

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

**Theme: Earth Jurisprudence**

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

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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**Morning Segment**

**10:00 –  
10:40am**      **OPENING**

- 10:00 • Remarks by H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly
- 10:10 • Remarks by Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- 10:20 • Remarks by H.E. Mr. Fernando Huanacuni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia
- 10:30 • Remarks by Ms. Helena Yáñez, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador

**10:40am –  
1:00pm**      **PANEL: EARTH JURISPRUDENCE and the Sustainable Development Agenda**  
*The Roles of Rights of Nature, Ecological Economics, Education, Ethics, Philosophy, Holistic Science, and the Media.*

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

**FORMAT: Moderated dialogue with multi-stakeholder panellists, followed by Q and A from the floor by Governments, UN organizations and stakeholders.**

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

**Panellists:**

- Ms. Chandhra Roy-Henriksen, Chief of the Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
- Ms. Liz Hosken, Director, The Gaia Foundation, South Africa. Presentation: “Earth Jurisprudence: the philosophy and practice, from vision to action”.
- Dr. Klaus Bosselmann, Professor of Law and Founding Director of the New Zealand Center for Environmental Law, University of Auckland; Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Ethics Specialist Group. Presentation: “The Next Steps: Earth Trusteeship”.
- Dr. Peter G. Brown, Director, Economics for the Anthropocene Project, McGill University, Canada. Presentation: “Economics for a Flourishing Earth”.
- Ms. Linda Sheehan, Executive Director of Planet Pledge, USA. Presentation: “The Role of Nature’s Rights in Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals”.

**1:00 – 3:00pm**      **LUNCH BREAK**

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**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (Continued)**

**Afternoon Segment**

**3:00 – 5:30pm** **PANEL: EARTH JURISPRUDENCE and the Sustainable Development Agenda**  
*The Roles of Rights of Nature, Ecological Economics, Education, Ethics, Philosophy, Holistic Science, and the Media.*

This panel and ensuing dialogue will examine Earth jurisprudence and Rights of Nature, and the role of this movement in forging a thriving relationship between humans and the Earth, with a focus on developing states.

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

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

Panellists:

- Mr. Jean-Paul Mertinez, Producer / Studio Director, Illumina Studios & Media Ltd., UK. Presentation: “Focus Pulling: How the Arts Can Inspire Citizens and Society to Interact with the Natural World”.
- Ms. Germana de Oliveira Moraes, Professor of Constitutional Law in the Federal University of Ceará and Federal Judge in Ceará, Brazil; Co-founder of Pachamama Nation (Violeta Molina). Presentation: “The Rights of Mother Earth and Humanity: Harmony with Nature as a pre condition for sustainable development”.
- Mr. Pallav Das, Co-founder Kalpavriksh Environmental Action Group, India; Environment and Communications Consultant. Presentation: “Rights of Nature: Emerging Judicial and Civil Society Convergence in India”.

**5:30 – 5:45pm** **WRAP UP: THE WAY FORWARD**  
Moderator will give a brief overview of the outcomes of the morning and afternoon segments, including recommendations for next steps in incorporating Earth jurisprudence into implementation of the SDGs.

**5:45 – 6:00pm** **CLOSING**

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