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FINAL DRAFT PROGRAMME

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DAY 1
SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2015

BIODIVERSITY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & THE LAW
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM I
 (St John's Divinity School, Cambridge)

8:30–9:00am **Registration**

9:00–9:30AM **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM WELCOME**
Dr Markus Gehring (University of Cambridge / Lead Counsel, CISDL)
 & **Dr Jon Hutton** (Director, UNEP-WCMC)

9:30–10:30AM **OPENING PLENARY: BIODIVERSITY ACCORDS & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
Chair: Dr Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (Senior Director, CISDL)

- **Dr Chris Briggs** (Secretary-General, Ramsar Convention)
- **Dr Bradnee Chambers** (Executive Secretary, CMS)
- **Ms Amy Fraenkel** (Representative of the Executive Secretary & Director, CBD)

10:30–11:00am **Tea/Coffee & Refreshments**

11:00AM–12:30PM **INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIST PANELS**

1) Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) – Legal Innovations & Trends for Sustainable Development

Chair: Dr Bradnee Chambers (Executive Secretary, CMS)

- Ms Genevieve Hayes (BirdLife), *Implementing the Mitigation Hierarchy: Utilizing Multiple Levels of Legislation for Effective Conservation Outcomes*
- Ms Stephanie Forte (CISDL), *Law and Policy Innovations to Implement CMS and CITES across the Caribbean*
- Dr Lia Helena M. L. Demange (University of São Paulo), *Biodiversity Conservation Outside of Protected Areas*
- Dr Anastasia Telesetsky (University of Idaho), *Boosting the UN Straddling and Highly Migratory Stock Agreement: Can CITES and CMS Treaty Frameworks Protect Commercial Species?*

2) Ramsar Convention - Legal Innovations & Trends for Sustainable Development

Chair: Dr Chris Briggs (Secretary-General, Ramsar Convention)

- Professor Royal Gardner (Stetson University, Scientific Technical and Review Panel, Ramsar Convention), *Habitat Mitigation Banking in Policy, Law and Practice (prov title)*
- Professor Patricia Farnese (University of Saskatchewan), *Definitions and Discretion: Barriers to Effective Implementation of Wetlands Protection*
- Ms Carolina Hazin (Birdlife), *Transboundary Protected Areas and Wetlands: Sources of Conflict or Cooperation?*
- Professor Marcel Szabó (Ombudsman for Future Generations, Hungary), *Harmonization of Legal Instruments for Wetlands & Biodiversity Conservation in the EU*
- Dr Maria Lechner Reynal (Fundacion Ecos, Uruguay), *Transparency and Participation in Landscape Planning of Important Wetlands of Latin America (tbc)*

3) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) – Legal Innovations & Trends for Sustainable Development

Chairs: Ms Marceil Yeater (Chief, Legal Affairs and Trade Policy, CITES)

- Dr Steven Broad (Executive Director, TRAFFIC), *Transnational Legal Means to Prevent Species Loss and Promote Sustainable Development*
- Dr Annecoos Wiersema (University of Denver), *Uncertainty, Precaution and Adaptive Management in Wildlife Trade*
- Dr Philip J. K. McGowan (Newcastle University), *Issues and Challenges Limiting the Effectiveness of Wildlife Legislation in West and Central Africa*
- Professor Mohammed Sghir Taleb (Mohammed V University), *Important Plant Areas in Morocco: Importance, Diversity, Threat and Conservation Strategies*
- Dr Terry Sunderland (CIFOR), *Biodiversity is Good: Forests, Food Security and Nutrition*

4) *Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) & its Protocols – Legal Innovations & Trends for Sustainability*

Chair: Ms Amy Fraenkel (Director, CBD)

- Dr. Dimitra Manou (CISDL), Dr. Georgios Kotoulas (Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture (IMBBC) - Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)) and Prof. Ilias Kouskouvelis (University of Macedonia), *Legal and Policy Framework for Access and Benefit Sharing of Marine Genetic Resources: Greece's Experience*
- Professor Simon Marsden (Flinders University), *Asian Precedents for Effective Biodiversity Conservation in the Third Pole*
- Ms Lori Frater (Government of Wales), *Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Wales*
- Professor Sergio Peña, *Equitableness and Justice in Sharing Benefits, Outcomes from the International Law on Sustainable Development in the CBD*

12:30–1:30PM SYMPOSIUM LUNCHEON & BOOK LAUNCH

- **Chair: Dr Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger** (Senior Director, CISDL)
- **Toasts: Professor W.H. Adams** (University of Cambridge) & **Dr Andrew Wardell** (Director, CIFOR)
- Sarah Milne, S Mahanty (eds), *Conservation and Development in Cambodia: Exploring Frontiers of Change in Nature, State and Society* (Routledge & Earthscan, 2014)
- Jorge Vinales (ed), *The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development* (Oxford University Press, 2015)

