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REPRESENTATION AND DEFENSE OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF OMBUDSMEN AND MEDIATORS OF LA FRANCOPHONIE (AOMF)

At the invitation of the office of the high commissioner for human rights protection, member of the board of directors of the association of ombudsmen and mediators of la francophonie (aomf), **Anne EASTWOOD** hosted a historic international meeting on July 12th and 13th. The monaco meeting, which was opened by h.s.h. prince albert II, was devoted to exploring the role that public and independent rights protection institutions could play in defending the rights of future generations, in light of the increasingly urgent need to make their voices heard in the face of accelerating social and environmental crises throughout the world that threaten to jeopardize their future irreversibly. Thus, representatives of more than thirty public and independent institutions met during these two days.

pPrince albert II underlined the interest of the reflections undertaken for future generations at the opening of the monaco meeting. He quoted **Émilie GAILLARD**, the general coordinator of the normandy chair of excellence for peace, and cited [her article published in the french newspaper Les Échos](#), who, as an invited expert, opened the discussions with her presentation entitled "democracy and transgenerational equity: what representation for future generations?".



In line with the aomf's priorities related to the protection of children and youth and the sovereign prince's commitment to the preservation of ecosystems and biodiversity, this theme, which was discussed during the first day, also echoes the abundant international news of the last few months, marked by unprecedented judicial decisions in germany, belgium and france in particular, under the impetus of citizens' groups whose aim is to compel states to accelerate the implementation of measures intended to fight global warming.

The second day was devoted to exchanges on the issues related to the protection of fundamental rights in times of pandemic and anne eastwood, the high commissioner for the protection of human rights, put to the vote the monaco declaration at the end of the meeting. the declaration was unanimously adopted in order to take stock of the reflections undertaken and to propose possible solutions aimed at better taking into account and protecting future generations.



TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

WEAVING TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND THE TERRITORIAL RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN COLOMBIA

The research line on transitional justice of the Normandy Chair for Peace, composed of **Laetitia BRANCONNIER**, **Émilie GAILLARD**, **Luis Miguel GUTIERREZ** and **Victor TAFUR**, has carried out the transmission of two webinars with the analysis of point 1 of the Final Peace Agreement, signed in 2016 between the Colombian state and the FARC-EP guerrilla, now demobilized. This theme was discussed from the perspective of ancestral knowledge, in the area of the rights of nature and the rights of future generations. Through these two webinars, we have highlighted the interweaving of different normativities in order to approach transitional justice in an intercultural sense and to give voice to ethnic movements, including indigenous communities that continue to resist in various ways. The meeting was an intercultural exercise with dialogues between representatives of the National Commission of Indigenous Territories and Mestizo, Colombian and French researchers.

• **Panel 1 : Peace, Environment and the Rights of Nature in the Colombian Post-Peace Agreement** - July 21st at 5.30 pm

In order to reflect on the special relationship between the rights of nature and the rights of indigenous peoples, the panel highlighted the latter's own knowledge of peace, which originates in their relationship with their territories. In this sense, in order to be sustainable and durable, peacebuilding must include deep and plural concepts that include the vision of land and territory defended by indigenous peoples.

a result, the pacification of many areas depends more than anything else on peasant and ethnic representatives and leaders engaged in illicit crop substitution programs and territory-based development programs (PDET). Despite the importance of their work at the local level, these leaders are systematically threatened due to the restructuring of the armed conflict in some territories.

Laetitia BRANCONNIER, Member of the Research Line for Transitional Justice, has written an online article on the subject entitled "Meeting - Challenges for a 'territorial peace' and indigenous resistance in Colombia".



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WEBINAR MOTION 003

TOWARDS THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS AT IUCN

The Normandy Chair for Peace, Our Drowning Voices, as well as the IUCN French Committee invite you to the Motion 003 webinar. The purpose of this webinar, with simultaneous French-English translation, was to build a coalition of support for Motion 003 at the IUCN Assembly. Support for a Commission on the Climate Crisis is global, with IUCN members from submerged nations, indigenous peoples and communities victims of fires leading the campaign for the creation of such a Commission. The aim is to create an IUCN Commission dedicated to the Climate Crisis in order to protect the Earth from a temperature increase of over 1.5 degrees.

TOGETHER LET'S URGE THE IUCN TO TAKE CLIMATE ACTION!

