



ANNUAL ELA STUDENT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Nelson Mandela University Conference Centre / Hybrid

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THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2023

09:00-09:15 Opening and Welcome

Ms Tanya Wagenaar (NMU)

09:15-10:15 Session 1: Human rights

Chair: Dr Clive Vinti (UFS)

09:15-09:30 *The human rights implications of climate change*
Lupwana Kandala, University of Venda

09:30-09:45 *The role of councillors to realise section 24 of the Constitution: councillors' perspectives*

Nonhlanhla Ngcobo, LLD candidate, SARChI CLES, North-West University

09:45-10:00 *The Prospects of Human Rights Due Diligence as a Form of Climate Action in Africa*

Richard Ncube, PhD candidate, University of Cape Town

10:00-10:15 Discussion

10:15-10:30 Comfort break

10:30-11:10 Session 2: Energy, climate finance and farming

Chair: Prof Anél du Plessis (US)

10:30-10:45 *The right to a healthy environment in a just transition to clean energy production in South Africa*

Lindlyn Moma: LLD Candidate: University of Pretoria

10:45-11:00 *South Africa's regulatory regime and investments in water security and climate action*

Meeschka Diedericks, LLD candidate, SARChI CLES, NWU

11:00-11:10 Discussion

11:10-11:15 Virtual break



11:15- 11:55 Session 3: Food and Farming

Chair: Ms Charity Hleleni (Sillito Environmental Consulting (Pty) Ltd)

11:15-11:30 *A Legal Appraisal of the Nexus between Food Waste and Climate Change*
Ledile Sekwakwa, LLM candidate, SARChI CLES, NWU

11:30-11:45 *Commercial Ostrich Farming: A Critical Analysis of South Africa's Flightless Animal Welfare Legislation*

Celine Doak, LLM candidate and Graduate Lecturing Assistant, Faculty of Law, Global Environmental Law Centre, University of the Western Cape

11:45-11:55 Discussion

11:55-12:15 Session 6a: Employment opportunities within Environmental Law: Compliance and Enforcement

Dr Div de Villiers (emeritus Director of the Compliance and Enforcement unit of the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism)

12:15-13:15 Session 4: Urban law and climate change

Chair: Mr Krisdan Bezuidenhout (NWU)

12:15-12:30 *By-laws as a frontier to enhancing urban climate resilience in South African cities*

Maricéle Botes, LLD candidate, SARChI CLES, North-West University

12:30-12:45 *The impact of climate change on urban drought risk management: Commentary on the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's laws and policies*

Henrike Saunders, LLM candidate, SARChI CLES, NWU

12:45-13:00 *Local governance instruments and environmental law compliance: the case of Knysna Municipality*

Viandrie Robertson, LLM candidate, SARChI CLES, NWU

13:00-13:15 Discussion

13:15-13:45 Lunch

13:45-14:25 Session 5: Spatial planning, WEF nexus

Chair: Dr John Rantlo (UP)

13:45-14:00 *The Chaotic Peri-urbanisation Around Gaborone, Botswana; Can Tenure Security and Spatial Planning Law come to the Rescue?*

Cassius Letlhang, LLM candidate, SARChI CLES, NWU

14:00-14:15 *The African rural woman's right to water within the water-energy-food nexus: in pursuance of social justice*

Bronwen Qumbu, LLD candidate, NWU

14:15-14:25 Discussion

14:25-14:30 Virtual break



14:30 -15:45 Session 6: Marine areas, mining and green finance

Chair: Lindlyn Moma (UP)

14:30-14:45 *Regulatory Framework for Offshore Marine Outfalls in South African Coastal Cities*

Krisdan Bezuidenhout, LLD candidate, SARChI CLES, NWU

14:45-15:00 *Comprehensive Marine Environmental Protection Laws: A Prerequisite for South Africa to Sponsor Mineral Mining Activities in the Area under the UNCLOS Regime?*

Adelaide Karomo, LLD candidate Nelson Mandela University

15:00-15:15 *Protecting the environment has never been more expensive: is the invalidation of Shell's licenses an expropriation under International Investment Law?*

Samantha Smit, LLB candidate, University of Johannesburg

15:15-15:30 *The Just Transition: A Step Towards Greener Energy*

Ayanda Dube, LLM Candidate, University of Cape Town

15:30-15:45 Discussion

15:45-16:00 Comfort break

16:00-17:00 Session 6b: Employment opportunities within Environmental Law (activism)

Isabella Potenza (Wits)

17:00 Closure and announcement of winners

Nicola Irving (previous winner)

