Mark ORTIZ, Penn State University [v]
Isaiah KESHOE, Kofi Annan Changemaker

Alphonse MUYA, Partnerships for Change

Fithriyyah ISKANDAR, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women

TUE-B3 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Femicide: The Modern Woman's Menace

Joan MAGERO, Kenya Veterinary Board

Rose MWANGI, Self-Employed

Elizabeth NYADWE, Nyadwe Insurance Brokers

Naom KABUCHO, APA Insurance

Wanjiku NJORGE, ICYE Kenya

Kristina TATIANA, University of Nairobi

Teddy KIPROTICH, Undergraduate student, University of Nairobi

Billy OJUKA, Intern at Kenya Institute of Primate Research (KEPRE)

TUE-B4 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM, African Perspectives on the G20 Summit in 2025 hosted by South Africa

Sani BALA, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy, and Development, Abuja

Tsion HAGOS, Amani Africa Media and Research Services

Pamla GOPAUL, AUDA-NEPAD

Fonteh AKUN, Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria

Mikatekiso KUBAYI, Institute for Global Dialogue associated with UNISA

TUE-B5 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Metropolitan Heritage: Merging Culture, Biodiversity, and Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Governance

Antonella CONTIN, Politecnico di Milano - DASTU

Valentin BAYIRI, City of Ouagadougou Town Hall

Funmi MODEBOLA-FADIMINE, Ondo State Project Management Unit

Wafa AL-DAILY, Isocarp Bord [v]

Oriol ILLA, Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB)

Edmundo GALLO, Observatory of Sustainable and Healthy Territories [v]

TUE-B6 *In-Person* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Climate Policy Across Countries

Harnessing the Potential of Civil Society in Shaping Global Climate Governance: Voices from the Global South

Rose GOVINDARAJ, Pondicherry University

Environmental Peacebuilding in Nepal: A Research Agenda

Riyaz KARKI, Hiroshima University

Dahlia SIMANGAN, Hiroshima University

Prakash BHATTARAI, Centre for Social Change

Assessing Sustainability and Distribution, Measuring Inequity, and Identifying Elements of Social Justice

Victor OGOT, Thriving Together Foundation / St Paul's University

Impact and Implication of Electric Vehicle Adoption in Kenya Against Climate Change

Willy Stephen TOUNSI FOKUI, Teleconnect GmbH

Danube Kirt NGONGANG WANDJI, Stockholm Environment Institute

TUE-B7 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, The promises and pitfalls of global public-private partnerships for sustainable development

Fariborz ZELLI, Lund University

Karin BÄCKSTRAND, Stockholm University

Maria IVANOVA, Northeastern University

Oscar WIDERBERG, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

TUE-B8 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Peacebuilding, Peacekeeping, and Clean Energy: A Partnership in Fragile States?

Victoria HOLT, Dartmouth College

Abdirahman AYNTE, Laasfort Consulting Group

David MOZERSKY, Energy Peace Partners

Lise HOWARD, Georgetown University

TUE-B9 *Hybrid* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Digital Interventions for Social and Environmental Sustainability

Influence of Socio-Cultural Factors in Driving Digital Sustainable Development: Learning from Selected Cases

Shiv TRIPATHI, Berlin Business School and Innovation [v]

Basanna PATIGUNDI, Cambridge Institute of Technology India

Governance for Digital Development

Pworan PANDY, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy

Governance Reforms for Culture-Centric Sustainable Development
Lobsang SANGAY, Harvard University

TUE-B10 *In-Person*, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Publishing Workshop Session 2

Alanna **O'MALLEY**, Leiden University
Aigul **KULNAZAROVA**, Tama University
Frank **MATTHEIS**, United Nations University | Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies
Inken von **BORZYSKOWSKI**, University of Oxford

TUE-B11 *Hybrid Roundtable*, 10:30AM - 11:45AM, UN Governance Innovation and Regional Security in the Arab World

Hassan **ALY**, Nile University
Karim **MAKDISI**, American University of Beirut
Mona **KHALIL**, Harvard Law School PILAC [v]
Sultan **BARAKAT**, Hamad Bin Khalifa University
Maryam **AL-KHATER**, Qatar University

TUE-B12 *In-Person Roundtable*, 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM, Intergenerational Dialogue for a Sustainable Future: Shaping Inclusive and Sustainable Societies via Digital Technology and Innovation

Wang **JIANHUA**, Dean, School of International Organizations, Renmin University of China.
Fatoumata **NAFO**, Founder and Chair of the Foundation for Health and Environment.

