



**2019 Annual Student Conference**

**25 Years of Environmental Law  
under  
a New Constitution**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

Salt Rock Hotel, Salt Rock, KwaZulu-Natal

26 September 2019



**09:00-10:00 REGISTRATION**

**10:00 WELCOME**

Adv Peter Kantor (ELA Chairperson)

Prof Michael Kidd (School of Law, University of KwaZulu Natal; ELA KZN Representative)

**10:15 SESSION 1: Climate change**

Chair: Willemien du Plessis

10:15-10:30 Wendy Muzangaza (North-West University)

*The role of human rights in climate litigation in protecting those most vulnerable to climate change: Global perspectives*

10:30-10:45 Tokyo Ndlela (University of Pretoria)

*The Constitution's response to climate change: The threat of meat consumption*

10:45-11:00 Vaughn Rajah (University of Pretoria)

*Developing a rights-based climate jurisprudence: The South African example*

11:00-11:20 Discussion

**11:20-11:35 TEA**

**11:35 SESSION 2: Social and environmental justice**

Chair: Oliver Fuo

11:35-11:50 Rongedzayi Fambasayi (CLES SARChI Chair, North-West University)

*Children's right and environmental governance in South Africa*

11:50-12:05 Mohale Lebona (University of the Free State)

*"Social upliftment" as an aspect of the principle of sustainable development in South Africa*

12:05-12:20 Nonhlanhla Ngcobo (CLES SARChI Chair, North-West University)

*The South African informal economy: Balancing local economic development and sustainable development*

12:20-13:00 Discussion

**13:00-14:00 LUNCH**

**14:00           SESSION 3: Environmental authorisation, sustainable development and sea level rise**

Chair: Alexander Paterson

14:00-14:15 John Rantlo (North-West University)

*Retrospective environmental authorisation in South Africa*

14:15-14:30 Chante Baatjes (NRF Thuthuka Bursar, Nelson Mandela University)

*Sustainable development for the South African context: Lessons from the UK*

14:30-14:45 Gbandi Ngozi VivienMaria (University of Pretoria)

*Sea level rise, salt water intrusion, and higher water tables in Africa's coastal cities*

14:45-15:05 Discussion

**15:05-16:00   SESSION 4: Masters and Doctoral Studies – How to publish (Michael Kidd and Alexander Paterson)**

*Students may pose questions to the lecturers and practitioners present in the audience pertaining to any challenges they may have in relation to the publication of their research*

**16:00           CLOSURE**