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PROGRAMME

Panellists/Keynote Speakers:

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC

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Bianca Jagger

Founder and Chair, Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation

Stephen Humphreys

Associate Professor of International Law, London School of Economics

Nicola Leslie

Associate, International Dispute Resolution, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Mark Kenber

CEO, The Climate Group

Moderator:

Todd Benjamin

Former CNN anchor

Programme:

Opening remarks by IBA President, Michael J Reynolds

Short film

Keynote perspectives and panel discussions

Audience Q&A

Closing remarks by IBA President, Michael J Reynolds

BIOGRAPHIES

Michael J Reynolds



Michael J Reynolds is the President of the International Bar Association (IBA) and is a Partner at Allen & Overy LLP. He is based in Brussels where he opened an Allen & Overy office in 1979. Mr Reynolds has more than 30 years' experience in European antitrust law with the firm and has represented major European, United States, Japanese and other international clients in a number of important cases before the European Commission (EC) and European Court of Justice. He has advised the governments of Spain, Russia, Poland and Romania on the application of European Union (EU) law.

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC



Baroness Helena Kennedy QC is Co-Chair of the IBA Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights and one of Britain's most distinguished lawyers and an expert in human rights law, civil liberties and constitutional issues. She has spent her professional life giving voice to those who have least power within the system, championing civil liberties and promoting human rights. Baroness Kennedy has used many public platforms – including the House of Lords, to which she was elevated in 1997 – to argue with passion, wit and humanity for social justice. She has also written and broadcast on a wide range of issues, from medical negligence to terrorism to the rights of women and children.

Bianca Jagger



Bianca Jagger is the Founder and Chair of the Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation, a Council of Europe Goodwill Ambassador, a Member of the Executive Director's Leadership Council of Amnesty International, USA, a member of the Women and Girls Lead Leadership Council, and IUCN Plant a Pledge Ambassador. For over three decades she has been a voice for the most vulnerable members of society, campaigning for human rights, civil liberties, peace, social justice and environmental protection throughout the world.

Stephen Humphreys



Stephen Humphreys is an Associate Professor of International Law. He was formerly Research Director at the International Council on Human Rights Policy in Geneva, and, before that, Senior Officer at the Open Society Institute's Justice Initiative in New York and Budapest. He has conducted policy work on climate change and in human rights in a variety of fora. His research interests include international legal and critical theory; rule of law; law and development; climate change; the laws of war; and transnational legal processes. Mr Humphreys served as Academic Advisor to the Task Force.

Nicola Leslie



Nicola Leslie is an Associate in the International Dispute Resolution Group at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in the firm's London office. She joined Debevoise in 2012 following her role as a legal advisor for the New Zealand government on public international law and constitutional law issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where she advised New Zealand's negotiation team at the UNFCCC negotiations. Ms Leslie's current practice focuses on international dispute resolution, particularly international arbitration, public international law, constitutional law, and human rights law. She served as the Secretary to the IBA Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights.

Mark Kenber



Mark Kenber is an economist who has worked on climate change for nearly 20 years and is an expert on international climate policy. Before becoming CEO in 2011, he was The Climate Group's Deputy CEO and Policy Director. In his role as Policy Director, Mr Kenber advised former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair in the joint policy initiative Breaking the Climate Deadlock (2007-2009), which produced a series of high-level reports outlining the economic and technological rationale for a global climate deal and its key components. He also co-founded the successful Verified Carbon Standard (formerly Voluntary Carbon Standard – VCS), now the most popular kite mark for the US\$400m voluntary carbon market.

Todd Benjamin



Todd Benjamin is well known to television audiences across the globe. For 26 years he worked as an anchor, correspondent, and financial editor for CNN, based in Washington DC, New York, Tokyo and London. An award-winning journalist, he has interviewed everyone from Mikhail Gorbachev and Bill Clinton, to Alan Greenspan and Dick Cheney, to Nobel prize-winning economists, several of the world's leading CEOs, and Cherif Bassiouni foremost authority on international criminal, human rights and humanitarian law. Mr Benjamin continues to appear on CNN as a contributing editor to provide live commentary and analysis. He is also a visiting lecturer in leadership at the London Business School Executive Education programme.



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