

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](mailto: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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