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MAKING PEACE WITH NATURE

An International Peace Conference

Convened at the
Mohonk Mountain House

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In Cooperation With The

International Council of Environmental Law

And the Global Center for Environmental Law of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

18-21 April at Mohonk

ZOOM links for invited on-line panelists:

<https://zoom.us/j/99945977243?pwd=aXRYU21OSXJONDhuUzVML2NTUmpOQT09>

Passcode: 019444

UNEP Report “*Making Peace with Nature*”

<https://www.unep.org/resources/making-peace-nature>

Preconference Consultations:

15-16-17 April 2022 :

NCP Strategic Analysis, Research and Future Event Planning; NCP September 2022 Course Curriculum Discussions ; NCP informal discussions on collaborative programs between NCP, University of Caen Normandy, Kent State, and the UN-Mandated University for Peace (Costa Rica); invited participants arrive at Mohonk Mountain House as travel permits.

Conference:

Monday, April 18th

9:30 – 12:30 Open Round-table Conference :

Acknowledgement : *Lenapi* and *Lenapehoking*

Greeting & Introducing Each Participant

Antonio Oposa (NCP) and Emilie Gaillard (NCP)

Nicholas A. Robinson - ICEL

Louisa Finn – Mohonk Consultations

Overview of conference – ***Exploring Transformative Action Toward Human Harmony with Nature*** [Participants invited to select topics in each thematic session to open the sharing of insights for this a round-table consultation ; some interventions will join via ZOOM.]

Luncheon Break – Informal discussions among participants

15:00 - 17:00 – Critique of Contemporary Legal and Policy Responses to the *Crises* produced by business as usual practices, set forth in UNEP’s report “*Making Peace With Nature*” (February 2021)

Contrasting the motivational effectiveness of:

- traditional academic education;
- General Principles of International Law (the fate of the Global Pact for the environment, and UNGA Res. 73/333))
- continued legal reforms (such as the multilateral environmental agreements and environmental laws, like EIA or quality controls);
- adjudication in law suits in national and regional and international courts and tribunals ;
- rallying around the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- recognizing universal RIGHTS (such as the Human Right to the Environment);
- invoking ethical/religious norms (such as the Earth Charter);
- finding new legal norms with sanctions (such as *Ecocide*);
- civil disobedience (such as the Extinction Rebellion);
- empowering traditional Indigenous Wisdom through co-stewardship (implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples);
- inspiring via the arts (such as poetry, music, painting and film) ;
- drawing on human instincts through positive psychology (such as a Nobel Prize, Haub Award, or the NCP Good Stories movement);
- what other responses deserve noting (?).

Dinner Break – Informa discussions among participants

Evening Program –*From fragmentation to Holistic Frameworks* – Learning from Indigenous wisdom, Recognizing Lenape self-determination ; Transgenerational Human Rights & « Our » Future Generations ; the « One Health » response to Pandemics ; the *Journey of the Universe* (Guided Discussion)

Tuesday, April 19th

10:00 - 13:00 – The Rights Based Approach – The capacity of rights to up-end « business as usual » Environmental Degradation - Why and how ? In what context ?

- A Transcultural Approach to rights of nature, [people, and future generations
 - Humanitarian Law – From the Martens Clause to ICRC to IUCN’s Amman the Amman Clause (The lessons of wars, including the Ukraine War)
 - The UN Human Right to the Environment (77th Session UN General Assembly)
 - Basic Rights to Water, to air, to food, to cultural heritage
 - Indigenous Rights - Renouncing the “Doctrine of Discovery”
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- Rights of Nature and *Pace Mama* – Restoring “Mother Nature” to find “Harmony with Nature”
- New York’s Constitution’s Bill of Rights, Article 1, Clause 19 : The right to clean air and water and a healthful environment (adopted 2 November 2021)

Luncheon Break – Informal discussions among participants

15:00 – 17:00 – « Making Peace with the Earth » - Launching transformative, practical change (*now, despite heads winds like ignorance, political opposition, lack of funds, and other kindred excuses*)

- Stabilizing human/Nature relations across 70% of the Earth (Peace Parks ; wildlife corridors ; « One Health » & zoonosis; WCPA & subnational actions (Grand Traverse des Alpes and Adirondack/Catskill/Shawangunks examples)
- Planting 4 billion trees and other plants
- Humanizing the urban environment as habitat for all (food, water, shelter)
- Restoring ecosystems (e.g., Manila Bay)
- Relearning insights of Indigenous wisdom – scaling up costewardship across the Earth – Lessons from the South Pacific and elsewhere
- How to navigate the United Nations system and strengthen international cooperation - Biodiversity as the essential pathway to Climate Stabilization (in contrast to the techno-fix and GHG emission and energy policy approaches)

Dinner Break – Informal discussions among participants

Evening Program – **Unleashing a powerful force for Stimulating Earthcare Through The « Good Stories » Movement** : Becoming Good Ancestors for Future Generations – What good stories have emerged from discussions in this Conference’s previous five sessions ? What sources for more Good Stories might be enlisted? How do good stories « go viral ? »
(Guided Discussion)

Wednesday, April 20th

10:00 – 12 :30 – Enlisting an historic moment (3-4 June 2022) : The 50th Anniversary of the UN 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment and 30th Anniversary of the 1992 Rio « Earth Summit » & Rio Declaration & Agenda 21

- Drawing upon Lessons from the UN Sendai Framework for Disaster Preparedness & Response
 - Moving beyond incremental change to transformative change, using the Political Declaration adopted at the Special Session in Nairobi, 3 March 2022, of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEP/EA.SS.1/4 8 March 2022 : « Encourages the meaningful engagement of all relevant stakeholders, including Indigenous peoples and local communities » in UNEP
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- Deploying the NCP & CIDCE « Legal Indicators » & the UN SDG Indicators – Demonstrating how a « business as usual » approach has failed
- What sort of « side-event » should ICEL and NCP convene, with others, at the UNGA 77th Session ? What are the priority topics to share, as an agenda for implementing the Human Right to the Environment and attaining the SDGs ? What is attainable by 2030 ?

Lunch Break – Informal discussions among participants

14:00 – 15:00 – Still Not enough? Brainstorming Beyond the horizon of « business as usual » time-frames

- Finding Optimistic pathways among the four future scenario models of the 2005 Millenium Ecosystem Assessment (<https://www.millenniumassessment.org/en/Scenarios.html>)
- Revenge of the Mad Hatter’s tea party : Have we depleted our reservoirs of time itself ?
- The alternative : « Good Stories » & Replicating Tony Oposa’s Recognitions
- How the Normandy Chair for Peace is pioneering new avenues for transformative change –
- Preview of the NCP’s Earth Day Event, 22 April 2022 (Friday) at One UN Plaza, New York City

Dinner Break – Informal Discussions among participants

Evening Program – A deeper look at multinational cooperation in a world both « at war » and in a « war with nature » : The UN As A Forum for Mediating Ecological Transformation – « The UNEP We Want » civil society expectations (Guided Discussion)

Thursday, April 21st – Depart from Mohonk Mountain House for New York City

- Option for a morning session, if participants desire
- Dinner with Judiciary at United Nations Headquarters (by invitation)

Friday, April 22 - “Earth Day” at the United Nations – Highlights of the NCP Research and Recognition Events for the Good Stories Movement

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