



# Global Judicial Institute on the Environment

## 2d International Meeting of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment

19-21 May 2017 Brasília, Brazil

### Call for Letters of Interest

*The Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE) was launched in Rio de Janeiro in April 2016 during the 1st IUCN World Environmental Law Congress, by a council of judges representing six continents.*

Numerous partners have provided critical support for the creation of the Institute, including the International Association of Judges, the EU Forum of Judges for the Environment, UN Environment, Asian Development Bank, Organization of American States, Brazilian Association of Judges, Brazilian Association of Federal Judges, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, and many academic institutions.

The GJIE is an *international organization directed by judges and for judges*, committed to judicial independence, transparency, and integrity. Its mission is to support the role of judges, courts, and tribunals in applying and enforcing environmental laws and in promoting the environmental rule of law.

In responding to environmental crises on Earth, such as biodiversity loss, climate change, and water security, judges play a critical role in the implementation, compliance, and enforcement of effective laws.

In this context, various national and international organizations have developed initiatives to prepare, train, and enhance the capacity of judges. The GJIE builds on and unifies these efforts to create a forum for convening judges on environmental issues.

The GJIE membership is composed of sitting judges and judicial institutions from around the world and led by a council of judges elected to direct and oversee the activities of the GJIE. Some of the key activities envisioned include developing and carrying out judicial capacity building, technical assistance, and education programs and projects; providing platforms and online resources for exchange and knowledge-sharing among judges; and facilitating cooperation and linkages among judges and with the community of stakeholders involved in environmental compliance and enforcement.

During the Second International Meeting of the GJIE, held 19-21 May in Brasilia, Brazil, the founding members of the Institute, including judges from eighteen countries, adopted key decisions to create the initial structure of this new international organization.

The initiation of the GJIE provides a unique opportunity for interested members of judiciaries, tribunals, academies, legal institutions, and regional and multilateral organizations around the world to contribute to this groundbreaking endeavor. To assist in the formation of the GJIE in 2017, the founding members now invite such organizations to submit a *Letter of Interest* to provide support for the GJIE.

### **Temporary Secretariat for the GJIE**

The GJIE is seeking an organization to host a temporary Secretariat for a period of three to five years, after which time a permanent Secretariat for the Institute may be selected. The GJIE's request and criteria for an institution to serve as the Secretariat include, for example:

- 1) Office space and access to facilities for conferences or meeting venues;
- 2) A minimum of one dedicated full-time staff member devoted to supporting the work of the GJIE;
- 3) Capacity for producing or contributing to judicial education materials and programs;
- 4) Capacity for developing and maintaining web sites, communications, and other technological means for supporting information-sharing and conferences or meetings for the GJIE;
- 5) Other support, including grants, financial resources, or other in-kind support.

### **Supporting Partners and Individual Contributors**

In addition to seeking a host for a Secretariat, the GJIE is also calling for organizations and individuals that are interested in providing any support for the GJIE, whether financial or in-kind resources, including, for example:

- 1) Space for convening conferences, meetings, workshops, or programs;
- 2) Paid staff or contribution of staff time and expertise;

- 3) Production or contribution to judicial education and training materials or programs;
- 4) Web site management, communications, outreach, or technological support;
- 5) Other financial or in-kind resources.

If you or your institution may be interested in providing support to the GJIE, please provide the information below and send by September 25, 2017 to: GJIE Interim Governing Committee (email: iucn.wcel@gmail.com). The Letter of Interest will be reviewed by a committee of the Interim Governing Council and receive an initial response by October 30, 2017.

Sincerely the Interim Governing Committee,

*Antonio Herman Benjamin*

Justice, National High Court of Brazil (STJ); Secretary-General, UNEP International Advisory Council for Environmental Justice

*Ragnhild Noer*

Justice, Supreme Court of Norway

*Michael D. Wilson*

Justice, Supreme Court of Hawai'i, USA

**Letter of Interest  
to the  
Global Judicial Institute on the Environment**

Please complete electronically in Word and send by September 25, 2017  
Addressed to: GJIE Interim Governing Committee  
(Email: [iucn.wcel@gmail.com](mailto:iucn.wcel@gmail.com))

**DATE:**

**NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR INSTITUTION:**

**Contact information for person submitting this Letter of Interest:**

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

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Mobile Phone: (country code +\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: (country code +\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City:

State/Province:

Zip Code:

Country:

**Describe in 1-2 paragraphs you or your institution's connection to the GJIE or primary goal in supporting the GJIE:**

**Please describe in 100 words or less each area where in-kind or financial support can be offered:**

1. Office Space

2. Other Facilities

(e.g., meeting or conference venues at no-cost or low-cost)

3. Staff

(e.g., paid staff or "loan" of staff time and expertise)

4. Funding, Grant, or Other Financial Support

(e.g. for conference flights and lodging, education and outreach materials, meals for meeting participants)

5. Educational Course Capacity

6. Web Site/Social Media Capacity

7. Information Technology Capacity

8. Other