

Thursday, 20 October 2022
Vienna, Austria

International Soil Law and Governance Conference

On Thursday, 20 October 2022, the “International Soil Law and Governance Conference” will take place in Vienna, Austria. The conference will be organized by:

- Institute of Law of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)
- Research Center on Climate Change Law (ClimLaw: Graz), Faculty of Law of the University of Graz
- German Environment Agency (UBA)

Cooperation partners:

- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The one-day conference starts at 9:30 am and concludes at 5:30 pm. No participation fee will be charged. The hybrid event welcomes participants on site at the Ilse Wallentin Haus at Peter-Jordan-Straße 82, 1180 Vienna, Austria, while also offering a freely accessible livestream via YouTube.

Please find further information about the planned programme in the outline below. Kindly send an email to soil.conference@boku.ac.at to register your participation, stating whether you will attend the conference in person or online.

On behalf of the organisers

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Programme

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10.00 am Official opening

Eva Schulev-Steindl

Rector, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Christoph Bezemek

Dean and Professor, Faculty of Law, Karl Franzens University Graz

Leonore Gewessler

Minister, Federal Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Energy,
Mobility, Innovation and Technology

10.30 am Soils: future challenges and good governance

Patricia Kameri-Mbote

Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme

Dirk Messner

President, German Environment Agency

Andrea Vettori

Deputy Head, Land Use and Management Unit, Directorate-General
for Environment, European Commission

Florian Krampe

Senior Scientist, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Li Lifeng

Director, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

12.30 pm Lunch break

1.30 pm Best practices and innovative regulatory approaches

Harald Ginzky

Scientist, German Environment Agency

Oliver C. Ruppel

Director, ClimLaw: Graz, Karl Franzens University Graz
Professor, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Pamela Towela Sambo

Professor, Department of Private Law, University of Zambia

Qin Tianbao

Professor, Wuhan University, China

Gernot Stöglehner
Professor, Institute of Spatial Planning, Environmental Planning and Land
Rearrangement, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

3.00 pm Coffee Break

3.30 pm Sustainable soil management and climate

Christine Stumpp
Professor, Institute for Soil Physics and Rural Water Management,
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Herwig Ranner
Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development, European Commission

4.30 pm Soil, international cooperation and food safety

Natalia Rodríguez Eugenio
Scientist, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

Barron Joseph Orr
Lead Scientist, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

5.15 pm Conclusion

5.30 pm Reception



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