



## International Law Responses to Global Environmental Challenges: A Panel Discussion

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2021, 1:15PM – 2:30PM EST

Co-Sponsored by the Permanent Missions of New Zealand and Sierra Leone to the United Nations

### *Panellists:*

- **Ambassador Rena Lee**, Singapore's Ambassador for Oceans and Law of the Sea Issues, Special Envoy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and President of the BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference
- **Dr Charles Jalloh**, Professor of International Law at Florida International University and member of the International Law Commission
- **Dr Penelope Ridings**, Barrister and International Lawyer, Honorary Professor at the University of Auckland

### *Moderator:*

- **Victoria Hallum**, Chief International Legal Adviser of New Zealand

This panel event will use the opportunity of International Law Week to discuss three different ways in which international law is being used or considered in response to current global environmental challenges:

**Ambassador Rena Lee** will speak about how the current BBNJ negotiations can address the loss of biodiversity and over-use of natural resources in the maritime environment.

**Professor Charles Jalloh** will speak to the topic: "Ecocide: A Name without a Crime or a Crime without a Name?"

**Dr Penelope Ridings** will review the various advantages and disadvantages of seeking an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on climate change, with an emphasis on whether it can assist in driving the ambition of States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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