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23-25 June 2025

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President's Welcome Message AM 2025 in Nairobi

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the second ACUNS Annual Meeting in Africa. The first was held in 2019 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. I hope for more gatherings in the Global South as ACUNS strives to become more inclusive, geographically, thematically and in terms of gender.

We are meeting at a challenging time for multilateralism. After the end of the Cold War that had paralyzed the United Nations, hopes were high that the Organization could finally move humanity forward to a New World Order, peace, respect for human rights and a life “in larger freedom,” as Kofi Annan entitled his path breaking legacy report. The UN supervised the first democratic elections in South Africa that ended Apartheid, a major triumph, but suffered catastrophic setbacks with the calamity in Somalia, the genocide in Rwanda and the murders of Srebrenica. However, instead of retreating, UN Member States agreed on humanitarian interventions, the Responsibility to Protect and the establishment of an International Criminal Court. These initiatives did not survive Western interventions in Iraq and Libya, the poison attacks on its own people by the Syrian dictator, Russia’s wanton aggression against Ukraine, the vicious Hamas-Israel confrontation or the cruel civil wars in Ethiopia, Sudan, Myanmar and elsewhere. No one calls for outside intervention to stop the slaughter, despite egregious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. International assistance is dwindling, the respect for agreed norms subsiding and the financial support for the United Nations is nosediving. Multilateralism is in a deepening crisis.

As analysts, we need to recognize this new reality while, as citizens of the world, work to overcome it and to keep alive the flame of international cooperation. For ACUNS as a professional association of analysts, we must ensure the unhindered exchange of views, arguments and data across continents, countries and communities. We do not strive for a consensual view on the world’s problems, but we insist on the significance of facts, of reasoned arguments and of respect for divergent views. In this spirit, I welcome you to this year’s ACUNS Annual Meeting in Nairobi and look forward to fruitful discussions and enriching personal encounters. Special thanks to all who made this meeting possible.



OVERVIEW

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

MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2025

Location: University of Nairobi

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Registration & Badge Collection
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) Representative Ministry of Education (invited) Representative Ministry of Foreign Affairs (invited) Representative Ministry of the Environment (invited) Professor Maria Ivanova , Co-Chair 2025 ACUNS Annual Meeting Dr. Franz Baumann , ACUNS President & Researcher Georgetown University Co-Moderator: Professor Alice Odingo , Co-Chair 2025 ACUNS Annual Meeting Co-Moderator: Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Office in Nairobi
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Opening Reception

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2025

Location: University of Nairobi

8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration & Badge Collection
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	The Case for an Arid Cities Network? Earthna Center for a Sustainable Future Dr. Michal Mlynar , Deputy Executive-Director, UN-Habitat

Ms. Maja Groff, Convenor, Climate Governance Commission
UN Mission in South Sudan Official (invited)
Mr. Sebastien Turbot, Earthna Center for a Sustainable Future
Moderator: **Ms. Maria Kisumbi**, Humanity United

Grace Gao, Executive Director, Global SDGs and Leadership Development Center | Launch of the Young Scientist SDGs Award

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
5:00 – 6:00 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
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Light Reception

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

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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 - 4:00 pm

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

Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Office in Nairobi (invited)

Professor David Passarelli, Director, United Nations University - Centre for Policy Research

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AWARDS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACUNS Dissertation Award Winner

ACUNS Service Award

Announce Annual Meeting 2026

4:00 – 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.

