

## WEBINAR

### SDGS BEYOND 2030

14 FEBRUARY 2023  
2 PM – 5 PM (CET)

Bilingual event (French / English)  
With simultaneous interpretation

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This is the fourth of a series of webinars scheduled to take place throughout 2023 to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Law Association (ILA).

This webinar will discuss the White Paper on SDGs beyond 2030. It will be an opportunity to take stock, identify the challenges regarding SDGs and to imagine a new international law system for sustainability.

White Paper available at :  
<https://www.ilaparis2023.org/en/white-paper/sdgs-beyond-2030/>

Chaired by **Pedro Conceição**, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP

Introduced by **Sabrina Robert-Cuendet**, Le Mans University

Speakers

**Roberto Bissio**, Social Watch Coordinator

**Patricia Kameri-Mbote**, Director, Law Division, UN Environment Programme

**Ahtesham R. Khan**, Head Tax for SDGs, UNDP

**Ralf Michaels**, Director, Max Planck Institute, Hamburg

**Belinda Reyers**, Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa

**Emma Ursich**, Group Head of Corporate Identity and The Human Safety Net, Generali

**Julie Vallat**, VP Human Rights, L'Oreal

## Chair



**Pedro Conceição (Portugal)** is Director of the Human Development Report Office, UNDP and lead author of the Human Development Report.

Prior to this, Pedro served as Director, Strategic Policy, at the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (from October 2014), and Chief Economist and Head of the Strategic Advisory Unit at the Regional Bureau for Africa (from 1 December 2009). Before that, he was Director of the Office of Development Studies (ODS) from March 2007 to November 2009, and Deputy Director of ODS, from October 2001 to February 2007. His work on financing for development and on global public goods was published by Oxford University Press in books he co-edited (*The New Public Finance: Responding to Global Challenges*, 2006; *Providing Global Public Goods: Managing Globalization*, 2003).

He has published on inequality, the economics of innovation and technological change, and development in, amongst other journals, the *African Development Review*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Ecological Economics*, *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies*, *Food Policy*, and *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*. He co-edited several books including: *Innovation, Competence Building, and Social Cohesion in Europe- Towards a Learning Society* (Edward Elgar, 2002) and *Knowledge for Inclusive Development* (Quorum Books, 2001).

Prior to coming to UNDP, he was an Assistant Professor at the Instituto Superior Técnico, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, teaching and researching on science, technology and innovation policy. He has degrees in Physics from Instituto Superior Técnico and in Economics from the Technical University of Lisbon and a Ph. D. in Public Policy from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, where he studied with a Fulbright scholarship.

## Introduction

**Sabrina Robert (France)** is Professor of International Law at Le Mans University. She is the director of the Themis-UM Research Center and associated member of the Institute of Research in International and European Law of the Sorbonne Law School. She is a member of the French Branch of the International Law Association, of the Société française pour le droit international and of the Société française pour le droit de l'environnement.

She is specialized in international economic law and in environmental law. She has published and lectured extensively in the areas of international investment law, international trade law and on the subject of the interaction between both and environmental law. In recent years, she has worked extensively on climate law and the contribution of investment and trade law to the environmental transition.



## Speakers



**Roberto Bissio (Uruguay)** coordinates the secretariat of Social Watch.

He is co-editor of Global Policy Watch and a member of the International Committee for October 17 (poverty eradication day). He was a member of the civil society advisory group to the UNDP administrator, and regularly writes on development issues as a columnist.

**Patricia Kameri-Mbote (Kenya)** is the Director of the Law Division, of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Previously, Patricia was Founding Research Director of the International Environmental Law Research Centre (IELRC), and was the Programme Director for Africa for over 20 years.

Patricia has in-depth knowledge and experience in environmental law acquired at local, national, regional, and international levels. She has consulted for UNEP in the review of programmes, legal instruments, and the rules of engagement of major groups. She has been engaged in the Montevideo Environmental Law Programme since 2007 and is a member of the Governing Board of the International Council on Environmental Law (ICEL).

Patricia is a member of the Senior Counsel Bar in Kenya and has been a Professor of Law at the School of Law, University of Nairobi, where she has taught for over 30 years and served as Dean. She has also taught environmental law at Kansas University, University of Zimbabwe and Stellenbosch University. She served as chair of the Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in African Universities, and has contributed to the development of similar initiatives for North Africa and Middle East and for judges.





**Ahtesham R. Khan (India)** is the Head of the Tax for SDGs Initiative at the Sustainable Finance Hub, UNDP, New York. In addition to being the project manager of the Tax Inspectors Without Borders Initiative from the UNDP side.

