

The 12th Sustainability Collaborative Conference & the 2nd Meeting of the Law and Indigenous Sustainability Network at the University of Bristol

Theme: Diversity and Inclusion for Sustainable Societies

Date and Host: 5 and 6 November 2026, University of Bristol, United Kingdom

DESCRIPTION

Centre for Environmental Law and Sustainability (CELS) and the Bristol Socio-Legal Centre (BSLC) at the University of Bristol Law School, Holistic Sustainable Development Network (HSDN) International and PROYASHEE are excited to host this 12th Sustainability Collaborative Conference. The conference is organized into welcome remarks, panels and the 2nd Meeting of the Law and Indigenous Sustainability Network

Most presentations fall within the panels. For each panel, speakers will have 10 minutes each so we can dedicate 20 minutes to questions at the end of the panel. The time zone below is British Summer Time UK (GMT+1).

DAY 1, 5 NOVEMBER 2026

9am-9.15am, Welcome Remarks

- Temitope Tunbi Onifade, 9am-9.05am, CELS, University of Bristol, and HSDN International
- Alice Venn, 9.05am-9.10am, CELS, University of Bristol and
- David Mckeown, 9.10am-9.15am, BSLC, University of Bristol

Comfort break, 9.15am-9.20am

Panel 1, 9.20am-10.20am, Colonial Legacies and Community Sustainability across Fields and Scales

Chair: Lara MacLachlan, University of Bristol, UK

1. David Mckeown, University of Bristol, UK, "Colonial Resistance and the Limitations of Environmental Law"
2. Ke Tang, University of Birmingham, UK, "Who Controls the Evidence? Challenges for IPLCs in Verifying Compliance with Benefit-Sharing Obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity"
3. Shriram Bhargaw, Independent Human Rights Lawyer & Legal Researcher, "Climate-Induced Migration and Inclusive Sustainability: Reimagining Human Rights Protection for Displaced Communities"
4. Modinat Morenikeji Alayo, International Initiative for Peace, Nigeria, "Co-Designing Inclusion: A Methodology for Turning Diversity into Collective Resilience"

Comfort break, 10.20am-10.25am

Panel 2, 10.25am-11. 25am, Indigenous Peoples, Regulation and Sustainability in the Amazonia

Chair: Xuan Shao, University of Bristol, UK

1. Luiz Felipe de Farias Leite Borges, Glaucia Maria de Araújo Ribeiro, Bianor Saraiva Nogueira Júnior, Anne Vitória Santiago Morais do Nascimento, Jeibson dos Santos Justiniano, State University of

Amazonas, “The Right to Be Heard: Indigenous Participation and Environmental Democracy in the Brazilian Amazon”

2. Anne Vitória Santiago Morais do Nascimento, Glaucia Maria de Araújo Ribeiro, Bianor Saraiva Nogueira Júnior, Luiz Felipe de Farias Leite Borges and Jeibson dos Santos Justiniano, State University of Amazonas, Brazil, “Whose Transition? Critical Minerals, Indigenous Peoples and Climate Governance in the Brazilian Amazon”
3. Ludmilla Silva, Northumbria University, “Whose Voice Counts? Local Communities Social Participation in Brazil’s Energy Transition”
4. Cristian Heredia Ligorria, UWE-Bristol, “Translating a Grammar of Life into Rights: The Kukama People and the Rights of the Marañón River”

Comfort break, 11.25am-11.30am

Panel 3, 11.30am-12.30pm, Indigenous Peoples, Hybridity, and Sustainability in Africa

Chair: Margherita Pierracini, University of Bristol, UK

1. Olalekan A. Bello, University of Leicester, United Kingdom, “Beyond Consultation: From the ‘Inclusion’ of Indigenous Peoples to the Redistribution of Decision-Making Power in Africa’s Green Transition”
2. Enow Godwill Baiye, University of Bertoua, Cameroon “Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Sustainable Forest Resource Management under Cameroonian Law”
3. Oluwasegun Ogunsakin, Augustine University, Nigeria, “Beyond Formal Institutions: Indigenous Governance, Social Inclusion and Sustainable Societies in Nigeria”
4. Emmanuel Egbor, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, “From Custodianship to Compliance: Reclaiming Customary Law as the Missing Link in Niger Delta Climate Justice”

Lunch, 12.30pm-1pm

Opening Keynote, 1pm-2pm, Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger FRSC FRSA WIJA, PhD, Dphil, MEM, LLB & BCL, BA Hons, and Wayne Garnons-Williams, BA, LLB, MPA, LLM, BA, LLB, MPA, LLM