For more information, please visit:

<https://normandychairforpeace.org/2021/08/19/motion-003/>

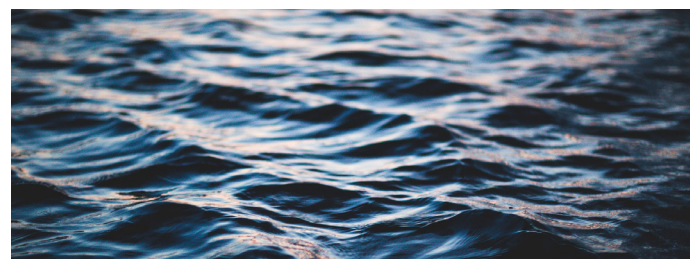


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Panel 2 : Challenges to the construction of territorial peace and indigenous resistance in Colombia - August 11th, 2021

Through the exercise of autonomy and of their rights to recover their lands after forced displacement, and their struggle for the materialization of their collective rights against extractive industries harmful to communities and nature, indigenous communities have faced violent responses from legal and illegal armed groups.

More than five years after the signing of the peace agreement, comprehensive rural reform has not been implemented. As



THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

ICJ Webinar Series - Towards a judicial advisory opinion on the legal responsibility to ensure a stable climate for future generations

The Normandy Chair for Peace is cooperating with World Youth for Climate Justice (WYCJ) on an initiative to obtain an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the issue of climate protection/stabilization and the rights of future generations.

In a series of four global webinars organized in the second half of 2021, we explored the role of climate litigation, including at the ICJ, what legal question(s) should be asked to the Court, what law is available to support the question(s), how to get the case to the Court and ensure that it is not dismissed, what the possible outcomes of the court case are, and what legal and political impacts the outcome could have on climate policy.

• Webinar 1: *Introduction to the ICJ Initiative*

This event, held on June 28th and 30th, discussed the importance of climate litigation, introduced the campaign for an ICJ advisory opinion, and assessed the lessons learned from other advisory opinions, particularly the landmark 1996 ICJ opinion on nuclear weapons.

> Speakers of session 1:

- Prof **Émilie GAILLARD** (France) : General Coordinator, Normandy Chair for Peace on Law and Future Generations.
- **Aoife FLEMING** (Netherlands) : UN Youth Delegate on Sustainable Development, National Youth Council of the Netherlands.
- **Jule SCHNAKENBERG** (Germany) : Coordinator, World Youth for Climate Justice.
- **Rob van RIET** (Netherlands/UK) : Senior Advisor, World Future Council. Former director of WFC's climate and energy and peace and disarmament programs.
- **Alyn WARE** (New Zealand/Czech Republic) : International Representative, Aotearoa Lawyers for Peace. Former Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy (USA). Coordinator of the UN Campaign, World Court Project on Nuclear Weapons and International Law.

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Speakers of session 2:

- **Antonio OPOSA Jr.** (Philippines) : Environmental lawyer. President of the Normandy Chair for Peace. President, Foundation for Nature Law. Laureate, International Environmental Law Award, 2008.
- **Nicole PONCE** (Philippines): Member of the I am Climate Justice team. Research Fellow and Ambassador of the Normandy Chair for Peace.
- **Solomon YEO** (Solomon Islands) : Co-founder of Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change and Global Youth for Climate Justice.
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• Webinar 2 : *What question should be asked to the Court? Which sources of law should be used?*

This event, held on August 24th, focused on the question that should be asked to the ICJ. This question must be one that can be supported by a majority of the UN General Assembly in order to bring the case to the Court. It must be a question that the ICJ could answer positively with a result that would have a significant impact on current political practices. Sources of law to draw upon include international agreements, customary international law, general principles of law, judicial decisions, including those of national courts, and academic writings. This webinar addressed all of these sources.

> Speakers:

- **Manon ROUBY** (France / UK): LLM student, University of Strathclyde. Member of the core team, World Youth for Climate Justice.
- **Émilie GAILLARD** (France): General Coordinator, Normandy Chair for Peace on Law and Future Generations..
- **Maria Fernanda ESPINOSA** (Ecuador): Member of the World Future Council. President of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly (2018-2019). Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Heritage of Ecuador.
- **Monica FERIA-TINTA** (Pérou/UK) : Lawyer, Twenty Essex law firm. Expert in environmental law and international tribunals. Finalist for the British Lawyer of the Year Award 2020
- Professor **Michael B. GERRARD** (E-U) : Founder and Faculty Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School.
- **Daniil UKHORSKIY** (France/UK): Student, Oxford University. Member of World Youth for Climate Justice. Co-editor of "Human Rights in the Face of Climate".

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