

Conference  
Damages to Nature:  
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## Programme

Thursday 2 November 2023

10:00am-4:30pm

This conference is part of one of the axes of the COP28, which is damages. One of the issues at stake is how to represent nature in court and how to compensate it.

As nature does not have a legal personality, it was necessary to find ways of representing it. How can a bird population or a forest be represented in court? Representation by associations whose purpose is the protection of the environment is used; a nature park can be given legal personality.

Is this sufficient? Is it necessary to give legal personality to emanations of Nature?

Therefore, it is necessary to determine the appropriate means for repairing this damage: how to assess it, how to carry out reparation in kind?

Public and private international law are called upon in the framework of this conference to provide an initial response, as the damage is frequently transnational in nature.

Secondly, it is time for the trial, and the issues of legal representation, prevention and

compensation for damages are then discussed.

Finally, the stakeholders should specify in concrete terms how legal professionals approach these issues of damage to nature in the UAE and the existing measures of protection.

Opening by Sorbonne University  
Abu Dhabi Vice-Chancellor

**10:00am**

Keynote By the International  
Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

**10:20am**

### INTERNATIONAL APPROACH TO DAMAGES TO NATURE

Climate change challenges: the  
forthcoming risks

*Prof Nicolas Angelet, Université  
Libre de Bruxelles*

**10:30am**

Damage to Nature and Human  
Rights

*Dr Maïa-Oumeïma Hamrouni,  
Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi*

**11:00 am**

Damages in international treaties,  
legal provisions, and silences

*Dr Derek Elzein, Université Paris  
Cité, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi*

**11:30 am**

Private international law aspects of  
environmental litigation

*Pr. Olivera Boskovic, Université  
Paris Cité.*

**12:00pm**

Lunch Break (buffet)

**12:30pm**

### NATURE IN A TRIAL

Liability for environmental damages  
in international law

**1:30pm**

Who is the Nature in litigation?

Representation and compensation  
*Prof Luc Grynbaum, Université Paris  
Cité, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi*

**2:00pm**

Prevention of damages in climate  
change litigation

**2:30pm**

How to manage damages? An  
economic perspective

*Prof Yannick Perez (Université  
Paris-Saclay, CentraleSupélec)*

**3:00pm**

Coffee Break

**3:30pm**

Challenges of nature protection in  
the UAE

Panel of UAE Stakeholders

**4:00pm**





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