

Towards Stockholm+50 Legacy Webinar 4

'Making a Forceful Canon of the Rio Conventions and the Multilateral Environmental Agreements'

Moderator: John E Scanlon AO

12 May 2022 - 16.00-18.00 CET

Introduction to the webinar

Charles Nouhan, Host (3-5 minutes)

Opening Remarks

John Scanlon, AO, moderator (3-5 minutes)

Session 1

Professor Maria Ivanova - Professor of Global Governance, University of Massachusetts Boston

Topic: UNEP and MEAs - past, present and future.

Bio: Dr. Maria Ivanova is an Associate Professor of Global Governance, Director of the Global Governance and Human Security PhD Program, and Director of the Center for Governance and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Her work focuses on the performance of international institutions, implementation of international environmental agreements, and sustainability. She is a scholar of the United Nations Environment Programme and her book, *The Untold Story of the World's Leading Environmental Institution: UNEP at Fifty*, was published by MIT Press in 2021. Her current work examines national performance on fulfilling commitments under global environmental conventions. She served on the delegation of Rwanda to the fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly in Nairobi negotiating the resolution on a global treaty to end plastic pollution. Prof. Ivanova served on the Scientific Advisory Board to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and on the Steering Group for the International Science Council on strategy in the intergovernmental system. Currently, she is a member of the Technical Advisory Group to the Global Commission on Science Missions for Sustainability and an Ambassador for Transparency International.

Amy Fraenkel - Executive Secretary, Convention on Migratory Species

Topic: The benefits of issue specific conventions and how they can align with other strategies.

Bio: Ms. Fraenkel, Executive Secretary of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), has over 30 years of experience in international environmental law and policy. She joined CMS after having led the Division on Mainstreaming, Cooperation and Outreach at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada and serving as the Director of the UNEP Regional Office for North America in Washington, D.C. She has also held senior positions in the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. Government, and in private law practice. Ms. Fraenkel

holds a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School and is a graduate of Grinnell College. In addition to English, she speaks French and Spanish.

Martha Rojas Urrego - Secretary-General, Convention on Wetlands

Topic: Contributions of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands to achieve global environmental commitments.

Bio: Martha Rojas Urrego was appointed as Secretary-General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in August 2016. Before joining the Convention, she was Head of Global Advocacy and Deputy Secretary General a.i. of CARE International, leading local to global policy and operations on poverty eradication, health, food security, humanitarian relief and gender equality. She also worked in the International Union for Conservation of Nature as Head of Global Policy, leading the Union's global policy work on biodiversity, climate change and sustainable development. She served as Executive Director of National Parks of Colombia and represented the Government in several multilateral environmental negotiations.

Special comments - a perspective from a State Party

Carolina Caceres - Chair, CITES Standing Committee (5-7 minutes)

Bio: Carolina is the Director, International Biodiversity at Environment and Climate Change Canada. She also currently serves as the elected Chair of the CITES Standing Committee and has served as the Chair of the CITES Animals Committee. In Canada, she was previously the Manager, CITES and International Biodiversity, Manager, Species Assessment and Special Assistant to the Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission.

Q&A - Session 1 (10 minutes)

Session 2

Daniel Kachelriess - Executive Director, Sea Shepherd Legal

Topic: How marine issues can be embedded in MEA's - CITES, a case study.

Bio: Daniel held several roles at the interface between science, policy and law, including as the first Marine Species Officer for the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) from 2015-2020, where he led technical support to Parties on the implementation of the Convention for marine species. Since 2020 he oversees the international policy portfolio at Sea Shepherd Legal, including continued work to strengthen CITES as a tool to conserve marine species. He has also served as Advisor to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives on oceans, fisheries and legal matters in the UN General Assembly.

Patrick Tiefenbacher - Executive Director, Global Goals Consulting

Topic: Country-level pooled funds as a tool for programmatic coherence and their relevance for MEAs.

Bio: Patrick has focused on development effectiveness and strategic planning at global, regional and country level for the last 20 years. As Global Goals Consulting's Executive Director, he is advising heads of multilateral organizations, civil society leaders, and senior government officials on international development. Patrick led the secretariats of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation and the International Aid Transparency Initiative in his function as UNDP's Principal Adviser on Development Effectiveness. Previously he served as UNEP's first Chief of Quality Assurance and advised the UNEP Executive Director on strategic planning, corporate results and resource management. At UNOPS he co-managed the GEF Small Grants Programme across 66 countries focusing on integrated sustainable development solutions for local communities. Patrick chaired several inter-agency bodies, including the UN Strategic Planning Network and the UNDG Task Team on Capacity Building. Patrick holds a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University and a Magister of Philosophy (Political Science/Chemistry) from Universität Wien. He is a PRINCE2 certified project manager, an ISO 31000-certified enterprise risk manager, and speaks English, German, and French.

Hossein Fadaei - Head, Secretariat of the UN Environment Management Group

Topic: MEAs and the UN system.

Bio: Hossein is a manager at the United Nations as head of the UN Environment Management Group (UN EMG) in Geneva, Switzerland. He has an international relations degree and an intergovernmental environmental governance experience since the Rio Conference on the Environment and Development in 1992. He has coordinated global and regional initiatives on Environment and Security (ENV SEC), Environmental Rights, Nexus approach in SDGs, Green Economy, Biodiversity, Dry lands, E-Waste and Sand and Dust Storms. He has field experiences in Africa, South-East Europe, Central Asia, and the Caspian Sea region.

Q&A- Session 2 (10 minutes)

Recommendations

John Scanlon (3 minutes)

Closing remarks

Charles Nouhan (3-5 minutes)