



Webinar Series on *International Biodiversity Law Post-2020*

This webinar series is part of the **University of Eastern Finland –United Nations Environment Programme 17th Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements: The Post-2020 Biodiversity Agenda.**

The University of Eastern Finland (UEF) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are jointly organising a cutting-edge course on international environmental law-making and diplomacy. The course is organised in collaboration with the Government of Finland. The course seeks to transfer experience in the field of international environmental law to current and future negotiators of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs). This year will mark the seventeenth edition of the course. For the first time, the course will take place virtually to ensure equal participation opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the Course, UEF and UNEP are hosting a webinar series on the theme ***International Biodiversity Law Post-2020***. The webinar series consists of lectures by experienced diplomats, international civil servants and members of academia. The theme is timely and important as the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) are expected to decide on a new 10-year framework for the conservation of biodiversity to replace the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Negotiations are also ongoing under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on a legally binding instrument on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. While important advances have been made in the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements over the years, the current system has not been sufficient to effectively respond to the biodiversity crisis we are facing. As negotiators come together to decide on a new 10-year framework, it will be a crucial time to reverse these alarming trends and avert further loss of biodiversity. The webinar series will provide an overview of the key challenges and responses.

More information about the course can be found on the website: <https://sites.uef.fi/cceel/uef-unesp/>. Questions can be directed to mea-course@uef.fi.

Webinar Programme

<p>9 September 2021 14:00 CEST/ 12:00 UTC</p>	<p>The Post-2020 Biodiversity Agenda <i>Elizabeth Mrema</i>, Executive Secretary, CBD; and <i>Basile Van Havre</i>, Co-Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Register</p>
<p>14 September 2021 14:00 CEST/ 12:00 UTC</p>	<p>Is International Biodiversity Law Fit for Purpose? <i>Jona Razzaque</i>, Professor of Environmental Law, University of the West of England Bristol Register</p>
<p>21 September 2021 14:00 CEST/ 12:00 UTC</p>	<p>Synergies between International Biodiversity Law and International Human Rights Law <i>Elisa Morgera</i>, Professor of Global Environmental Law, University of Strathclyde Register</p>
<p>28 September 2021 14:00 CEST/ 12:00 UTC</p>	<p>Regulation of Emerging Technologies under the CBD <i>Balakrishna Pisupati</i>, Head of Biodiversity, Land and Governance Programme, UNEP Register</p>
<p>5 October 2021 14:00 CEST/ 12:00 UTC</p>	<p>Lessons Learned from Global Commitment Platforms and Their Relevance for the Action Agenda for Nature and People <i>Niko Urho</i>, Senior Research Fellow, University of Massachusetts Register</p>
<p>26 October 2021 08:00 CEST/ 06:00 UTC</p>	<p>Towards an Agreement on Marine Biodiversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction <i>Joanna Mossop</i>, Associate Professor in Law, Victoria University of Wellington Register</p>
<p>2 November 2021 14:00 CET/ 13:00 UTC</p>	<p>The Prospects of International Wildlife Law <i>Arie Trouwborst</i>, Associate Professor of Environmental Law, Tilburg University Register</p>
<p>9 November 2021 14:00 CET/ 13:00 UTC</p>	<p>The Global Seed Commons and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework <i>Christine Frison</i>, Postdoctoral Fellow, Université catholique de Louvain Register</p>
<p>16 November 2021 14:00 CET/ 13:00 UTC</p>	<p>The Rise of Ecological Restoration Law <i>An Cliquet</i>, Professor of International Environmental and Biodiversity Law, Ghent University Register</p>
<p>23 November 2021 14:00 CET/ 13:00 UTC</p>	<p>Synergies between Tackling Biodiversity Loss and Chemical Pollution <i>Jerry Harrison</i>, Principal Technical Specialist, Conventions and Policy Support, UNEP-WCMC Register</p>