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8 May 2009: International symposium on "Human rights and Access to Vital Natural Resources

On 8 May 2009 the **University of Bologna** Law School, in cooperation with EIUC and Queen Mary College of the University of London hosted an <u>international symposium on "Human rights and Access to Vital Natural Resources"</u>. The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Prof. Olivier De Schutter presented his views on access to natural resources and the right to food, focusing on access to land and to genetic resources. EIUC was represented by Prof. Fabrizio Marrella, E.MA Programme Director, who presented a paper on "Access to Water and ICSID Arbitration".

Venue:

Facoltà di Giurisprudenza Sala Armi, Palazzo Malvezzi Via Zamboni, 22 Bologna.

Programme of the event:

9:45 h WELCOME SPEECH

STEFANO CANESTRARI, Dean of the Law Faculty

10 h MORNING SESSION

Chair: ATTILA TANZI, University of Bologna, Chairman, Compliance Comittee of the Protocol on Water and Health

Natural Resources as Object of Economic Exploitation and Environmental Protection in International Law

MARC PALLEMAERTS, University of Amsterdam (UVA)

Sovereignty vs Common Heritage of Mankind Approaches to Natural Resources STEPHEN STEC, Central European University, Budapest

Coffee Break

Access to Natural Resources in Conflict Zones PHOEBE OKOWA, Queen Mary, University of London

Debate

13 h Lunch

14 h AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair: HÉLÈNE RUIZ FABRI, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Director of the Unité mixte

de recherche en droit comparé (Paris I/CNRS), President of the European Society of International Law

Right to Food and Access to Land

OLIVIER DE SCHUTTER, Université catholique de Louvain, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

Filling the Gap between International Water Law and Human Rights Law: The UNECE Protocol on Water and Health

ATTILA TANZI, University of Bologna, Chairman, Compliance Comittee of the Protocol on Water and Health

Coffee Break

Access to Water and ICSID Arbitration

FABRIZIO MARRELLA, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation

WTO Law and Vital Natural Resources ELISA BARONCINI, University of Bologna

Debate

For more information on the event, please refer to the following <u>link</u>.