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# Press Release

## REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION OF SMALL ISLAND STATES ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

### SCHEDULE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public hearings of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea relating to the *Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law* will open on Monday, 11 September 2023 at 10 a.m. The President of the Tribunal, Judge Albert Hoffmann, will preside over the sitting.

Further to the Order 2023/4 of 30 June 2023, 34 States Parties and 4 intergovernmental organizations, in addition to the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS), will participate in the hearing: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Chile, China, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, European Union, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Latvia, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom, Viet Nam, African Union, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, and Pacific Community.

The schedule of the hearings is as follows:

*Monday, 11 September 2023*

10 – 10:15 a.m.:	Opening of the hearing
10:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.:	Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law
3 – 6 p.m.:	Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law

*Tuesday, 12 September 2023*

10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law

3 – 6 p.m.: Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law

*Wednesday, 13 September 2023*

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Germany, Saudi Arabia, Australia

3 – 6 p.m.: Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia

*Thursday, 14 September 2023*

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Chile, China, Djibouti

3 – 6 p.m.: Djibouti, Guatemala, India

*Friday, 15 September 2023*

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Indonesia, Latvia, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of)

3 – 6 p.m.: Micronesia (Federated States of), New Zealand, Republic of Korea

*Monday, 18 September 2023*

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Mexico, Mozambique, Nauru

3 – 4:30 p.m. Nauru, Norway

*Tuesday, 19 September 2023*

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Philippines, Portugal, Sierra Leone

3 – 4 p.m. Singapore

*Wednesday, 20 September 2023*

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Timor-Leste, European Union, Viet Nam

3 – 4:30 p.m. Viet Nam, Pacific Community (SPC)

*Thursday, 21 September 2023*

10 a.m. – 1.15 p.m.: Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo,  
International Union for Conservation of Nature and  
Natural Resources

3 – 4 p.m. African Union

*Monday, 25 September 2023*

10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: France, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom

### **Attending the hearings**

The hearings will take place in the main courtroom of the Tribunal and are open to the public. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps and the general public wishing to attend the hearings are requested to register in advance with the [Press Office](#).

### **Accreditation for media representatives**

Members of the press are welcome to attend the hearings and are requested to register in advance using the [accreditation form](#) that is available on the website of the Tribunal. Unobtrusive audio and video recording of the hearings is permitted.

### **Webcast**

The hearings will be broadcast [live](#) on the website. A recorded webcast will be made available under [Webcast Archives](#) after the close of each sitting. The verbatim records of the hearing will be published shortly thereafter on the [case page](#).

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