



Programme of the conference
***Joint call for the creation of a European and an International
Environmental and Health Criminal Courts***

JANUARY 30TH, 2014

European Parliament, Brussels - Room JAN4Q1

- 14h10:** Opening speech by Corinne Lepage and Jo Leinen
- 14h15:** Introduction by Mikhaïl Gorbatchev and Judge Cuno Jakob Tarfusser
- 14h55:** Presentation of the ***Charter of Brussels*** and of the **founding organizations:**

Antonino Abrami, representative of the *SEJF Foundation* and of the *International Academy of Environmental Sciences (IAES)*

Alfredo Pena-Vega, Representative of the *International Criminal Court of consciousness against Nature and the Environment*

Jean Philippe Rivaud, representative of *European Network of Prosecutors for the Environnement*

Grazia Tuzi for Adolfo Perez Esquivel, representative of *SERPAJ*

Gianni Tognoni, Representative of the *Basso Foundation*

Martin Enrico Iglesias, representative of *SELVAS*

Prisca Merz, representative of *End Ecocide in Europe*

Ahmed Alami, representative of the *FME-ILE*

15h15: Debate: *The urgency to act, Case studies*

- *Nuclear catastrophes:* Fukushima/Tchernobyl by Marie-Odile Bertella Geffroy, former judge at the Paris High Court in charge of the Tchernobyl case, and Dominique Leglu, director of *Sciences et Avenir* journal
- *Chemical pollution:* "Bhopal", documentary produced by the IAES
Presentation by Nino Abrami and the film directors, Federica Palmarin and Elisabetta Abrami. Intervention of Satinath Sarangi
- *Oil pollution:* "The case of the Niger Gulf" by Halima Taya Alao, Former Minister of the Environment in Nigeria (tbc); "The case of Ecuador" by Carlos Játiva, Ambassador of Ecuador in Paris and Pablo Fajardo Mendoza, senior counsel representing the victims against Chevron Corporation.



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15h50: Debate: *The achievements*

- *Justice tools: the case of asbestos in Italy*, by Attorney Viviana del Tedesco and Lawyer Daniele Grasso (tbc)
- *The “Mock Ecocide Trial” by the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom*, by Polly Higgins - Eradicating Ecocide
- *European inventory*, by Ms Rosalinde Van der Vlies, Deputy Head of cabinet of Commissioner Janez Potočnik
- The initiatives for an International Environmental and Health Criminal Court, by Jean-Philippe Rivaud, French magistrate, Vice-President of the *European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment* and Antonino Abrami, President of the SEJF Foundation, Professor at the Nova Gorica University, Vice-President of the IAES.

16h30 : Exchange of views with the audience

16h40 : Concluding speech by Edgar Morin

17h: Signature of the Charter



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