

You are cordially invited to participate in the following programs on public international law which are organized by the Permanent Observer of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization to the United Nations. The purpose is to serve as an informal forum for discussion of current issues of international law of common interest.

Does International Law Matter?

Thursday 18 October 2018 15:00- 17:30

ECOSOC Chamber

Major International Law Issues at the United Nations between 1994-2004

Mr. Hans Corell (Legal Counsel, Under Secretary-General, Office of Legal Affairs, 1994-2004) will focus on the application of international law of major issues encountered at the UN during that period.

Current Activities and Practice

Mr. Stephen Mathias (Assistant Secretary-General, Office of the Legal Counsel, OLA) will discuss current activities and practice.

State's Sovereignty Continues Irrespective of Effects of Sea-Level Rise

Professor Kennedy Gastorn (Secretary-General, AALCO) and Professor Nick Robinson (Executive Governor, International Council of Environmental Law) will address the impact of sea-level rise resulting from climate change as a serious matter of general concern to all coastal States and their coastal activities. Does land erosion or submersion (partial or total) impact to any degree a State's sovereignty? Does total submersion mean the disappearance of Statehood? Does a State continue to exist irrespective of such effects? States which have not yet declared their baselines need to do so as a matter of urgency, so as to evidence internationally their existing land territory and maritime zones.

Discussion

Importance of Nuclear Safeguards for Peace

Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (Representative of the IAEA Director General to the United Nations) will explain the principles, procedures, measures and techniques used by the IAEA to prevent military diversion from peaceful uses of nuclear materials.

Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Professor Ram S. Jakhu (Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University, Canada) will discuss how and why the objective of peaceful uses of outer space was secured by multilateral treaties and universally-supported declarations through the cooperation of both space and non-space powers. This fundamental objective is being threaten by recent geopolitics and military interests. The need to preserve outer space for peaceful uses is more urgent than ever..

Protection of Civilians

Mr. Christopher Harland (Deputy Head and Legal Adviser, ICRC, Permanent Observer) will talk about the ICRC's effort to promote the application of international humanitarian law and challenges encountered in the field of armed conflicts.

Criminalizing “Acts of Aggression” in National Law to Punish Individual Violators and to Promote Relations among Like-Minded States

Ambassador Christian Wenaweser (Mission of Liechtenstein) will discuss the significance and objectives of activating the “crime of aggression”: (i) strengthening Article 39 of the UN Charter through prosecution and punishment of *individual violators*, which at the same time serves as a “non-aggression pact/ pacts” among the ratifying States; (ii) **any** State may also criminalize such acts in their criminal law to effect “de juri compact/compacts” among like-minded States to prosecute and punish **individual violators**.

Discussion

Dialogue With Legal Practitioners

Tuesday, 23 October, 2018, 8:00 am – 9:30 am in Conference Room 6

Compensation for Damage to the Environment: Recent ICJ Case Law

Judge A. A. Yusuf, President of the International Court of Justice

Resorting to Third Party Means of Dispute Settlement:

Benefits and Challenges

Ms. Daphne Hong, Director-General, International Affairs Division,

Attorney General's Chambers, Singapore

Comments and Observations

Judge Nawaf Salam, International Court of Justice

Exchange of Views

ALL Delegates are welcome

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