

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

BALANCING RESPONSIBILITY AND SOLIDARITY IN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS

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and Climate Strategies

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Context

Historical responsibility has always been a difficult element within climate negotiations and this could intensify as climate impacts become more severe, developing countries face mounting pressure to take mitigation action, and the UNFCCC work-stream on loss and damage is reviewed in 2016. Although the Paris agreement formalized a flexible approach to differentiation, these underlying tensions remain. The challenge is to find ways of recognizing historical responsibility, while increasing solidarity in the face of climate impacts and facilitating ambitious climate action globally. This challenge is not easy. Tensions about historical responsibility are deeply rooted and can be highly divisive. How might the international community recognize historical responsibility while facilitating forward-oriented and country-driven climate action by all parties? This project explores one possible set of tools developed specifically for managing this kind of conflict – transitional justice processes.

Despite differences in context, transitional justice processes offer a wealth of experience and practical tools for productively managing tensions between historical responsibility and future-oriented desires for deeper mitigation. This workshop is part of a larger Climate Strategies project that aims to a) identify which if any tools and insights that have been developed for transitional justice could be applied to the climate context, b) develop policy-relevant proposals for the application of the tools judged as appropriate and useful.

A first scoping workshop was hosted in September 2015 by The Hague Institute for Global Justice. This workshop included a diverse range of scholars, policy experts and practitioners and laid the theoretical foundations for further developing policy relevant proposals based on the intersection of transitional justice and global climate negotiations. A discussion paper¹ capturing the theoretical underpinnings of this idea was prepared, and will be used to guide a second workshop.

This second one-day workshop aims to develop politically oriented, concrete proposals relevant to the international climate context based on lessons and tools from transitional justice. The outcome of this workshop will be an initial policy proposal that will be presented at a roundtable held parallel to the UNFCCC sessional meetings in Bonn (late May 2016). This second workshop is integral to the development of a politically relevant and theoretically sound proposal that will explicitly engage with the ongoing debates about the relationship between historical responsibility and future-oriented climate policy.

¹ Available here: <http://climatestrategies.org/publication/transitional-justice-in-the-climate-context/>

Programme

Wednesday, 02 March 2016

Venue

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09:00 Registration and Coffee

09:30 First session: Introductory Comments

- Welcome from Climate Strategies
Henry DERWENT, Senior Advisor, Climate Strategies
- Welcome from KAS
Sabina WÖLKNER, Head of the Multinational Development Policy Dialogue, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
- Brief overview of workshop and goals
Sonja KLINSKY, Assistant Professor, Arizona State University

09:45 Second session: The Climate Justice Landscape After Paris

- Overview of the climate justice landscape
Chukwumerije OKEREKE, Associate Professor, University of Reading
- Potential overview of mitigation requirements
Bert METZ, European Climate Foundation
- Role of KAS in the context of climate policy cooperation
Jasper EITZE, Coordinator for Energy, Climate and Environmental Policy, KAS Berlin
- Particular legal issues with relevance to this outcome, including Loss and Damage
Christoph SCHWARTE, Director of Legal Response Initiative, Climate Justice Fund

Moderator: **Annika HEDBERG**, Senior Policy Analyst, Expert on EU's Energy Union, climate and environmental policies, European Policy Centre

Comments from **Jacob WERKSMAN**, Principal Adviser, DG Climate Action, European Commission

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Third session: Transitional Justice in the Climate Context?

- Overview of key tools and lessons from transitional justice experiences
Jasmina BRANKOVIC, Senior Research of Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, South Africa, and Associate Editor of the International Journal of Transitional Justice
Anisa SUCESKA VEKIC, Director of Operations, Post conflict Research Center
- Initial proposition of why transitional justice has something to offer the climate context
Sonja KLINSKY, Assistant Professor, Arizona State University

Moderator: **Andrzej BŁACHOWICZ**, Managing Director, Climate Strategies

Comments from **Dr. Peter LIESE, MEP**, Member of the ENVI Committee, European Parliament

Comments from **Elina BARDRAM**, Head of Unit for International and Inter- Institutional Relations, DG Climate Action, European Commission

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Fourth session: Managing Responsibility

- Discussion of the range of tools used in TJ to manage responsibility
ANJA MIHR, Founder and Program Director of the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Center on Governance through Human Rights
- Tools for enhancing responsibility, solidarity and good governance in climate and energy policy in Latin America
Manuel RUIZ, Programme Director, Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental (SPDA)
- Short overview of the range of concrete policy options this would suggest in the climate context
Henry DERWENT, Senior Advisor, Climate Strategies

Moderator: **Christian EGENHOFER**, Senior Fellow; Head of the Energy and Climate Programme, Centre for European Policy Studies

Comments from **Xolisa NGWADLA**, Competency Area Manager, Department of Environmental Affairs, CSIR

14:45 Discussion

15:15 Coffee Break

15:30 Fifth session: Forms of Support for Change

- Overview of options, challenges and lessons from TJ processes that have sought institutional change and provided support:
Andrew VALLS, Associate Professor, Political Science Programme Coordinator, Oregon State University
- Short overview of the range of concrete policy options this would suggest in the climate context
Sonja KLINSKY, Assistant Professor, Arizona State University

Moderator: **Henry DERWENT**, Senior Advisor, Climate Strategies

Comments from **Sven HARMELING**, Climate Change Advocacy Coordinator, CARE International

Comments from **Robert BYRNE**, Lecturer SPRU (Science Policy Research Unit), STEPS Centre and Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, University of Sussex

16:15 Discussion

16:45 Sixth session: Integration

- In light of where we are after Paris, how might these tools be used in combination? Where are the largest pitfalls? Where are the largest potential benefits?

Facilitator: **Navraj Singh GHALEIGH**, Senior Lecturer in Climate Law, King 's College London

17:30 End of conference