1:30–2:00PM AFTERNOON KEYNOTES: BIODIVERSITY & SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES GOVERNANCE

Keynote Speaker I: **Dr Andrew Wardell** (Director, CIFOR), *Governing Forests & Sustainable Landscapes: Challenges & Opportunities*

Keynote Speaker II: **Dr Chris Briggs** (Secretary-General, Ramsar), *Accelerating Wise Use of Wetlands and Water for Sustainable Development*

2:00–2:45PM AFTERNOON PLENARY: SYNERGIES FOR IMPLEMENTING BIODIVERSITY TREATIES

Chair: **Professor Catherine Redgwell** (Professor, University of Oxford)

- Dr Kala Mulqueeny (Vice-Counsel, Asian Development Bank), *Promoting Access to Justice for Biodiversity Conservation in Asia and Worldwide*
- Professor Jorge Cabrera Medaglia (University of Costa Rica / Lead Counsel, CISDL), *Legal Instruments for Integrated Implementation of the Aichi Targets*

2:45–4:00PM INTERNATIONAL EXPERT PANELS I

1) *Natural Resources Governance for Sustainable Landscapes*

Chair: **Dr Andrew Wardell** (Director, CIFOR)

- Dr Michelle Lim (University of Dundee), *The Role of International Law in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gaps, the Barriers and the Future*
- Ms Caroline Haywood (ODI), *Legal Pathways for Low-Carbon Investment in Sustainable Landscapes in Africa*
- Dr Hafijul Islam Kahn & Dr Sharaban Tahura Zaman (Centre for Climate Justice - Bangladesh), *Legal Challenges for Co-management of Natural Resource Management in Bangladesh*
- Dr Ekeoba Matthew Isikhuemen (University of Benin), *Conserving Biodiversity in Protected Landscapes: A Case Study of a Private Sector Funded Community-driven Project in Urhoniigbe Forest Reserve, Nigeria*
- Mr Wamba Kamta Galbert (Ministry of Environment, Cameroon), *Framework for Sustainable Utilization of Mount Cameroon Forest*
- Ms Lydia Slobodian (IUCN), *Connectivity, Conservation and Integrated Planning: Beyond Buffer Zones and Corridors*

2) *Conservation, Indigenous and Community Rights & Sustainable Livelihoods*

Chair: **Dr Jon Hutton** (Director, UNEP-WCMC)

- Dr Annalisa Savaresi (University of Edinburgh), Dr Elisa Morgera (University of Edinburgh), Dr Louisa Parks (University of Lincoln) & Elsa Tsioumani (University of Edinburgh), *Benefit-sharing as a means to operationalise equity in managing protected areas and sustainable landscapes, and ensuring community livelihoods*
- Ms Elizabeth Gitari (WildlifeDirect INC), *Innovation in Conservancy Models that Insure Community Livelihoods while Promoting Wildlife Conservation in Kenya*
- Mr Guy-Jules Kouna (CISDL, Cameroon), *The Ownership of Biodiversity Products in Development Projects in Africa: The Case of the Mbalam Iron Ore Project*
- Dr China Williams (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew), *Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use: The Role and Delivery of Non-Monetary Benefits*

3) *Regulating Endangered Species & Biodiversity Value Chains*

Chair: **Dr Marcos Silva** (Chief, CITES Secretariat)

- Professor Alison Rieser (University of Hawaii), *History, Trade and Extinction: The Debate at CITES Over Cuba's Endangered Sea Turtles*
- Dr Ngozi Finette Stewart (University of Benin), *International Trade in Endangered Species as a Protocol to the Convention on Biodiversity 1992: Exploring a Practical Path to Sustainable Development*
- Ms Anastasiya Timoshyna (TRAFFIC), *Towards Sustainable Value Chains in Wild Plants Harvested through FairWild Standard*

- Dr Tarun Kathula (UNDP), *Regulation of Import of Hunting Trophies of Exotic Species into India by Framing a Look-Alike Policy to Conserve Indigenous Wildlife Fauna*

4:00–4:15pm Tea/Coffee & Refreshments

4:15–5:30PM INTERNATIONAL EXPERT PANELS II

1) *Biodiversity Science, Policy & Law Interfaces*

Chair: Dr Bhaskar Vira (University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute)

- Dr Henning Grosse Ruse-Khan (University of Cambridge), *Traditional Knowledge Protection in the Nagoya Protocol: A Step Forward for Indigenous Peoples?*
- Dr Luther Rangreji (South Asian University), *GM Crops in India: Tenuous Interface between Science, Policy and the Law*
- Mr Justice O. Derefaka (Shell) & Dr John A. Matt (Shell), *Integrating Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services into Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Ltd (SNPCo) Deepwater Oil and Gas Project Life Cycle: Considerations and Approaches*
- Dr Yaffa Epstein (Uppsala University), Dr Guillaume Chapron (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences) & Dr José Vicente López-Bao (Oviedo University), *Clarifying Legal Concepts within the Habitats Directive's Favourable Conservation Status*
- Dr Renuka Badhe (European Polar Board), *Results from the Horizon Scanning Exercise for Antarctic Research Priorities (prov title)*