Jinjiang **YAN**, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Rabih **EL-HADDAD**, Director of the Division for Multilateral Diplomacy at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Tang **WEIYANG**, Deputy Dean, China Exchange Institute of International Education
Lionel **MBANDA**, International Programs Director, Global Youth Leadership Development Council (GYLDC)

TUE-B13 *In-Person Roundtable*, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, A Comprehensive Approach to Assessing the Effect of Climate Change

Tyson Otieno **APINDI**, RefugePoint International
Ndirangu **NGUNJIRI**, University of Nairobi

Elizabeth KINGOO, Jomo Kenyatta University
Maryam KAMALI, United Nations (Office of Legal Affairs)
Tadashi HIRAI, Ramon Llull University

TUE-C Sessions: 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM Tuesday, June 24

TUE-C1 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, The Future of AI Governance, the UN's Global Digital

Compact & Implications for the Global Majority

Richard PONZIO, Stimson Center
Joris LARIK, Leiden University [v]
Linda BONYO, Lawyers Hub Africa
Muznah SIDDIQUI, UNU Centre for Policy Research
Lise HOWARD, Georgetown University

TUE-C2 *In-Person* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Pact for the Future - The Critical Need to Measure Progress

Kuniko ASHIZAWA, American University
Dan ODABA, Institute for Economics and Peace
Cristina PETCU, UN Mission in South Sudan
Mark JOHNSON, New School for Social Research

TUE-C3 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Water Crises and Water Sustainability

Water Sustainability Through Multi-Dimensional Approaches: Case Studies and the Water Sustainability Index Concept

Yasushi KATSUMA, UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability
Kensuke FUKUSHI, UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability
Martiwi Diah SETIAWATI, UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability [v]
Chetika GUNASIRI, UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability [v]

Iran's Water Crisis: Environmental and Social Impacts and Sustainable Solutions through International Cooperation
SHERVIN SAFFAR SAHARKHIZ, Gen Z Organisation [v]
FOROUGH JONGHANI, Arcadis

TUE-C4 *In-Person* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Advocacy for a Universal Citizen Minimum Income (UCMI) for all around the world for a new, just, united and resilient to climate change society

Farikou IBRAHIMA, Honorary Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University of Garoua, Cameroon

Lady BAWA, University of Ngaoundere, Cameroon

Abdulaye OUMAROU DALIL, Central Bureau of Censuses and Population Studies (CBCPS), Cameroon

Fred OTSYENO, Honorary lecturer, Department of Orthopaedics, University of Nairobi

Hamidou BOUBA ADJI, Ministry of Finance, Cameroon

TUE-C5 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, A New Movement to Reform the UN Charter

Heba ALY, UN Charter Reform Coalition [v]

Tim MURITHI, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, South Africa

Maria Fernanda ESPINOSA, GWL Voices; Former President, UN General Assembly

Patrícia Nogueira RINALDI VICTAL, College of Campinas / Faculdades de Campinas [v]

Joshua LINCOLN, Centre for International Law and Governance at Fletcher [v]

TUE-C6 *Hybrid* Panel, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Toward Sustainable Blue Growth for All

Small Scale Fisheries in Guatemala: Indigenous Activism for Ocean Governance

JoAnn DIGEORGIO-LUTZ, Texas A&M University [v]

Martha GALVAN MANDUJANO, California Polytechnical State University

Inclusive Governance and Blue Growth

Cassia Bomer GALVAO, Texas A&M University [v]

Inclusive Blue Growth Case Studies

Ogochukwu UGBOMA, Lagos State University

TUE-C7 *In-Person* Panel, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Inequality, Climate Change and Conflict: Emerging Challenges for Environmental Justice in Africa