Chair: Temitope Tunbi Onifade, University of Bristol, UK

Professor Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger WIJA holds the Chair in Sustainable Development Law and Policy in the University of Cambridge, Lucy Cavendish College, where she is also a fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. She also serves as Senior Director of the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), as President of the global Sustainable Development Governance and Law Association (SDGLA) and as Vice-President of the International Law Association (ILA) of Canada, where she chairs the ILA’s experts committee on international law and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As author, with Prof Garnons-Williams, of 'Indigenous Peoples Inspiring Sustainable Development' with Cambridge University Press in 2026, and having published over 29 further books and more than 180 papers, she is an authority in her field. She serves as Executive Secretary for the UNFCCC Climate Law and Governance Initiative, and as Senior Legal Advisor to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Presidency her expertise supported drafting of the Paris Agreement and its rulebook. She also chairs the

Convention on Biological Diversity COP17 Biodiversity Law and Governance Initiative, and serves as Vice-Chair of the UNESCO Voices of Future Generations Children's Rights Initiative. She holds PhDs from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, also masters and law degrees from Yale and McGill, and an honorary doctorate from Pazmany, and she is laureate of the Weeramantry International Justice Award (WIJA), the 2026 Global Sustainability Leadership Award and other prizes, including a Fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada, one of the country's highest scholarly honours.

- *Prof. Wayne Garnons-Williams* is the founding President of the International Inter-tribal Trade and Investment Organization, Senior Lawyer, and Principal Director of the law firm Garwill Law Professional Corporation, and leads an international business entitled Indigenous Sovereign Trade Consultancy Ltd. specializing in Tribal Trade and Sustainable Economic Development. He is the past Chair of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Appeal Tribunal and is currently on the board of directors of the International Law Association – Canada chapter, Council of the Great Lakes Region, Capacity Canada and Board Chair of the 60's Scoop Healing Foundation. He is also a Research Fellow specializing in International Comparative Indigenous law at the University of Oklahoma, College of Law. He was appointed by Order in Council as a member to the NAFTA Chapter 19 Trade Remedies roster and then appointed in 2020 as a CUSMA Advisory Committee Member on Private Commercial Disputes, Article 31.22. He has recently written four chapters and is co-editor for a textbook published by Cambridge University Press on International Indigenous Trade & Environmental law and is teaching a course based on his textbook as part of the Indigenous Entrepreneurship program at United College, University of Waterloo. He is the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business 2019 Award winner for Excellence in Aboriginal Relations, the 2020 Queen's University alumni award winner as well as the recipient of the 2020 Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) - International Legal Specialist in Peace, Justice and Governance Award. He is Plains Cree from Treaty 6, Moosomin First Nation.

Panel 4, 2pm-3pm, Indigenous Peoples, Hybridity, and Sustainability in South Asia

Chair: Jannatul Islam, Toronto Metropolitan University and HSDN International, Canada, and PROYASHEE, Bangladesh and UK

1. Ravneet Sandhu, University of Delhi and Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies-Technical Campus, New Delhi, India, "Behind the Pledge: Community Knowledge, Standing and the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960"
2. Ishika Garg, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, "Bridging the Governance Gap: Centering Indigenous and Marginalized Communities in AI Driven Sustainability Frameworks"
3. Baidya Nath Mukherjee, XIM University, India, "From Inclusion to Environmental Justice: Strengthening Legal Participation of Tribal and Indigenous Communities in India's Sustainable Development Framework"
4. Samadhi Premasiri, NSBM Green University, "A Critical Evaluation of Meaningful Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making on Development Projects in Sri Lanka"

Comfort break, 3pm-3.05pm

Panel 5, 3.05pm-4.05pm, Hybridity and Community Sustainability across Eurasia

Chair: Wannette Van Eg Dom, Open University, UK

1. Wannette Van Eg Dom – Tuinstra, Open University, United Kingdom, “Indigenous Peoples of Europe; Earth Jurisprudence as a Route to Sustainability and Justice”
2. Gayane Atoyan, Eurasia International University, Armenia, “Beyond Formal Consultation: Public Participation and Environmental Justice in Armenia's Sustainability Transition”
3. Felix Aglen Ndaru, Ministry of Forestry Republic Indonesia & Jaga Alam Raya Indonesia (JARI), Indonesia, “Forest for Energy Security: How to Ensure Legal Certainty and Environmental Sustainability?”
4. Piyal Sahoo, Tamil Nadu National Law University, India, “The Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Sustainable Livelihood in the Sundarban Fishing Communities”

