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Legislation towards a Sustainable Economy in the MENA Region

19 -20 February 2024

Sohar University
Sultanate of Oman



Association of Environmental Law Lecturers
in Middle East and North African Universities
جمعية محاضري القانون البيئي في جامعات الشرق الأوسط وشمال إفريقيا



Day 1

Monday, February 19, 2024

08:30 AM - 09:00 AM

Registration

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Opening Session - Ceremony

09:00 AM - 09:05 AM

Welcome Remarks by the Host University

Dr. Hamdan Sulaiman Al Fazari

Vice Chancellor,
Sohar University, Oman

09:05 AM - 09:30 AM

Professor Patricia Mbote, SC (Video)

Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme

Philipp Bremer

Director, Rule of Law Programme Middle East & North Africa, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

Rany Sader (Video)

Chief Legal Innovation Officer, SADER Publishing

Professor Damilola Olawuyi, SAN

Professor of Law and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar; President and Chair, ASSELLMU

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Keynote Speaker

HE Dr Abdullah bin Ali Al Amri

Chairman of Environment Authority Oman

Moderated by: Dr Enas Qutieshat

Dean Faculty of Law, Sohar University

10:30 AM

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Day 1

Monday, February 19, 2024

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Keynote Speech

Professor Patricia Mbote SC

Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme (video stream)

Presented by: Professor Damilola Olawuyi, SAN

Professor of Law and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar; President and Chair, ASSELLMU

11:30 AM - 13:00 PM

DISCUSSION PANEL

The Teaching and Practice of Environmental Law in the MENA Region: Current Status and Future Directions

Chair: Dr. Riyad Fakhri

Professor Riyad Fakhri, Vice President, ASSELLMU & Professor of Law, Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

Speakers

- **Dean Susan L. Karamanian**

Dean, College of Law, HBKU, Qatar

- **Dr Enas Qutieshat**

Dean, Faculty of Law, Sohar University, Oman

- **Professor Hassana Kejji**

Dean, Faculty of Law, Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

- **Dr. Khalid O. Al-Omair**

Dean, College of Law, Faculty of Arab East Colleges, Saudi Arabia

- **Dr. Mohammad Amra**

Dean, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Sabratha University, Libya

13:00 PM - 14:00 PM

Lunch Break

14:00 PM - 15:00 PM

Keynote Speech

Financing the SDGs in an Era of Sovereign Distress: Innovative Financing Approaches and the Role of Legal Educators

Professor Attiya Waris

United Nations Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights

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15:00 PM - 15:15 PM

Break

15:15 PM - 16:30 PM

Workshop 2 – PRESENTATIONS

International Environmental Rule of Law and the SDGs

Chair: Philipp Bremer

Director, Rule of Law Programme Middle East & North Africa, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

Speakers

• **Andrea Curcio Lamas**

Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme

• **Professor Mounir Snoussi**

Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Sohar University, Sultanate of Oman

• **Dr. Aude-Solveig Epstein**

Visiting Assistant Professor of legal studies at New York University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

• **Professor Robert Home**

Emeritus Professor in Land Management at Anglia Ruskin University, United Kingdom

• **Professor Youness Lazrak**

Professor of Law, Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

• **Dr. Mohamed Abdelatif**

Professor of Law, University of Mansoura Egypt

16:30 PM - 16:40 PM

Questions and Discussion

17:00 PM - 18:30 PM

Tour of Sohar City

19:30 PM

Welcome dinner on campus

Day 2

📅 Tuesday, February 20, 2024

08:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration

09:00 AM - 09:10 AM

Opening Remarks

Professor. Riyad Fakhri

Vice President, ASSELLMU & Professor of Law,
Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

09:10 AM - 10:45 AM

Workshop 3 - PRESENTATIONS

Integrated and Multistakeholder Approaches on SDGs

Chair: Dr. Youness Lazrak

Professor of Law, Hassan First University of Settat, Morocco

Speakers

- **Takoua Tayari**

Business and Human Rights Specialist (MENA Region), United Nations Development Program

- **Dr. Pavlos Eleftheriadis**

Professor of Law, New York University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

- **Michael Anwana**

Head, Contracts and Procurement, Business and Controls Department,
QatarGas Operating Company, Doha, Qatar

- **Dr. Mohsen Abdollahi**

Associate Professor of International and Environmental Law, University of Shahid Beheshti, Tehran, Iran

- **Dr. Abdeljabbar Arrach**

Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, University Hassan the First, Settat, Morocco

- **Zeina Mohamad Ahmad**

Attorney at Law, United Arab Emirates

- **Wissal Charqi**

Judiciary Office of The Kingdom of Morocco

- **Dr. Radwan Ahmed Al-Haf**

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law Sohar University

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Break

Day 2

📅 Tuesday, February 20, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Workshop 4 - PRESENTATIONS

Strengthening Environmental Legal Education on Biodiversity and Nature Conservation: Future Directions

Chair: Professor Mounir Snoussi

Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Sohar University, Sultanate of Oman

Speakers

• **Dr. Pedi Obani**

Associate Professor, University of Bradford School of Law, UK and Visiting Researcher, Water Security, Policy and Governance at the University of Leeds, UK

• **Dr. Ali Al-Hammouri**

Faculty of Law, Applied Science Private University

• **Dr. Nisrine Zerdoug**

Professor of Public Law, University of Cady Ayyad-Marrakech, Morocco

• **Dr. Shirin Shirazian**

Assistant Professor of Environmental Law, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran

• **Dr. Ali Heikal**

Faculty of Law, Sohar University, Oman

• **Dr. Masoud Faryadi**

Assistant Professor of Environmental Law, Department of Law, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, University of Mazandaran, Babolsar, Iran

• **Dr. Emem Anwana and Oluwatobi Owojori**

Durban University of Science and Technology, South Africa

• **Dr. Jaafar Theeb Bader Almaani**

Salt Civil First Instance Court Judge, Jordan

12:30 PM - 13:15 PM

Lunch Break

13:30 PM - 14:30 PM

Keynote Speech

Pedagogical Methodologies for Environment and Sustainable Development Law Education

H.E. Professor Leila Chikhaoui Mahdaoui

Minister of Environment of Tunisia

Moderated by: Dr. Omar Al- Khataibeh, Jordan

14:30 AM - 14:45 AM

Questions and Discussions

Day 2

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14:45 PM - 15:00 PM

Break

15:00 PM - 16:00 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Partnerships for Environmental Law Education and the SDGs: Future Directions

Young Scholars' Session

Moderated by: Post Doctoral Associate, Dr Seda Duygu Sever-Mehmetoglu

Carnegie Mellon University, Qatar

Dr. Zeina Moneer

Postdoctoral Fellow and Senior Lecturer, American University in Cairo, Egypt

Ghita Chehbouni

Caddi Ayyad Faculty of Law, Marrakesh, Morocco

Dr. Abdelsadok Kheira

Lecturer in Law, University of Law and Political Science Ibn Khaldoun, Algeria

Dr. Med Ikhal Anak

Faculty of Law, Damascus University, Syria

Dr. Josephine Ilesanmi

Durban University of Technology, South Africa

Dr. Mahnaz Rashidi

Assistant Professor, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran

Dr. Tasniem A. Hussain

JD Candidate, College of Law, HBKU, Qatar

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16:00 PM - 16:45 PM

Closing Remarks and Presentation of Conference Certificates

Moderator: Professor Damilola Olawuyi, SAN

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17:00 PM

End of Conference