The Climate Change Conundrum: Inequality and Peacelessness in Uganda

Alice WABULE, Cavendish University Uganda

Critical Minerals, Conflict, and Climate Change Nexus in Zimbabwe

Fadzai CHIPATO, Great Zimbabwe University

Gendered Impacts of Carbon Sequestration in Mozambique
Clemente NTAUZI, University of the Western Cape

Farmer-Herder Conflicts and Livelihood Vulnerability in Ghana
Suhiyini Issah ALHASSAN, University for Development Studies

TUE-C8 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Development and Climate Justice in the Global South: Perspectives from Local Journalism

Carmen RICO, Université du Québec à Montréal [v]
Cilene VICTOR, Methodist University of São Paulo [v]
Malvina Eugenia RODRIGUEZ, National University of Villa Maria [v]
Shabnam DELFAN AZARI, Global South Perspectives Network
Benedine AZANU, Ghana Institute of Journalism

**TUE-C9 *In-Person* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM
Global Governance of Biodiversity and Nature, Roundtable 2**

David OBURA, Founding Director, CORDIO East Africa and IPBES
Julia SEIXAS, Nova University
David PASSERELLI, Director, UNU Centre for Policy Research
Moderator: Sebastien TURBOT, Director of External Affairs, Earthna

**TUE-C10 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Africa's Oceans, Africa's Future:
Promoting Equity and Creating New Opportunities in the Blue Economy**

Ifesinachi OKAFOR-YARWOOD, University of St Andrews
Nina WAMBIJI, Mpala Research Centre, Kenya
Elizabeth NWARUEZE, University of Oxford
Andrew Yaw TCHIE, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) [v]

TUE-C11 *In-Person* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Gender-inclusive ecological solutions for sustainable peace and development in Africa

Francis KAGEMA KURIA, African Council of Religious Leaders- Religions for Peace
Merylene CHITHARAI, Archi-Vedic Designs
Tinashe GUMBO, All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)

Hassan OMARI KINYUA, University of Nairobi

Lydia NDINDA NTHUI, African Council of Religious Leaders- Religions for Peace

TUE-C12 *In-Person* Panel, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Conflict Resolution Through Climate Adaptation

Coordination Saves Lives: The Role of UNEP/OCHA Joint Efforts

Sho AKAHOSHI, Kobe University

Bridging Peace and Ecology: Fintech for Refugees in Kenya

Yue WANG, Beijing Foreign Studies University

Peace and Global Security: Addressing Conflict via Ecological Solutions

Venkat Ramana Rao ADONI, Sri Datta Infotech Consultants

Climate Change Threat to Peace in Northern Kenya

Ndirangu NGUNJIRI, University of Nairobi

Anthony KAMAU, University of Nairobi

WEDNESDAY IN-PERSON AND HYBRID SESSIONS

WED-A SESSIONS: 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

WED-A1 *In-Person* Roundtable, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Global Policy Dialogue Roundtable 3

Global Governance of Pollution and Waste

Franz BAUMANN, President, ACUNS

John BELLISH, Executive-Director, One Earth Future Foundation

Alice ODINGO, University of Nairobi and Vice President, ACUNS

John BELLISH, Executive-Director, One Earth Future Foundation

Shuva RAHA, Council on Energy, Environment & Water

WED-A2 *In-Person* Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Transforming Global Environmental Governance

Global Environmental Governance: Addressing Social Justice and Inequality

Muhammad Nouman SHAMS, Qazi Law

Bibi Saira NOUMAN, Minhaj University Lahore

A Harmonious Trio: Toward an Inclusive Dialogue Framework of Global Governance

Hanzhi YU, Zhejiang University

Women and Leadership in the UN Security Council

Alynn LYON, University of New Hampshire

Is Fair Governance of Geoengineering Possible?

