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# Ljubljana Conference on Climate Change, Business and Human Rights

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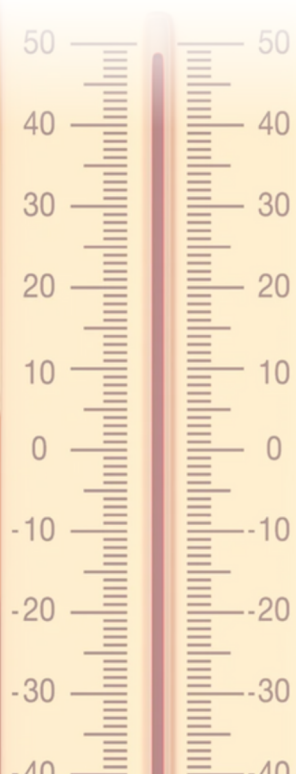
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## Aims of the Conference

Over the decades, climate change has negatively affected ordinary rights-holders' socio-economic livelihoods. Through climate change, business activities have negatively impacted individual enjoyment of civil and political rights. Rights-holders have been struggling to bring successful actions against businesses for climate change's adverse effects on their enjoyment of human rights. The domestic systems often do not offer direct and practical possibilities for individuals to bring cases to business for business-related human rights abuses resulting from climate change. Only a few domestic systems offer such possibilities at judicial or quasi-judicial levels. Only a little resort is also found in regional systems, making positive reform in domestic systems necessary. However, where can rights-holders enforce accountability for the negative impacts of climate change and business-related human rights abuses? How can they establish corporate accountability for business-related human rights abuses due to climate change?

On the other hand, major businesses have been reluctant to assume at least part of the responsibility. As such, apart from a few cases in some national jurisdiction and regional courts, climate change victims have been unable to effectively enforce corporate accountability for business-related human rights abuses in domestic, regional, and international systems. Climate change litigation can bring about other positive effects in prevention and respect for human rights, thereby triggering climate change mitigating policy and reform of normative frameworks. Access to justice for business-related human rights violations has been one of the most difficult challenges in business and human rights.

The Ljubljana conference will, therefore, explore the viability of strengthening domestic and international legal orders for corporate accountability for adverse human rights impact due to climate change. It aims to critically study the existing normative frameworks for access to remedies in various legal regimes at the domestic level in the Slovenian legal order, regional level in the European Union's legal system, and internationally within the UN and other normative systems. As such, the conference will critically analyse current access to remedy structures for corporate human rights accountability for climate change and explore models for reform.



## Potential topics

We welcome original contributions in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- State and corporate human rights and environmental obligations;
- Corporate accountability for climate change;
- Environmental and Human Rights Due Diligence;
- Access to remedy and climate change litigation;
- Role of domestic and international courts in climate change litigation;
- Corporate accountability and concept of loss and damage;
- United Nations Fund for responding to loss and damage, and climate finance;
- Best practices from Global South and Global North on Climate Change, Business, and Human Rights.

## Submission Guidelines

Please send abstracts (max. 300 words) and short bio by 30 June 2025 to: [jernej.letnar@fds.nova-uni.si](mailto:jernej.letnar@fds.nova-uni.si). Notification of accepted abstracts will be sent by 10 July 2025.

## Conference format and funding

The conference will take place in person in Ljubljana at New University. The organisers will cover two nights of accommodation in Ljubljana for the selected participants. Participants are responsible for covering their travel expenses.

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