Global Judicial Institute on the Environment

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“Organized by judges for judges and committed to judicial independence, transparency, and integrity that supports the judiciary across the world to effectively handle cases concerning the environment”.
GJIE Objectives and Activities

- Judicial capacity-building and education programs, especially to improve the administration and resolution of cases and disputes
- Technical assistance by sharing best judicial practices, stimulating collaboration, and bolstering information exchange
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- Convening judges, courts, tribunals, court officials, judicial education institutions, and additional partners at international, regional, national, and subnational levels
- Research, analysis, and publications focussing on environmental adjudication and dispute resolution, court practices and procedures, court administration, legal claims and actions, judicial remedies, and environmental justice
GJIE Timeline

- Foundation and launching on 29 April 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, with a strong input from senior judges from six continents
  - Almost four years of global consultation
  - Charter
GJIE Timeline

- 19-21 May 2017 2\textsuperscript{nd} International Meeting of the GJIE
  - Discussion and adoption of the Statutes of Incorporation
  - GJIE as an international association under Article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code and register its legal seat in Geneva
  - Criteria for selection of the 14 member Interim Governing Committee — IGC

- Still in the implementation phase
Priorities

- Secretariat in Nairobi (UN Environment)
  - MoU signed with Erik Solheim during the 8th World Water Forum
  - First meeting of the Secretariat, January 2019

- Website
  - With UN Environment InforMEA, based in Geneva
  - Meeting April 20, 2018 (Geneva)
The Global Judicial Institute on the Environment

- Training programs
  - 8th World Water Forum (March 2018)
    - Brasília Declaration of Judges on Water Justice
  - With the OAS for 30 judges from Latin America and the Caribbean
  - With UN Environment: 2nd African Environmental Law Conference of Chief Justices and Directors of Judicial Academies/Schools
1. Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin, Member National High Court of Brazil and Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (Brazil)

2. Justice Ragnhild Noer, Member Supreme Court of Norway and Member Steering Committee, IUCN WCEL (Norway)

3. Justice Michael Wilson, Associate Judge Supreme Court of Hawai’i (USA)

4. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Member Supreme Court of Pakistan (Pakistan)

5. Justice Swatanter Kumar, Chairperson National Green Tribunal (India)

6. Justice I Gusti Agung Sumanatha, Member Supreme Court of Indonesia (Indonesia)

7. Lord Robert Carnwath, Member Supreme Court United Kingdom and UN Environment International Advisory Council (UK)

8. Justice Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja, President East African Court of Justice (Rwanda)

9. Justice Luc Lavrysen, Member of the Constitutional Court of Belgium and President European Forum of Judges for the Environment (Belgium)

10. Justice Brian Preston, Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales (Australia)

11. Justice Ricardo Lorenzetti, President Supreme Court of Justice of Argentina (Argentina)

12. Justice Michelle Weekes, Member Supreme Court of Judicature of Barbados (Barbados)