Peter STOETT, Ontario Tech University

WED-A3 *In-Person* Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Bridging the Gap: Advancing Social Justice, Youth Power, and Equity

Bridging the Gap: Advancing Social Justice and Equity in Environmental Governance

Hamza ABASS, HACEP-Ghana

Nafisah SUMANI, AID4Girls

Youth Power: Digital Rights in Climate Crisis

Hamza ABASS, HACEP-Ghana

Nafisah SUMANI, AID4Girls

Osman SULEMANA, AID4Girls

The Role of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Achieving SDG 13
Daniel ONYETULEM, Stevenson Holistic Care Foundation

Empowering Generation Z: Leadership for Environmental Protection, Social Justice, and Sustainable Development
Forough JONGHANI, Gen Z Organization

WED-A4 *In-Person* Roundtable, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, The Effective Role of the United Nations in the Turbulent Era: Repurposing United Nations Tools

Sandra TOMBE, U.S. Institute of Peace
Timothy SISK, University of Denver
Lesley CONNOLLY, Nonviolent Peaceforce
Richard PONZIO, Stimson Center
Immaculate LIAGA, Institute for Security Studies
Yasushi KATSUMA, Waseda University
Yasuhiro UEKI, Sophia University

WED-A5 *In-Person* Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Policy Making on Environmentalism: Actors, Issues, and Outcomes

Interaction Between UN and Local Actors in Localizing SDG Ideas: Practices in Macau
Min YANG, United Nations University Institute in Macau

Governing Multilateral Agreement: SDGs Framework
Tonui CHARLES, Wageningen University and Research
Josephine VAN ZEBEN, Florence School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute
Sylvia KARLSSON-VINKHUYZEN, Wageningen University and Research, Netherlands

Decarbonising Society: An Inclusive Approach to Policy and Innovation Synergies
Amy FAHY, Maynooth University
Sadhbh CREAN, Trinity College Dublin
Fabiano PALLONETTO, Maynooth University

Biodiversity Resilience and Climate Change: Political, Socio-Economic, Cultural, and Technological Implications
Clotilde EKOKA DIKANDA, ADIE (Association pour le Droit à l'Initiative Économique)

WED-A6 *In-Person* Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Building Environmental Consensus

The Decolonization of Climate Change and Environmental Awareness in Africa

Ndirangu NGUNJIRI, University of Nairobi

In the “Spirit of Nairobi”? Consensus and Its Consequences in Multilateral Negotiations

Julian Dominik WITTKAMP, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Coping With Climate Change: Armed Forces and the Environment

Philippe GUILLOT, École de l’Air & de l’Espace (French Air & Space Force Academy)

Centering Indigenous Knowledge for Climate Justice: A Community-Led Loss and Damage Finance

Protocol for Small Island Developing States

Derrick KINYUA, Technical University of Kenya

WED-A7 *In-Person* Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Incorporating Sustainable Solutions to Address the Triple Planetary Crisis

Security Instincts: Urban Security Mechanisms and Italian Historic Cities

Nico SAUNDERS-McGOWAN, University of Waterloo

Reimagining Sustainability: The Role of Female Hygiene Products

Benedicta APUAMAH, Management Center Innsbruck

Strengthening Indigenous and Civil Society Involvement in Uganda’s Environmental Governance

Walter Onen OCEN, Eastern College Australia

Johnson GAKUMBA, Tochi Community Transformation Initiative

Francis Onen OPIYO, Challenge Uganda

Bridging the Gap: Environment, Sustainable Development, and Equity

Andrew David OMONA, UCU-Africa Policy Center

WED-A8 *In-Person* Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Toward Climate Accountability and Justice

Transformative Potential or Unequal Continuities? Examining Renewable Energy Development in Kenya and Senegal

Carmella Uwineza MUNYUZANGABO, Northeastern University

Driving Green Growth: An Empirical Analysis of SME Growth in Pakistan’s Green Agriculture

Altaf HUSSAIN, Sukkur IBA University

Uzair ABDULLAH, Sukkur IBA

UN Security Council Reform: Changing Climate?

