



## ANNUAL ELA CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 13-14 October 2023

**Friday 13 October 2023**

**Nelson Mandela University Conference Venue**

**08:00-09:00 Annual conference registration**

**09:00 10:00 Session 1: Welcome and Keynote address**

09:00-09:15 *Welcome*

Dr Lynn Biggs (Executive Dean: Faculty of Law, NMU), Peter Kantor (Chair: Environmental Law Association of South Africa (ELA)), Tanya Wagenaar (NMU and ELA Eastern Cape Representative)

09:15-09:45 *Keynote address*

Judge Avinash Govindjee, Eastern Cape High Court

09:45-10:00 Discussion

**10:00-10:30 Refreshments**

**10:30-12:00 Session 2: Urban law, water and environmental health**

**Chair:** Dr Jenny Hall (UJ)

10:30-10:50 *Environmental law architecture and what it means for the emerging field of "urban law"*

Anél du Plessis, Stellenbosch University

10:50-11:10 *Water Law training in South Africa: Challenges, needs and opportunities*

Tracy-Lynn Field, University of the Witwatersrand

11:10-11:30 *Making room for climate change response measures in the environmental health services package*

Lourens Erasmus, SARChI CLES, North-West University

11:30-12:00 Discussion

**12:00-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30-15:00 Session 3: Climate change, mining and ocean governance**

**Chair:** Cebile Ntombela (DFFE)

13:30-13:50 *United Nations Human Rights Committee and the Torres Strait Islanders Petition*

Catherine Warburton, Warburtons Attorneys, Inc.

13:50-14:10 *Protect the Wildcoast and mining rights*

Patrick Forbes, Garlicke & Bousfield, Inc.

14:10-14:30 *A Principled Approach for BBNJ*

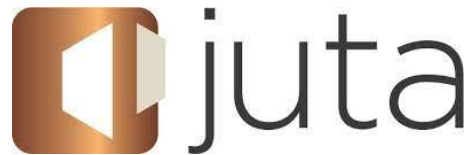
Tanya Wagenaar, Nelson Mandela University

14:30-15:00 Discussion

15:00-15:15 **Comfort break**

15:15-16:15 **AGM Environmental Law Association**

18:30 **Environmental Law Association Dinner @ [Tapas Bar and Restaurant](#)**



## **SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2023**

### **08:30—09:20 Session 4: Instruments for change**

**Chair:** Ms Cynthia Nong Mmanare (DEDEA)

08:30-08:50 *Water-Energy-Food Communities in South Africa: Exploring Multi-Actor Governance Instruments to curb the challenges of climate change*  
Germarié Viljoen (NWU), Romain Mauger (CIIAE, Spain), Alois Mugadza (Groningen University), John Rantlo (University of Pretoria) and Willemien du Plessis (NWU)

08:50-09:10 *The drafting of subordinate environmental legislation*  
Amanda van Reenen, DFFE (pre-recorded)

09:10-09:20 Discussion

### **09:20-10:30 Session 5: Climate change**

**Chair:** Patrick Forbes (Garlicke & Bousfield)

09:20-09:40 *Beyond Thabametsi: Sustainable development and environmental authorisations in the context of climate change*  
Michael Kidd, UKZN (online)

09:40-10:00 *Carbon border adjustment mechanisms: a consideration as to whether these are common but not so differentiated climate responses*  
Jenny Hall, University of Johannesburg

10:00-10:20 *Transformative constitutionalism, climate justice and the role of the judiciary: A South African perspective*  
Angela van der Berg, University of the Western Cape (online)

10:20-10:40 Discussion

**10:40-11:00 Tea**

- 11:00-12:10** **Session 6: Criminal and corporate liability**  
**Chair:** Dr Clive Vinti (UFS)
- 11:00-11:20 *Corporates and environmental prosecution*  
Cornelia van Graan, University of Venda
- 11:20-11:40 *Corporate Accountability in the Egg Industry*  
Michaela Tafani (Attorney and Programme Lead: Corporate Accountability for Animal Law Reform South Africa) (pre-recorded)
- 11:40-12:00 *Environmental Crimes against Humanity*  
Derrick Cho, Post-doctoral fellow, NWU (online)
- 12:00-12:20 Discussion
- 12:20-13:20** **Session 7: Panel: Discussion of Recent Case Law / Developments**  
**Peter Kantor (Chair: ELA); Melanie Murcott (UCT and Vice-Chair ELA)**  
**and John Rantlo (University of Pretoria)**
- 13:20** **Closure:** Tanya Wagenaar and Peter Kantor