Panel 6, 4.05pm-5.05pm, Innovation, Sustainability and Inclusion

Chair: Christian Delev, University of Bristol, UK

1. Mohamed Sobhy, Egyptian State Council and Zagazig University, Egypt, “Inclusive Algorithmic Governance for Sustainable Social Protection: The Case of Egypt’s Takaful and Karama Programme”
2. Ishika Garg, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, India, “Bridging the Governance Gap: Centering Indigenous and Marginalized Communities in AI Driven Sustainability Frameworks”
3. Naheed Mustafa, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, India, “Reimagining the Family Institution for Sustainable Societies: Inclusive Family Policies, Gender Equality and Intergenerational Responsibility in the Age of AI”
4. Osatohanmwon Aigbekaenosa Obano, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom, “Green Cakes: Environmental Law and Inclusion in Climate Smart Cake”

Closing Remarks, 5.10-5.30pm

- Jannatul Islam, Toronto Metropolitan University and HSDN International, Canada, and PROYASHEE, Bangladesh and UK, 5.10-5.20pm
- Temitope Tunbi Onifade, University of Bristol, 5.20-5.30pm.

DAY 2, 6 NOVEMBER 2026

Panel 7, 9.20am-10.20am, Sustainability in Labour and Public Service

Chair: Tonia Novitz, University of Bristol, UK

1. Anoop Kumar, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), India, “Gender Inclusion at Workplace in BRICS Region: Role of ILO”
2. Nancy Nzom, Mohammed Sadiq Ali, and Aderinsola Adetola Fagbure, Zinago Institute for Policy & Socio-Legal Research, Nigeria, “Governing Algorithmic Management for Diversity and Inclusion: Advancing Workplace Equality and Sustainable Work in the Global South”
3. Omololu Fagbadebo and Oluwole Kazeem Sanni, Durban University of Technology, South Africa, “Diversity, Inclusion and Sustainable Public Service Delivery: A Comparative Study of Nigeria and the United Kingdom”
4. Alexander Ayeson Epu and Danjuma G. Shigaba, “Inclusive Policing Law and Sustainable Societies: Rethinking Diversity in Law Enforcement,” Nasarawa State University

Panel 8, 10.25am-11. 25am, Business Governance and Sustainability

Chair: Michał Chodorowski, University of Bristol, UK

1. Sydney Xiong, McGill University, Canada, “Beyond Transparency: Competing Interpretations of Corporate Climate Disclosure in Canada”
2. Bolanle Titilayo Adejugbe, Koladaisi University, Nigeria, ‘From Shareholder Primacy to Shareholder Stewardship: Institutional Shareholders, ESG and Sustainable Corporate Governance
3. Kevin Shalo P, Independent Scholar, “Free from All Encumbrances: Forest Rights and the Inclusion Gap in India's Green Credit Programme”
4. Sanya Kumar, Hidayatullah National Law University, “Cite Prada: Attribution, Origin, and Indigenous Craft Knowledge in Global Fashion”

Comfort break, 11.25am-11.30am

Panel 9, 11.30am-12.30pm, State-based Intersectional Discrimination and Sustainability

Chair: Sahar Shah, University of Bristol, UK

1. Alice Venn, University of Bristol, UK, “Disability-Focused Critique of Equalities Frameworks in the Climate Context”
2. Meagan Malcolm and Ian Calliou, Lakehead University, University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba, “Remembering Obligation: Ode'naakonige and nêhiyaw wiyasowêwina as Relational Law for Sustainable Societies”
3. Aakanksha Kashyap, Panjab University, “Challenging the Margins: Women’s Participation in Community Based Forest-Fire Governance in The Indian Himalayas”
4. Katiyani Juneja, Legal Vertical, CoE on AI for Human Security, CHSS, India, “Navigating the Complexities of Gendered Identities in India and the United Kingdom: A Review of Sustainable Development Goals”

Lunch, 12.30pm-1.30pm

Closing Keynote, 1.30-2.30pm, Omar Broderick, MBA, Director of Anti-Racism Initiatives, Anti-Racism Office, Executive Council Office, Government of Prince Edward Island

Chair, Alice Venn, University of Bristol, UK

Our closing keynote speaker, Mr. Omar Broderick, is an executive leader, media artist, and community advocate based in Prince Edward Island. He currently serves as the Director of Anti-Racism Initiatives for the Government of Prince Edward Island, Canada. Blending public service with creativity, he is also a professional photographer and holds an Executive MBA from the University of Prince Edward Island.

Comfort break, 2.30pm-2.40pm

Closing Remarks and Announcements, 2.40pm-2.50pm

MEETING OF THE LAW AND INDIGENOUS SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK, 3PM-5.30PM