

Achieving Climate Justice through the Rule of Law, and Global Accountability

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Event Overview:

The recently adopted Pact for the Future recognises climate change as one of the greatest challenges of our time. Indeed, through the Pact and its accompanying Declaration on Future Generations, states have committed to strengthening action to address climate change. Simultaneously, the Pact acknowledges the vital role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations in peacefully settling disputes.

Regional and international courts are the new frontier in the fight for climate justice and present a tangible means in which to actualise commitments laid out in the Pact for the Future and Declaration on Future Generations. In the face of rising sea levels, soaring temperatures and increasingly extreme weather events, Developing States and youth climate champions have led the cause for greater action and accountability through legal processes and justice mechanisms. This includes the advisory opinion on climate change at the ICJ in line with UNGA Resolution A/77/L.58