2) *Protected Areas, Public Participation & Access to Justice*

Chair: Dr Kala Mulqueeny (Vice-Counsel, Asian Development Bank)

- Mr Erick Kassongo Kalonji (Kinshasa and Mbandaka Bar; CISDL), *Managing Protected Areas, Sustainable Landscapes and Community Livelihoods*
- Professor Adrian Wood (University of Huddersfield), *Wild Coffee Conservation in Ethiopia: Exploring the Potential of Participatory Forest Management*
- Ms Beatriz de Sousa Fernandes (University of Edinburgh), *Beyond National Obligation: Use of Collaborative Efforts for the Conservation of the Hidden Treasures of the Deep Sea*
- Professor Toshinori Tanaka (University of Tokyo), *Governance for the 'Beyond the Boundary' Model: The Case of Japan's National Parks*

3) *REDD+ & Sustainable Biodiversity Incentives in the Green Economy*

Chair: Mr Alberto Sandoval (Executive Director, CIDEPP Transversal)

- Ms Elina Väänänen & Blaise Bodin (UNEP-WCMC), *Operationalizing REDD+ Safeguards through National and Sub-National Legal Frameworks*
- Ms Jessica di Maria & Mr Yves Van Brussel (University of Vienna), *Taxation: A Powerful Tool to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals*
- Professor David Grinlinton (University of Auckland), *Sustainability and Biodiversity in New Zealand: The Use of Biodiversity Offsetting in Mining and Energy Development*
- Dr Warren Lavey (University of Illinois), *Channeling Trillions of Dollars Annually to Conservation?*

5:30–6:00PM DAY 1 CLOSING KEYNOTE: ADVANCING CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE THROUGH LAW

Keynote Speaker II: Mr John Scanlon (Secretary-General, CITES) *International Dimensions of Combatting Illegal Wildlife Trade*

7:30–10:30PM SYMPOSIUM DINNER: ADVANCING BIODIVERSITY GOVERNANCE
(WESTMINSTER COLLEGE DINING HALL)

- **Master of Ceremonies: Mr Cameron Miles** (Symposium Coordinator, CISDL)
- **Welcoming Remarks: Dr Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger** (Senior Director, CISDL)
- **Launching Event: Professor Jorge Vinueles** (University of Cambridge), *Celebration of the Launch of C-EENRG & Toasts*
- **Keynote Speech: Hon Justice Antonio Benjamin** (National High Court of Brazil - STJ; Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law - WCEL)

DAY 2
SUNDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2015

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM II
(St John's Divinity School, Cambridge)

9:30–10:00am Registration and Coffee

10:00–10:45AM MORNING KEYNOTE: INTER-LINKAGES AND IMPLEMENTATION

Keynote Speaker: Dr Bradnee Chambers (Executive Secretary, CMS), *New Directions for Interlinkages: A rights based approach to advancing Biodiversity law*

10:45AM–12:00PM INTERNATIONAL LAW SPECIALISTS PANELS

1) Transparency, Participation & Rules of Procedure

Chair: Professor Jorge Vinales (Director, C-EENRG / University of Cambridge)

- Mr Freedom-Kai Phillips (CISDL), *Securing Transparency and Participation through Innovations in Treaty Rules of Procedure*
- Mr Frederic Perron-Welch (CISDL), *Promoting Biodiversity Treaty Negotiations & Implementation for Sustainable Development*
- Dr Denis Ruyschaert (CERTOP, University Toulouse Jean Jaurès), *Biodiversity Governance: Enhancing Transparency & Public Participation through New Technologies*

2) Biodiversity Monitoring, Reporting & Dispute Rules

Chair: Professor Jorge Cabrera Medaglia (University of Costa Rica / Lead Counsel, CISDL)

- Mr Alberto Sandoval (CIDEPP Transversal), *Governing Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) for REDD+ Biodiversity Co-Benefits*
- Dr Markus Gehring (University of Cambridge; CISDL), *International Trade and Investment Disputes on Biodiversity*
- Mr Cameron Miles (University of Cambridge; CISDL), *Provisional Measures and the Regulation of the Environment: International Organizations in the Borderlands*

12:00–12:30pm Tea/Coffee and Refreshments

12:30–1:30PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON KEYNOTES: SYSTEMS AND SYNERGIES

Keynote Speaker I: Dr Jon Hutton, Director (UNEP-WCMC), *Linking Rural Development and International Protocols to Regulate Wildlife Trade*

Keynote Speaker II: Dr Elisabeth Mrema (Director, UNEP DELC), *Promoting Synergies among Conventions on Biodiversity for Sustainable Development*

1:30–2:15PM FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY TREATY IMPLEMENTATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT –
CLOSING PLENARY ROUNDTABLE

Co-Chairs: Dr Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (Senior Director, CISDL) & Dr Elisabeth Mrema (Director, UNEP DELC)

2:15–2:30PM SYMPOSIUM CLOSING