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OPENING PLENARY AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

3:30 – 5:30 PM

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8:00 – 9:00 AM

TUESDAY IN-PERSON AND HYBRID SESSIONS

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

**TUE-A1 *In-Person* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Room
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Frank MATTHEIS, United Nations University
Inken von BORZYSKOWSKI, University of Oxford

**TUE-A2 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Room
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, UNU-China
Yasushi KATSUMA, Waseda University
Young HOON SONG, Kangwon National University [v]
Tu XINQUAN, The University of International Business and Economics
Yasuhiro UEKI, Sophia University [v]
DongJoon PARK, Jeju Peace Institute (and Director of General Affairs at KACUNS)

**TUE-A3 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Room
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, Room
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

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, Room
Strengthening Resilience through Justice and Territory: The Role of the Public Ministry and Traditional Communities in Brazil

Legal Innovation and Community-Based Disaster Prevention in Petrópolis ("Zero Deaths" Project)
Denise TARIN, Public Ministry of Rio de Janeiro (MPRJ)

Health-Environment Connections and Participatory Risk Management in Vulnerable Territories
Priscilla CAMPOS, Fiocruz [v]

Biodiversity, Memory and Territory: The Role of Traditional Communities in Building Socio-Environmental Justice

Yara VALVERDE, Environmental Advocate and Researcher [v]
Social Cartography and the Rights of Traditional Peoples and Communities
Edmundo GALLO, University of São Paulo / Brazil [v]

Territorial Antifragility, Legal Geography, and Feminist Approaches to Public Space and Governance
Sarah Isabella CHIODI, Politecnico di Milano

TUE-A6 Hybrid Panel, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Room
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, Room
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]
Ahang HABIB HAWAMI, Sbey Research
Raber TALAAT, Sbey Research

TUE-B8 Hybrid Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room

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, University of Johannesburg, Acting Director, Qatar-South Africa Centre for Peace and Intercultural Understanding

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, Room

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 KIRITSIS, 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, Room
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 CREAM, Trinity College Dublin
Amy FAHY, Maynooth University
Joseph ROCHE, Trinity College Dublin

TUE-A11 *In-Person* Roundtable, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM, Room
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 *Hybrid* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
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 [v]
Bibi Saira SAIRA, Minhaj University Lahore

TUE-A13 *In-Person* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
Security Council Reform

Women and Leadership in the UN Security Council
Alynn LYON, University of New Hampshire

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'

UN Security Council Reform: Changing Climate?
Marcel JESENSKÝ, Université d'Ottawa

M. Ashaq MALIK, Higher Education Department, Jammu & Kashmir
Role of United Nations in Fostering World Peace: A Review

TUE-A14 *In-Person* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
Environmental Governance and the Future of Africa: Leveraging multilateralism for justice, equity and sustainability

Wanjira MATHAI, Managing Director, Africa and Global Partnerships, World
Tim MURITHI, University of Cape Town

Leveraging UN Reforms for poverty eradication and sustainable development among the low- and middle-income countries,
Alice A. ODINGO, University of Nairobi, and ACUNS Vice President

Reforming Climate governance for sustainable Africa
Dr. Ademola LAWAL, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy, and Development and Coordinator, ANUMDI: African Research Network to Advance Regional and Global Governance Innovation,

Invigorating African research through Regional economic Communities for development and sustainability
Wanjiru KANYIHA, Network Coordinator, Global Public Investment Network,

Africa, Research and the Future: Learning from the past to align the future
Mahat Mohamed AHMED, Director of the One Earth Future Foundation's Shuraaako initiative in Somalia and former CEO of the International Bank of Somalia

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

TUE-B1 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
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

TUE-B2 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
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, Room
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, Room
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* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
Metropolitan Diplomacy and Heritage: Advancing Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Governance

Metropolitan Governance and Sustainability Strategies in Southern Europe

Jordi CASTELLANA, Barcelona City Council

Inter-municipal Cooperation and Planning at the National Level

Burcuhan ŞENER, Union of Municipalities of Turkey [v]

Crisis Response, Governance Flexibility, and Antifragile Frameworks
Wafa AL DAILY, ISOCARP / Urban Resilience & Diplomacy Expert [v]

Metropolitan Diplomacy and Antifragility as a Sustainable Approach for Metropolitan Negotiation
Valeria FEDELI, Politecnico di Milano

TUE-B6 *In-Person* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
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, Room
The Promises and Pitfalls of Global Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development

