

## **Climate Change Conference** *Post-GST and the Road to 2025*

2 September | Singapore 8:45 AM to 6:30 PM  
Royal Plaza on Scotts, 25 Scotts Road, Singapore 228220

COP 30 in 2025 will be a pivotal moment and a critical juncture for the climate movement as Parties submit their 2<sup>nd</sup> Nationally Determined Contributions which will cover implementation until 2035. As the outcome of the first global stocktake markedly pointed out, Parties are not yet on track towards achieving the purpose and long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and in fact, are dangerously close to completely failing it. In 2023, studies have shown that on average, the Earth was 1.5C higher than pre-industrial times, the first time ever that this threshold was reached. The next few years will therefore be crucial in raising ambition for the next period while accelerating implementation of existing commitments.

The first global stocktake, aside from marking the progress of Parties NDCs, also made important policy signals to guide Parties in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. For example, the global stocktake outcome is the first formal UNFCCC document that mentions transitioning away from fossil fuels. The outcome also included an agreement to triple the world's renewable energy capacity and double its energy efficiency by 2030. The outcome also stressed the importance of just transition pathways and financial flows that are consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development. The first global stocktake also referenced the potential of the ocean to contribute to mitigation and adaptation with Parties called to preserve and restore the oceans and coastal ecosystems and scale up ocean-based mitigation action.

This Conference, co-hosted by the NUS Centre for International Law (CIL) and the Durham University Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy (CSDLP), will build on the outcomes of the Global Stocktake and dive deeper into these issues and identify ways in which Parties can increase ambition and align their next NDCs toward the 1.5C goal. It aims to address the implications of just transition and how these can be integrated into NDCs; recent developments that promote as well as the challenges in achieving the urgently climate finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development; the translation of international climate change into domestic law and policies and the mechanisms available for monitoring and securing compliance; as well as the role of the oceans in climate action. The Conference will also take a forward-looking approach as it reviews the achievements and failures of the past to ask what the future of the international climate regime past 2030 and beyond will look like.

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**Programme:**

8:45 – 9:15	Registration	
9:15 – 9:25	Welcome Remarks	<p><b>Dr. Nilufer Oral</b> Director, NUS Centre for International Law Member, UN International Law Commission</p> <p><b>Prof. Petra Minnerop</b> Director, Durham University Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy Deputy Executive Dean (Global), Faculty of Social Sciences and Health, Durham University Professor of International Law, Durham University</p>
9:25 – 9:45	The Global Stocktake – Past, Present, and Future	<p><b>Joseph Teo</b>, Chief Negotiator for Climate Change, Singapore</p>
9:45 – 10:45	Just Transition	<p><b>Mr. Beni Suryadi</b> Head of Power, Fossil Fuels, Alternative Energy and Storage Department and the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Department ASEAN Centre for Energy</p> <p><b>Prof. Petra Minnerop</b> Director, Durham University Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy Deputy Executive Dean (Global), Faculty of Social Sciences and Health, Durham University Professor of International Law, Durham University</p> <p><b>Prof. Damilola Olawuyi</b> Independent Expert, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights Full Professor and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, Hamad Bin Khalifa University</p> <p><b>Denise Cheong (Moderator)</b> Senior Research Fellow and Lead, Energy Law and Policy NUS Centre for International Law</p>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:15	Enhancing Ambition – The Law and Economics of Climate Change	<p><b>Mr. Peter Govindasamy</b> Director- General (Climate Negotiations) and Dean (MTI Academy), Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore</p> <p><b>Ms. Sim Ting</b></p>

		<p>General Counsel; Managing Director and Head of Corporate Services Group GenZero</p> <p><b>Prof. Pasha Hsieh</b> Professor of Law and Jean Monnet Chair in EU-ASEAN Law and Relations Singapore Management University School of Law</p> <p><b>Danielle Yeow (Moderator)</b> Adjunct Senior Research Fellow and Lead, Climate Change Law and Policy, NUS Centre for International Law</p>
12:15 – 1:45	Lunch Break	
1:45 – 2:45	Modalities and Means for Implementation	<p><b>Ms. Diane Tan</b> Deputy Director-General, International Affairs Division, Attorney-General’s Chambers of Singapore Member, Paris Agreement Compliance and Implementation Committee</p> <p><b>The Hon. Justice Brian Preston</b> Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales</p> <p><b>Prof. Jolene Lin</b> Director, NUS Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law Associate Professor, NUS Faculty of Law</p> <p><b>Prof. Petra Minnerop (Moderator)</b> Director, Durham University Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy Deputy Executive Dean (Global), Faculty of Social Sciences and Health, Durham University Professor of International Law, Durham University</p>
2:45 – 4:15	Nature-based Solutions, Ocean and Climate Change	<p><b>Dr. Nilufer Oral</b> Director, NUS Centre for International Law Member, UN International Law Commission</p> <p><b>Dr. Madhu Rao</b> Senior Advisor (Asia Programme) and Director (Singapore), Wildlife Conservation Society Chair, IUCN World Commission of Protected Areas Adjunct Associate Professor, NUS Department of Biological Sciences</p>

		<p><b>Dr. Tanghua Li</b> Senior Research Fellow, Earth Observatory of Singapore Nanyang Technological University</p> <p><b>Will McGoldrick</b> Regional Managing Director, Asia Pacific The Nature Conservancy</p> <p><b>Atty. Railla Puno (Moderator)</b> Associate Lead and Research Associate, Climate Change Law and Policy NUS Centre for International Law</p>
4:15 – 5:15	The International Climate Change Regime – 2030 and Beyond	<p><b>Dr. Nilufer Oral (Moderator)</b> Director, NUS Centre for International Law Member, UN International Law Commission</p> <p>TBC</p>
5:15 – 6:30	Networking Cocktail Reception	

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