Ahtesham has extensive experience in fiscal policies, tax administration and domestic resource mobilization, and has managed complex taxation and development projects with national governments and international organizations for many years.

As Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India he worked on BEPS negotiations and tax arbitration cases. Ahtesham was Deputy Director of the Indian Tax Administration whereby he investigated illicit financial flows and cross border tax evasion. As Assistant Commissioner, he conducted tax audits and dealt with complex issues related to tax laws. He has also worked on the Local Currency Bond Markets project of the World Bank and the United Nations Handbook on Taxation of the Extractive Industries published by the Financing for Sustainable Development office, UN-DESA.

At UNDP, he leads the work of Sustainable Finance Hub's Tax for SDGs Initiative to assist countries build taxation capacity, tackle illicit financial flows and achieve fiscal policy coherence to raise domestic resources, attain sustainable growth and establish equitable societies.

Ahtesham has done Electrical Engineering in under-graduation and has dual Masters - Masters in Taxation and Business Laws from NALSAR University, India and Masters in Public Administration with specialization in Advanced Policy and Economic Analysis from SIPA, Columbia University, New York. He is recipient of the prestigious JJ/World Bank Scholarship.

**Ralf Michaels (Germany)** is Director at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany, Chair in Global Law at Queen Mary University in London, and Professor of Law at Hamburg University. Until 2019 he was the Arthur Larson Professor at Duke University School of Law; he has also been a visiting professor at the Universities of Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Toronto, and Tel Aviv, as well as the London School of Economics. Michaels holds an LL.M. from Cambridge University and a PhD in Law from Passau University. He is a widely published scholar of private international law, comparative law, and legal theory; his current research focuses on decolonial comparative law, regulatory conflicts, and theoretical foundations of private international law and global legal plurality. Michaels is a member of the Academia Europaea, the American Law Institute, the International Association of Comparative Law, and the Comparative Law Associations of the United States, Germany, and France.



**Belinda Reyers (South Africa)** is a Professor of Sustainability Science at the University of Pretoria in South Africa (Center for Environmental Studies). She is also a Research Affiliate of the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics at The Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences. Prof Reyers works to bridge social-ecological systems research and sustainable development practice to help build understanding and capacity needed to navigate the complex development challenges facing Southern Africa.



**Emma Ursich (Italy)** is the Group Head of Corporate Identity for insurance multinational Generali and Executive Officer of the company's The Human Safety Net Foundation.

Emma has spent about twenty years in the field of reputation management, media, stakeholder and community engagement. Throughout this work, Emma has followed her belief that a company's image depends on actively bringing its purpose to life.

Articulating Generali's purpose has led her to take Generali's engagement in communities to the next level, by redirecting the Group's strategic philanthropy through Generali's group initiative, The Human Safety Net. In this role, Emma has lead the development of ambitious programmes to tackle some of the key socio-demographic issues in Generali's communities, focusing on social mobility and migration.

In Venice, Emma is cooperating with different institutions to develop a new hub for social innovation, hosted in Generali's Procuratie Vecchie, mobilising experts, NGOs and civil society to tackle issues related to human potential and equal life chances.

Prior to joining Generali in 2006, she worked in consulting and advised both national and multi-national companies and institutions around reputation, crisis and issue management across different industries, from consumer goods to finance, logistics and the pharma and biomedical field.

Emma has a BA Honours and MA in Oriental Studies, Chinese from the University of Oxford. She is a Board Member of Social Impact Agenda per l'Italia; Member of the Venice World Capital of Sustainability Management Board; Member of the Adecco Group Innovation Foundation Braintrust; Member of the Early Childhood Regional Networks Fund Steering Committee; Member of EVPA's Corporate Initiative Advisory Committee.



**Julie Vallat (France)** worked from 2000 as Legal Counsel for not-for-profit organizations, such as “Medecins du Monde”, against human trafficking.

She then served from 2004 as Legal Counsel for the National French Department of Justice, in charge of implementing International Treaties, including The Hague conventions against child abduction, and European conventions related to legal aid.

From 2006 she was a Barrister in Paris, in the law firm Veil Jourde and partners, specializing in Human Rights and International Law, in particular in Myanmar.

During ten years, from 2009 to 2019, Julie Vallat was Head of Human Rights at Total, within the Corporate Legal Department/Compliance & Social Responsibility Division. Expert in international law, she managed a team of lawyers to address human rights and socio-environmental risks in complex environments across the world, drawing up innovative solutions to enabling compliance with UN standards.

In June 2019, she joined L'Oréal as VP Human Rights. She is leading within the Sustainability team a network of Human Rights representatives in various markets all over the world where L'Oréal operates, to map salient human rights issues and emerging topics, and to implement appropriate remediation plans.