Fariborz ZELLI, Lund University [v]
Karin BÄCKSTRAND, Stockholm University
Maria IVANOVA, Northeastern University
Oscar WIDERBERG, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam [v]

TUE-B8 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
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

Yuichi NAKAMURA, NGO Nakayoshigakuen

TUE-B9 Hybrid Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
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

Civil Society and Global Governance: Challenges of Social Justice

Tana JOHNSON, University of Wisconsin

TUE-B10 In-Person, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
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, Room
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, Room
Intergenerational Dialogue for a Sustainable Future: Shaping Inclusive and Sustainable Societies via Digital Technology and Innovation

Mary Yvonne ODODAH, Executive Director, Nuru Trust Network.
Jiadan YU, Associate Program Officer, UNITAR Multilateral Division.
Yifan ZHANG, Director, Youth Mobilization and Partnership, Global SDGs and Leadership Development Center.
Clotilde EKOKA DIKANDA, ADIE (Association pour le Droit à l'Initiative Économique)
Jiangtao CHEN, Xingfei Zhiyuan International Cultural Education Center.

TUE-B13 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
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
Tadashi HIRAI, Ramon Llull University

TUE-B14 *In-Person* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room
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

Altat HUSSAIN, Sukkur IBA University

Uzair ABDULLAH, Sukkur IBA University

Tackling triple Planetary Crisis by Integrated Socio-Scientific Approaches

M. Ashaq MALIK, Higher Education Department, Jammu & Kashmir

TUE-B15 *Hybrid* Panel, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM, Room

The Inclusive Approach Needed to Forge a Resilient and Socially and Environmentally Just Future

Maria Estrella SÁNCHEZ CORCHERO, University of the Basque Country

Natalia Maria SIMON MEDINA, University of Castilla-La Mancha [v]

David RODRIGUEZ GUILLEN, European Parliament [v]

Juan Antonio CLEMENTE SOLER, University of Murcia [v]

María Ángeles ABELLÁN LÓPEZ, University of Valencia [v]

Juan Carlos SOLANO LUCAS, University of Murcia [v]

Plenary: The Case for an Arid Cities Network? | Earthna Center for a Sustainable Future

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Dr. Michal Mlynar, Deputy Executive-Director, UN-Habitat
Ms. Maja Groff, Convenor, Climate Governance Commission
UN Mission in South Sudan Official (invited)
Mr. Sebastien Turbot, Earthna Center for a Sustainable Future
Moderator: **Ms. Maria Kisumbi**, Humanity United

Grace Gao, Executive Director, Global SDGs and Leadership Development
Center | Launch of the Young Scientist SDGs Award

LUNCH

1:00 – 2:00 PM

TUE-C Sessions: 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 24

TUE-C1 *Hybrid* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Room
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, Room
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, Room
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]
Chethika WADUMESTRIGE DONA, UNU Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability [v]

Iran's Water Crisis: Environmental and Social Impacts and Sustainable Solutions through International Cooperation
Sherv SAFFAR SAHARKHIZ, Gen Z Organisation [v]
Forough JONGHANI, Arcadis with **Ahang HABIB HAWAMI**, Sbey Research

TUE-C4 *In-Person* Roundtable, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Room
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, Room
A New Movement to Reform the UN Charter

Justin HANER, Brown University, Member of the Secretariat of the UN Charter Reform Coalition [v]
Tim MURITHI, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, South Africa
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, Room
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, Room
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, Room
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, Room
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, Room
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, Room

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 [v]

Hassan OMARI KINYUA, University of Nairobi

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

Nicta LUBAALE, African Council of Religious Leaders- Religions for Peace

TUE-C12 *In-Person* Panel, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Room

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

TUE-C13 *In-Person* Panel, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Room

Climate Change, SDGs and Education

Jackline NYERERE, Kenyatta University

Farai KAPFUDZARUWA, University of Cape Town

Orleans MFUNE, University of Zambia

Alice ODINGO, University of Nairobi and Vice President, ACUNS

TUE-C14 *Hybrid* Panel, 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM, Room

