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Law associations to co-host Blue Zone Side Event @ COP27 on 12 November 2022:

The law as a key tool to address climate change

The **International Bar Association (IBA)**, the American Bar Association (**ABA**), the Brazilian Bar Association (**OAB**) and the Law Society of England and Wales (**LSEW**) are set to host an official UNFCCC Side Event during the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (**COP27**) at **4:45pm on 12 November 2022**.

The law has a crucial role in tackling climate change. Professional organisations represent thousands of lawyers advising companies & governments who sponsor major projects and set climate policy. Focusing on utilising the law as a key tool toward addressing climate change and promoting equity, the discussion will cover new initiatives that seek to grapple with the climate crisis.

Moderator: Lara Douvartzidis (Climate Project Lawyer, IBA; qualified lawyer in Australia)

Panellists:

- **Prof Dr Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger** Affiliated Fellow, LCIL and Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor, University of Cambridge; Senior Director, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL); and Full Professor of International Law, University of Waterloo, Canada
- **Selina Lee-Andersen** Environmental, Aboriginal and Regulatory Lawyer, McCarthy Tétrault LLP
- **Roger Martella** Chief Sustainability Officer, General Electric Company (GE)
- **Letícia Perrone Campos Mello** Head Partner of ESG and Climate at Wald Law Firm, Brazil; Representative of the OAB at COP26 & COP27

For ticketing information, please **REGISTER HERE:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/441129128097>

*** Note that **only Blue Zone Pass holders are permitted to attend** this event. For those without a Blue Zone Pass, **this event will be made available online via the UNFCCC YouTube Channel**. Viewers can choose to watch this session live or watch a recording after the event concludes. The link will be provided to online ticket holders once available ***

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Notes to the Editor

1. Related material:
 - [The IBA's Climate Crisis Initiative](#)
 - [IBA Presidential Task Force on Climate Change and Human Rights Report "Achieving Justice and Human Rights in an Era of Climate Change Disruption"](#)
 - [IBA Climate Change Justice and Human Rights Task Force Report: 'Model Statute for Proceedings Challenging Government Failure to Act on Climate Change'](#)
 - [IBA Report on climate adaptation focuses on legal aspects to bring about successful implementation](#)
2. The **International Bar Association (IBA)**, *the global voice of the legal profession*, is the foremost organisation for international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies. Established in 1947, shortly after the creation of the **United Nations**, it was born out of the conviction that an organisation made up of the world's bar associations could contribute to global stability and peace through the administration of justice.

The IBA acts as a connector, enabler, and influencer, for the administration of justice, fair practice, and accountability worldwide. The IBA has collaborated on a broad range of ground-breaking, international projects with the **United Nations**, the **European Parliament**, the **Council of Europe**, **The Commonwealth**, the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**, the **World Trade Organization**, the **International Monetary Fund** and the **World Bank**, among others.

In the ensuing 70 years since its creation, the organisation has evolved from an association comprised exclusively of bar associations and law societies to one that incorporates individual international lawyers and entire law firms. The present membership is comprised of more than 80,000 individual international lawyers from most of the world's leading law firms and some 190 bar associations and law societies spanning more than 170 countries.

The IBA has considerable expertise in providing assistance to the global legal community, and through its global membership, it influences the development of international law reform and helps to shape the future of the legal profession throughout the world.

The IBA's administrative office is in London, United Kingdom. Regional offices are located in: São Paulo, Brazil; Seoul, South Korea; and Washington DC, United States, while the IBA's **International Criminal Court and International Criminal Law Programme (ICC & ICL)** is managed from an office in The Hague, the Netherlands.

The **International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)**, established in 1995 under Founding Honorary President Nelson Mandela, is an autonomous and financially independent entity, working to promote, protect and enforce human rights under a just rule of law, and to preserve the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession worldwide.

3. Find the IBA and IBAHRI on social media here:

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