



# TOWARD A GLOBAL PACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

*Action for the planet, action through law*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017  
FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.**

**GRAND AMPHITÉÂTRE OF THE SORBONNE UNIVERSITY**

Chaired by Laurent Fabius,  
*President of the Constitutional Council of the French Republic,  
former President of the COP 21*

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## ONE YEAR AFTER THE PARIS AGREEMENT, WHERE DO WE STAND?

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Today, climate action and the fight in favor of development are facing a “post-Paris Paradox”. On the one hand, the adoption of a universal agreement on December 12, 2015 and its early and broad ratification in 2016 represented a major achievement. On the other hand, scientific findings and forecasts remain alarming, and numerous concerning signals exist about certain decisions being made at the international level regarding environmental issues. In this context, **the worldwide mobilization for the**

**protection of our planet and for development must not only carry on but also hasten.** We must act promptly, by all means, and particularly through law.



## WHY DO WE NEED A GLOBAL PACT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

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The momentum from 2015 and 2016 – adoption and ratification of the Paris Agreement on climate change and adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – now needs to be extended by a new legal step. Indeed, **there is no general and global legal text bringing together fundamental principles of environmental law. This is the purpose of this innovative “Global Pact for the Environment” project.** This text, which is intended to be submitted to the General Assembly of the United

Nations in the years to come, would become the cornerstone of international environmental law. It would complete the legal edifice of fundamental standards: after the two international Pacts of 1966 – the first one on civil and political rights and the second one on economic, social and cultural rights – this new Pact would consecrate a third generation of fundamental rights, dedicated to the environment and development.



## A MAJOR LAUNCHING EVENT AT THE SORBONNE UNIVERSITY ON 24 JUNE 2017

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On 24 June, 2017 in the prestigious “Grand Amphithéâtre” of the Sorbonne University in Paris, the *Club des Juristes* will organize an **international conference** aimed at **launching the “Global Pact for the Environment” project.** It will be chaired by **Laurent Fabius**, President of the Constitutional Council of the French Republic and former President of the Paris Conference on climate change (COP 21). Several prominent personalities involved in the fight against climate change and for development

have accepted to speak at this event: **Ban Ki-moon, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mary Robinson, Anne Hidalgo, Laurence Tubiana, Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Jean Jouzel, and many others.** Distinguished legal experts and judges from worldwide Supreme and Constitutional Courts will participate on panels. This day will provide the opportunity to disclose a draft version of the Pact project, the result of the work of the Environmental commission of the *Club des Juristes* – the first French legal think tank and organizer of the conference – and an international network of 150 high-level experts in environmental law representing the diversity of nations. The June 24 conference promises to be a key moment in international mobilization for the environment and development.



# 24 JUNE 2017 PROGRAM

10 a.m.



Opening address by **Laurent Fabius**,  
President of the Constitutional Council of the French Republic,  
former President of the COP 21

10:10 a.m.



Speech by **Anne Hidalgo**,  
Mayor of Paris, President of the Cities Climate  
Leadership Group (C40)

10:25 a.m.

Video statement by **Jeffrey Sachs**, economist, Director of Columbia  
University's Center for Sustainable Development

10:30 a.m.

Panel 1: *"Why should we act?"*, moderated by **Laurence Tubiana**,  
Director of the European Climate Foundation, former French Ambassador on climate  
change negotiations

- ✓ **Jochen Flasbarth**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment,  
Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of the German Republic
- ✓ **Manuel Pulgar-Vidal**, Head of World Wild Fund (WWF) Climate and Energy Practice,  
former COP 20 President, former Environment Minister of Peru
- ✓ **Jean Jouzel**, French climatologist, former IPCC Vice-President
- ✓ **Zhang Xincheng**, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Chairman

11:30 a.m.

Discussion with the audience (Live Twitter questions)

12:15 p.m.



Speech by **Mary Robinson**,  
President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice,  
former United Nations Special Envoy on climate change and El Niño

12:30 p.m.

Lunch break

3 p.m.



Speech by **Arnold Schwarzenegger**,  
President and Founder of the R20 Regions of Climate Action,  
former Governor of California

3:15 p.m.

Video statement by **Paul Polman**, President of the World Business Council  
for Sustainable Development, Chief executive officer of Unilever

3:20 p.m.

Feedback on the legal experts' works by **Yann Aguila**, French lawyer,  
President of the Environmental commission of the *Club des Juristes*

3:30 p.m.

Panel 2: *"Acting through law"*, moderated by **Laurence Boisson de Chazournes**,  
International law Professor at Geneva University

- ✓ **Swatanter Kumar**, Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal of India
- ✓ **Antonio Benjamin**, Judge at the Brazil's High Court, President of the World Commission  
of Environmental Law of the IUCN
- ✓ **Luc Lavrysen**, Judge at the Constitutional Court of Belgium, environmental law specialist
- ✓ **Sidiki Kaba**, Minister of Justice of Senegal, former Chairman of the International Federation  
for Human Rights

4:30 p.m.



Speech by **Ban Ki-moon**,  
former United Nations Secretary-General (2007-2016)

5 p.m.

Closing speech by **Laurent Fabius**