

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE

SEMINAR: JUSTICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: THE ICC'S ROLE IN UKRAINE AND ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

Date: 7 March 2025

Time: 10 am - 1 pm

Venue in Person: Kader Asmal Moot Court, Faculty of Law, UWC

Online: <https://uwc.zoom.us/join/9134767553>

10.00 – 10.15	Opening remarks Prof Angela Van Der Berg, Director of the Global Environmental Law Centre Dzvinka Kachur, the Ukrainian Association of South Africa
10.15 – 10.30	Crimes Against the Environment: The African Continent Dr Muyiwa Adigun, a Reader in the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
10.30 – 10.55	Principles of Environmental Law and some perspectives on Environmental Damage Prof Jan Glazewski, Emeritus Professor at the Institute of Marine and Environmental Law, University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa
10.55 – 11.10	ICC and policy initiative on crimes against the environment Pascal Turlan, PEJ Legal Director, former ICC OTP
11.10 -11.30	Building the ICC Case: Destruction of Kakhovka Dam Volodymyr Hryshko (Truth Hounds) & Myroslava Markova (PEJ)
11.30- 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 12.00	Prosecution Strategy Analysis of legal qualification challenges and evidence collection methodology Dmytro Koval, Truth Hounds Co-Executive Director
12.00- 12.50	Environmental War Crimes and International Cooperation for Global Environment - Discussion Facilitated by Prof Angela Van Der Berg, Director of the Global Environmental Law Centre
12.50- 13.00	Closing remarks Prof John-Mark Iyi, the Director of the African Centre for Transnational Criminal Justice

Report overview [SUBMERGED: Study of the Destruction of the Kakhovka Dam and Its Impacts on Ecosystems, Agrarians, Other Civilians, and International Justice](#)

PRIMARY MESSAGE:

The Kakhovka Dam case represents a crucial opportunity to activate Article 8(2)(b)(iv) of the Rome Statute, setting a precedent for prosecuting environmental war crimes at the ICC.

ICC TIMING AND STRATEGY:

The submission aligns with ICC's new policy initiative on environmental crimes, creating momentum for advancing accountability for environmental damage during armed conflicts.