Marcel JESENSKÝ, Université d’Ottawa

The War in Ukraine and the Reform of the UN Security Council
Stelian DIMITROV, Kliment Ohridski University in Sofia
Maria STOICHEVA, Sofia University 'Kliment Ohridski'

WED-A9 In-Person Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Global Majority Perspective on the Climate Crisis

Environmental Degradation And Human Insecurity In Africas' Great Lakes Regional Armed Conflicts: A Case Of Democratic Republic Of Congo (1994-2024)

Badru Hasan SEGUJJA, Civilizations Exchange and Cooperation Foundation (Maryland)

Regional Integration: Examining the Role of Kenya in the East African Community

Diana Chebet ROTICH, Hiroshima University

From Totalitarianism to Understanding: The Global South's Perspective on the Climate Crisis according to Arendt and Lévinas

Louis Marie NDOMO EDOA, Universidade Metodista de São Paulo

The Pact for the Future and prospects for regional organizations in a reformed UN system

Frank MATTHEIS, United Nations University

WED-B6 In-Person Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Insecurity and Vulnerability Created by the Triple Planetary Practice

Integrating Climate Change into Brazil's Security Policy

Julia DE SOUZA LUCENA NISHIO, Hiroshima University

Inclusive sustainable farming practices for peacebuilding in refugee settlements. A case study in Kiryandongo refugee settlement in Uganda

Newton KUCCEL, African Youth Action Network

Walter Onen OCEN, Eastern College University

Alex VICTOR, African Youth Action Network

Towards a long-term peace approach: A phenomenological analysis of contemporary and emerging conflicts

Augustine Ugar AKAH, University of Calabar, Nigeria / Kiel University, Germany

Brian CHAGGU, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Poland

Advancing Small-Scale Fisheries in South Africa: Pathways to Sustainability and Equity within the Blue Economy Framework

Samantha WILLIAMS, Stellenbosch University / Inclusive Society Institute (ISI)

WED-B SESSIONS: 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

WED-B1 *In-Person* Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, The Contribution of Transnational Actors in the Discourse on the Environment

Equity at the Intersection of Environmental and Humanitarian Governance: Insights from Kenya's Refugee Fintech Innovations

Yue WANG, School of International Organizations, Beijing Foreign Studies University

From Conflict to Convergence: Aligning Environmental Protection and Human Rights in Investor-state Dispute Settlement

Ayushi VASHISHT, University of Oxford

The Catholic Church's Environmental Advocacy and its Role in Advancing Sustainable Human Development

Efetobor Stephanie EFFEVOITU, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Addressing the Intersection of Plastics Pollution and Public Health: The Role of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) in Shaping Global Solutions

Y. Y. HWANG, Yale School of Public Health

Recalibrating Maritime Security Governance in the United Nations

Christian BUEGER, University of Copenhagen

WED-B2 *In-Person* Panel, 10:00 am - 11:15 am, Innovating New Ideas and Practical Solutions to the Climate Change Crisis

From Data to Dialogue: Integrating Scientific Narratives and Dramatic Expression to Advance Sustainability

Pamela ROBINSON, Case Western Reserve University

The role of higher education institutions in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Promotion of the "sustainable campus"

Yasushi KATSUMA, Waseda University

SKILLS FIRST APPROACH

Manjula SHROFF, Kalorex Group

FROM MARGINALIZATION TO EMPOWERMENT: Pathways for Resilience in urban informal settlements

Felicitus OKOKO, GenerationUs Kenya

WED-B3 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, An Arid Cities Network to Address the Particular Climate Change, Sustainability and Resilience Challenges of Hot and Arid Cities

Sylvie MAALOUF, Qatar Foundation
Sebastien TURBOT, Earthna Institute
David SIMON, Royal Holloway University
Maja GROFF, Climate Governance Commission

WED-B4 *In-Person* Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Ecological Solutions to Environmental Problems: Data, Evidence and Results

Catalysing agile science-policy-action interfaces to address twenty-first century challenges of social equity through sustainable development

Shuva RAHA, Council on Energy, Environment and Water
Nitin BASSI, Council on Energy, Environment and Water
Vishwas CHITALE, Council on Energy, Environment and Water

Green Security: Leveraging Ecological Solutions to Prevent Conflict and Foster Resilience in the Sahel

Ilhan DAHIR, United States Institute of Peace

The Impact of ESG Performance on Economic Growth

Peter NGUKA, Corvinus University of Budapest
Sun RUIHONG, Corvinus University of Budapest

