

Seminar 9: Information, governance and justice for climate resilience

Join us for this special three-part series.

Free registration [here](#).

Resilience to extreme weather and climate events, water crises, and pandemics is enhanced by the use of data and information, ground-truthing, governance, and justice. Covid-19 heightens the threat to democratic principles, challenging society's capacity for disaster risk reduction and coping with climate impacts. Empowering stakeholders, including women and youth, is a key foundation to better cope with climate risks, uncertainty, and equity. Meanwhile, climate lawsuits demand accountability and greater transparency for justice and less risk for floods and droughts.

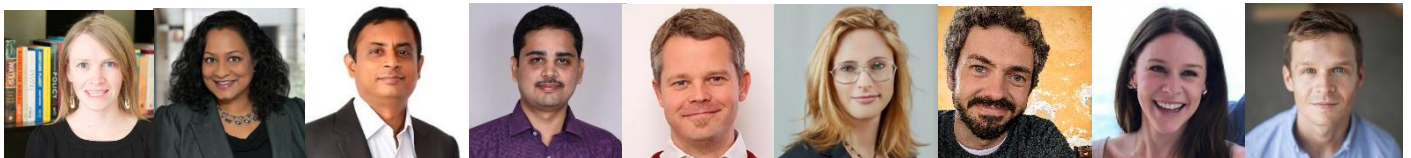
Session 1: Telling the story

Monday, 23 August • 10:00 am CET

This session will highlight, with concrete examples, how climate information, inclusive stakeholder engagement, and participatory decision-making are critically interlinked to build a resilient water future. Following a keynote on climate and water justice we will hear storytellers from India, West Africa, the Okavango Delta, Tanzania, Yemen, and Australia on the use of these tools in addressing floods and droughts. [More information here](#).

Speakers:

- **Ms. Katy Lackey**, Senior Program Manager, US Water Alliance
- **Ms. Radhika Fox**, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, US Environmental Protection Agency (Keynote)
- **Dr. Senaka Basnayake**, Climate Resilience Director, Weather and Climate Theme Lead, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center
- **Mr. Ashwin Hosur Viswanath**, Senior Project Officer, Asian Development Bank
- **Dr. Jafet Andersson**, Senior Researcher, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute
- **Dr. Jenny Grönwall**, Advisor Water Policy & Rights, Stockholm International Water Institute
- **Mr. Peter McArdle**, Department of Peace & Conflict Studies, University of Sydney, Australia
- **Ms. Caroline Solik**, Engagement Manager, Pegasys
- **Dr. Jacob Eaton**, Senior Research Associate, Iris Group International



Session 2: Connecting expertise

Tuesday, 24 August • 15:00 pm CET

A panel of experts from indigenous communities, youth climate activism, climate science, regional disaster management, and the UN system will debate the intersection of these topics. [More information here.](#)

Speakers:

- **Josh Weinberg**, Programme Manager, Water Resources, Stockholm International Water Institute (Welcome)
- **Jan van de Venis**, Human Rights Lawyer, JustLaw; Dutch Ombudsperson, Lab for Future Generations (Moderator)
- **Dr. Hans Guttman**, Executive Director Asian, Disaster Preparedness Center
- **Professor Erik Kjellström**, Professor of Climatology, Swedish Meteorological & Hydrological Institute
- **Joyce Najm Mendez**, Co-founder, Youth for Water Network, Paraguay; Member, World Youth Parliament for Water, Brazil
- **Sameera Savarala**, Climate Change Specialist, United Nations Development Program
- **Janene Yazzie**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder, Sixth World Solutions



Session 3: Making the case

Wednesday, 25 August • 10:00 am

CET Thursday, 26 August • 17:00 pm

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Can climate and water justice be attained through the courtroom? This interactive session will explore lawsuits, with participants sharing experiences and learning about possibilities and hurdles involved in litigations. What can be challenged? What can be claimed? Are lawsuits part of the solution to drive change? [More information here.](#)

Speakers:

- **Professor Jonas Ebbesson**, Director of Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre, Stockholm University
- **Dr. Jenny Grönwall**, Advisor Water Policy & Rights, Stockholm International Water Institute
- **Ms. Katy Lackey**, Senior Program Manager, US Water Alliance
- **Dr. Phil Graham**, International Programme Manager - Water & Climate, Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute

