

Innovation in Water & Climate Seminar

Just Transitions

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 **World Water Week**
OFFICIAL SESSION

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What do we mean by innovation?

Programme

INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JUST TRANSITION FRAMEWORK IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HOW IT WILL BE APPLIED

DHESIGEN NAIDOO, CLIMATE COMMISSIONER, SOUTH AFRICA

KEYNOTE - CROSS SECTION OF JUSTICE TRANSITION, WATER AND CLIMATE

DR CRISPIAN OLVER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PCC

PART I: CASE STUDIES DEMONSTRATING INNOVATION TOWARDS TRANSITION

- **PROCEDURAL JUSTICE - AILEN FLOREZ**
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND AGROECOLOGY AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE IN ARGENTINA
- **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE - GREGG BRILL**
POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS: DRIVING INNOVATION IN NBS THROUGH EQUITABLE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
- **DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE - SARAH CUSTER-LALANNE**
INCREASING CLIMATE FINANCE EQUITY: SUBSIDIZING CLIMATE-RESILIENT SANITATION FOR VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS

PART II: ROUNDTABLE TO EXPLORE THE APPLICATION OF A JUST TRANSITION IN DIFFERENT REGIONS

PANELLISTS

- **ANDRES SANCHEZ, OAS**
- **SUNITA NARAIN, CSE INDIA (PREVIOUS LAUREATE)**
- **CARLA TORANZO, AGUA GLOBAL PERU**

KEY QUESTIONS

- HOW DO THESE APPROACHES SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUR COMMITMENTS FROM THE UN WATER CONFERENCE IN NY?
- DO YOU HAVE SIMILAR EXAMPLES OF CASES IN YOUR REGION WHERE A JUST TRANSITION FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN/OR IS BEING INTRODUCED?

CLOSING STATEMENTS

AMANDA LOEFFEN, HUMAN RIGHT 2 WATER



Amanda Loeffen is the CEO of Human Right 2 Water, and an experienced general manager and business development executive in water, energy and sustainable development, working on projects in Africa, Latin America, and South Asia, plus leading research in water and environmental law. Her goal is to provide sustainable solutions based on human rights to improve water governance worldwide. She leads a team of water governance experts to encourage law and policy reform. Current research projects include a global study on Resilience to Climate Emergencies, the link between the healthy environment and water, and the development of Human Rights Indicators. She leads the UNECE People-First PPP Stakeholder Engagement subgroup to realise benchmarks for developing human rights-based approaches, and she is currently on the steering committee of AGUASAN, co-chair of the Water and Climate Coalition, VP of the Water 4 All Stakeholder Engagement Board, and on the Strategic Advisory Committee of the World Water Quality Alliance. Previously, as CEO of a project management company in New Zealand, Amanda delivered environmental resource consent with stakeholder engagement for a community water infrastructure scheme for irrigation and hydro-generation.



Mr. Dhesigen Naidoo is a World Bank Senior Advisor of Adaptation to the South African Presidential Climate Commission and Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Security Studies Africa. He is a leader, a scientist and an activist for positive social change. He is also a member of the Presidential Climate Change Commission, President of the global NGO Human Right 2 Water and a Founding Member of the Water Policy Group. He has led the Water Research Commission (WRC), South Africa's dedicated national Water and Sanitation Innovation, Research and Development Agency for 10 years. He has previously served in senior positions in the South African national government and South African universities having begun his career as a medical scientist in a specialist children's hospital. He is a Councillor of the South African National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) and a Fellow of the Mapangubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA). He counts his lovely wife and beautiful children as both his primary source of inspiration and vanguard of his humility



Ailén Flores was born in 1998 in Luján, Buenos Aires province, Argentina. She achieved a Degree in Environmental Information from the Universidad Nacional de Luján (UNLu) (2017-2021). She is studying PhD in Social Sciences at the Universidad Nacional de Luján. She achieved a Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas Doctoral Fellow (2022-2027), academic membership Instituto de Ecología y Desarrollo Sustentable (INEDES-UNLu). Her research focuses on climate change and drinking water from a legal and environmental perspective. She is first teaching assistants of environmental management at the Universidad Nacional de Luján. She participates in research projects of the Agencia Nacional de Promoción Científica y Tecnológica (FONyT), CONICET and UNLu. She is a member of the Environmental Clinic (INEDES-UNLu) (2020-present), where she collaborates in different technical reports.



Gregg Brill joined the Pacific Institute in 2020. His work focuses on developing and scaling awareness and investment of nature-based solutions (NBS) by the private sector. This work includes the development and implementation of a standardized methodology to demonstrate stacked water and carbon co-benefits and maps wider co-benefits associated with NBS for watersheds around the world. Gregg has 15 years of experience in corporate sustainability, environmental conservation, economic water resilience, and stakeholder engagement. He has worked for NGOs, the public and private sectors, and in academia. Gregg received a B.Sc. in Environmental Science from Rhodes University, a Master's degree in Geography and Environmental Science from Stellenbosch University, and a PhD in Environmental and Geographical Science from the University of Cape Town. His PhD research focused on how communities use, value, impact, and govern water-related ecosystem services in urban protected areas.



Sarah Custer - Lalanne is iDE's Global WASH Director. iDE has developed a strong global reputation for its work leveraging markets and entrepreneurs to deliver impact in the water, sanitation and hygiene space. Sarah leads iDE's global efforts in WASH programming from strategy, business development, thought leadership and advocacy. Sarah brings 15 years of experience - including a decade in Sub-Saharan Africa - working on programs aiming to create inclusive and sustainable markets and healthy communities. Prior to joining iDE, Sarah managed UNICEF's sanitation and hygiene programming in Madagascar, worked with the World Bank's Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation global practice and the Bank's Gender Innovation Lab. Sarah holds a Master of Science in Development Management from American University's School of International Service as well as a BA honors in International Development, and BA in Economics from McGill University. She speaks fluent English, Spanish, French and Italian, and conversational Portuguese. Her global upbringing and multicultural background planted the seeds for her lifelong passion for social justice. When she is not working to solve complex problems, you can find her painting or traveling to far-flung places with her husband and their two curious and adventurous girls.