Heritage, Knowledge and Urban Innovation

Cultural Heritage and Regenerative Design in Latin American Cities
Ramon REYES RODRIGUEZ, University of Guadalajara / Mexico

Indigenous Knowledge, Cultural Innovation, and Participatory Urbanism in African Countries
Abdulrahman NDEGWA, Swahilipot Hub / Kenya

Spatial Justice, Heritage-led Transitions, and Territorial Governance
Edmundo GALLO, University of São Paulo / Brazil [v]

COFFEE/TEA BREAK
3:30 – 3:45 PM

Plenary: ACUNS Lecture in Honour of Kofi Annan | Intergenerational Dialogue

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Mr. Donald Kaniaru

Mr. Alphonse Munyao Muia

Moderator: **Professor Maria Ivanova**, Co-Chair, ACUNS Annual Meeting

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Who knows it feels it: a waste pickers' perspective for a just transition

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**

LIGHT RECEPTION

6:00 - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE

Location: United Nations Offices, Gigiri

SECURITY & CHECK-IN

7:30 – 8:30 AM

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, Room 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, Room 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

Is Fair Governance of Geoengineering Possible?

Peter STOETT, Ontario Tech University

WED-A3 *In-Person* Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Room 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, Arcadis with Ahang **HABIB HAWAMI**, Sbey Research

WED-A4 *In-Person* Roundtable, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Room
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, Room
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 CREAM, 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, Room
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, Room
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 *Hybrid* Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Room
Past as Prologue: How Past Models of Cooperation Can Inform Tomorrow’s Institutions

David PASSARELLI, Director, UNU Centre for Policy Research

Maria IVANOVA, Director, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University

Carmen HULL, Assistant Professor of Information Design and Data Visualization, Northeastern University

Gillian COOPER, Political Director, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty [v]

WED-A9 *In-Person* Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Room
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-A10 *In-Person* Panel, 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM, Room
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)

COFFEE/TEA BREAK

9:45 – 10:00 AM

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

WED-B1 *In-Person* Panel, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Room

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, Room

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, Room

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, Room

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, Room

Applications, Opportunities and Challenges of utilizing innovative science-based technologies for addressing social equity in climate action strategies

Fatoumata NAFO, Founder and Chair of the Foundation for Health and Environment

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

Jiadan YU, Associate Program Officer, UNITAR Multilateral Division.

Lionel MBANDA, Global Youth Leadership Development Council (GYLDC)

Yifan ZHANG, Director, Youth Mobilization and Partnership, Global SDGs and Leadership Development Center.

WED-B6 *In-Person* Roundtable, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Room
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, Room
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, Room
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, Room
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, Room
Climate Change in Africa and Asia: Lessons Learned

The Neglected Victims: Integrating Climate Change Sensitivity into Transitional Justice Frameworks in Africa

Dengiyeefa 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

HOLMES LECTURE

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura, Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi
Moderator: **Professor Lise Howard**, Georgetown University

United Nations University – Centre for Policy Research | Global Policy Dialogue: Readouts & Feedback

12:30 – 1:30 PM

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
Co-Moderator: **Ms. Nudhara Yusuf**, Stimson Center, Global Governance Innovation Network
Co-Moderator: **Dr. Richard Ponzio**, Stimson Center and Co-Director, Global Governance Innovation Network

LUNCH

1:30 – 2:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION

2:30 – 4:00 PM

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
Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Office in Nairobi (invited)
Professor David Passarelli, Director, United Nations University - Centre for Policy Research
Professor Alice Odingo, Co-Chair 2025 ACUNS Annual Meeting
Professor Maria Ivanova, Co-Chair 2025 ACUNS Annual Meeting
Moderator: **Dr. Franz Baumann**, Researcher Georgetown University and President ACUNS

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CLOSING RECEPTION
4:00 – 5:00 PM
