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# RESILIENT FUTURES

Shaping Environment and Climate Justice Across the Commonwealth

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SE25 - Room LTC 1



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This event, organised by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies (ICwS), in partnership with the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and the Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA), will delve into the pressing challenges and potential opportunities presented by existing national, regional, and international legal frameworks for advancing environmental and climate justice across the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth is at a critical juncture, facing existential threats from climate change and environmental degradation.

This side event will encourage an inclusive dialogue that focuses on the interconnection of human, climate and environmental health, while discussing the human violations resulting from the Triple Planetary Crisis (climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss) in many regions.

By tackling these issues, the organisers aim to enhance understanding of how innovative legal strategies can be applied to protect both the environment and the communities that depend on it.

Welcoming remarks, house rules and introduction of panel	Prof Kingsley Abbott
Introduction of the key themes of the event	Maud Sarliève
Overview of the wide-ranging challenges posed by the environmental and climate crisis in Commonwealth countries in general and in the South Pacific in particular	Tevita Cagilaba
Navigating legal and scientific challenges in climate justice at the International Court of Justice	Prof Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh
Exploring the landmark ITLOS ruling and its implications for environmental justice	Judge Kathy-Ann Brown
Exploring ecocide and the role of international criminal justice in addressing environmental crimes	Judge Tuiloma Neroni Slade
Indigenous leadership and legal strategies for environmental protection in the face of climate policy rollbacks	Kaeden Watts

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