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Dear 2nd World Environmental Law Congress Speakers,

We hope you are well despite the challenging global health situation.

We wish to inform you that, due to the continuing uncertainty and volatility of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided that it is impossible to hold the rescheduled **2nd World Environmental Law Congress** as planned, on Monday 28 September through Friday 2 October 2020, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

As you know, the Congress was originally scheduled for 23-27 March 2020 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we determined in February 2020 to postpone the Congress, along with the related events including the 3rd General Assembly of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment, the International Council of Environmental Law Colloquium, the WCEL Moot Court, and various side meetings. Information on the Congress and prior announcements is available [here](#).

The WCEL Steering Committee will meet in early August to determine, in consultation with our close partners, particularly UNEP, whether the Congress can be held this year or should be rescheduled for 2021 at a time that allows for safe international travel and gatherings. WCEL is also exploring adding virtual participation components to our Congress to allow for broader engagement.

For Congress participants with travel arrangements through WCEL, please look for an email from us soon regarding rearranging your travel for a future Congress.

In the interim, while face-to-face meetings are not possible, there are many ways for you to stay engaged with WCEL. We strongly encourage you to register for the [WCEL Webinar Series](#), to view the outstanding speakers in the [WCEL Environmental Law Lecture Series](#), and to keep checking the [WCEL web site](#) for the streams of interesting news stories frequently posted.

Thank you for your support and understanding as WCEL joins you in hoping for a safer future for everyone in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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