WED-B5 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Applications, Opportunities and Challenges of utilizing innovative science-based technologies for addressing social equity in climate action strategies

Lionel MBANDA, Global Youth Leadership Development Council (GYLDC)
Grace GAO, UNITAR Global SDGs and Leadership Development Center
Eng HAN TAN, OSG Alliance
Cedric MATONDA, Technical University of Kenya
Anita NZEH, Degrees Initiative

WED-B7 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, The Power of Civil Society in Shaping the UN System

Carol AGENGO, Coalition for the UN We Need | Co-Chair, 2024 UN Civil Society Conference in Nairobi
Maher NASSER, United Nations Department of Global Communications
Richard PONZIO, Stimson Center
Wanjiru KANYIHA, ImPact Coalition for International Financial Architecture Reform and Financing for Development

WED-B7 *In-Person* Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Contributing to Discourse on Environmental Governance: The Role of Small States and Indigenous Groups

Microcosmic Ecologies: Environmental Scenarios and Policies of the Smallest Sovereign States of Western Europe

Nancy WRIGHT, Pace University

The Role of Small States Leadership in Shaping Global Environmental and Social Solutions through the RES4CITY EU Project

Fabiano PALLONETTO, Maynooth University, Ireland

Amy FAHY, Maynooth University, Ireland

Sadhbh CREAN, Trinity College Dublin

Reforming the Governance Arrangement of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing for Nature Protection and Justice for Indigenous People

Adeniran AKANNI, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada [v]

Small Island States Diplomacy, Exemplified by Fiji's Foreign Policy in 2006–2024

Philipp KHANIN, Foundation for International Projects Development, named after Alexander Griboyedov

WED-B8 *In-Person* Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Reimagining Branding to Address the Triple Planetary Crisis

Search engine algorithmic audits: A cross-national and longitudinal assessment of climate-change search queries

Vihang JUMLE, University of Bern

Mykola MAKHORTYKH, University of Bern

Maryna SYDOROVA, University of Bern

‘Bridgetown Declaration’: A pivotal global milestone of CARICOM's Regional Health Diplomacy and Leadership

Vijay Kumar CHATTU, UNU-CRIS

How Can Branding Contribute to Solving the Triple Planetary Crisis? A Case Study on how UNEP Employs Branding to Achieve its Mandate

Stefan TSCHAUKO, Harvard Extension School

Sustainable Housing Projects for Sustainable Cities and Economic Development in Africa

Ndirangu NGUNJIRI, University of Nairobi

WED-B9 *In-Person* Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Perspectives on Partnerships for Social Justice and Equity

The Social Gap in Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR): Examining Strategies for Social Justice
Justice Sebuga KOTANI, United Nations University - IAS

The Politics of Legitimation and De-legitimation of Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships in the 2030 Agenda
Karin BÄCKSTRAND, Stockholm University

Multilateral Environmental Governance Must Progress Beyond One-Size-Fits-All
Shuva RAHA, Council on Energy, Environment and Water
Rishabh SINGH, Council on Energy, Environment and Water
Rudra SEN, Council on Energy, Environment and Water

Evaluating Students' Understanding of Family Life Education in Kiribati
Rorine TIOTI, Hiroshima University

WED-B10 *In-Person* Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Climate Change in Africa and Asia: Lessons Learned

The Neglected Victims: Integrating Climate Change Sensitivity into Transitional Justice Frameworks in Africa
Dengiyefa ANGALAPU, Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD West Africa)

Climate (In)Justice?: An Analysis of Mitigation Bias in Nigeria's Climate Policies
Saadatu Umaru BABA, Kaduna State University
Rakiya MAMMAN, National Open University of Nigeria

Advancing Eco-Diplomacy and Environmental Cooperation for Sustainable Peace and Regional Stability in Africa
Brian KITHINJI, Policy Action Initiative

Mitigating Urban Heat Islands in Pakistan: Building Climate Resilience for Marginalized Communities
Bibi Saira NOUMAN, Minhaj University Lahore
