

25th International
Conference of
Chief Justices of
the World
20-24 November, 2024
City Montessori School



CONSTITUTION CLUB PROGRAM

November 20th, 12pm

CMS GREETING

Aadya Mishra and Ribhav Misra, Representatives of CMS' student body

WELCOME ADDRESS

Prof. Geeta Gandhi Kingdon, Convener, International Conference of Chief Justices of the World & Manager, City Montessori School

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Dr. Augusto Lopez-Claros, Executive Director, Global Governance Forum

GUEST OF HONOUR ADDRESS

Shri Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble Minister of State, Commerce & Industry and Ministry of Electronics & IT of India

CHIEF GUEST ADDRESS

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State, Law and Justice (IC) of India

PANEL DISCUSSION

25 YEARS OF THE CONFERENCE: A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The ICCJW was conceived and convened for 24 years consecutively by Dr. Jagdish Gandhi, Founder of City Montessori School, a doyen of world unity and peace and a passionate life-long advocate for a better global governance structure via reform of the UN. The conference was inspired

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by Article 51 of the Constitution of India which relates to promoting international peace and security, fostering respect for international law, encouraging settlement of international disputes by arbitration, and the maintenance of just and honourable relations between nations. This year we celebrate the 25th edition of this event in which a total of 1480 Chief Justices, judges, Heads of States and experts from 141 countries have participated, coming together year after year to create a climate of opinion on some of the most pressing matters humanity faces today.

Moderated by Dr. Joshua Lincoln, Senior Fellow, Centre for International Law and Governance at Fletcher, the Graduate School of Global Affairs, Tufts University

Panelists:

- Ms. Katalin Novák, Former President of Hungary
- Sir Rodney Williams, Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda
- Justice Adel Omar Sherif, First Deputy Chief Justice, Supreme Constitutional Court, Egypt
- Justice Rosa María Acón, Alternate Judge of the Criminal Cassation Chamber, Supreme Court of Justice, Costa Rica
- Justice Carl Ashok Singh, Former Chancellor of Judiciary, Guyana

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (in alphabetical order):



Rosa María Acón is Alternate Judge of the Criminal Cassation Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice of Costa Rica. She graduated from the Academic Doctorate Program in Criminal Law at the Universidad Libre de Derecho in 2008. She is a specialist in Commercial Law, granted by the University of Costa Rica, Graduate Studies System and has a Law Degree from the University of Costa Rica and is a Notary Public.



Geeta Gandhi Kingdon is the Convener of the International Conference of Chief Justices of the World & Manager of City Montessori School. Kingdon was Professor at the UCL Institute of Education, University College London, where she held the Chair of Education and International Development. Prior to this, she worked for 10 years at the Department of Economics, University of Oxford. She has a BSc Hons. in Economics from the London School of Economics, and MSc and DPhil in Development Economics from the University of Oxford.

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Joshua Lincoln is a Senior Fellow (non-residential) at the Centre for International Law and Governance at Fletcher, the Graduate School of Global Affairs, Tufts University. For much of the past two decades he has worked on global peace and security issues at the United Nations, including postings as Directeur de Cabinet to the Director-General of the UN Office at Geneva and as Senior Officer in the Executive Office of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York.



Augusto Lopez-Claros is the Executive Director of the Global Governance Forum, a non-profit organization committed to advancing global solutions to global problems. He is an international economist with over 30 years of experience, including senior roles at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. He has also served as chief economist and director of the Global Competitiveness Program at the World Economic Forum in Geneva.



Katalin Novák is the first female President of Hungary. She completed her university studies at the University of Economic Sciences and Public

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Administration of Budapest and at the University of Szeged, and also studied in Paris with a scholarship. She is an economist. She started her career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, headed by Minister János Martonyi. She served as the Head of Cabinet of Minister Zoltán Balog at the Ministry of Human Capacities then became Secretary of State for Family and Youth Affairs. She has been a member of the Hungarian National Assembly since 2018. From 2020 to 2021 she was Minister for Families.

Shri Jitin Prasada is an Indian politician who is currently serving as Minister of State of Commerce and Industry and of Electronics & Information Technology. Earlier, he was the Minister of State for the Human Resource Department, for Road Transport and Highways, for Petroleum and Natural Gas, and for Steel. He holds an MBA from the International Management Institute in New Delhi and a B.Com from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University.



Adel Omar Sherif is the First Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Constitutional Court of Egypt; a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.

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and the Vice-President of the International Judicial Academy, Washington, D.C. USA. He has contributed significantly to the development of the international judicial cooperation movement, especially throughout his direct engagement in the activities of various international judicial forums, including his membership of the Judicial Group on Strengthen Judicial Integrity, who developed the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct. In 2005, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan awarded Justice Sherif the Medal of the Constitution of Kazakhstan.



Carl Ashok Singh is the former Chancellor of the Guyana Judiciary. He was sworn-in as a temporary Justice of the Court of Appeal of the Republic of Seychelles by the President Wavel Ramkalawan of the Seychelles. Recently appointed as Chairman of the Constitution Reform Commission, which will now be making consultative changes to Guyana's 1980 Constitution.



Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal is an Indian politician who is currently serving as Minister of Law and Justice. He has a Master's of Arts in Political Science, LLB and MBA from Dungar College in

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Bikaner and University of Philippines. In 2009, he was elected as a Member of Parliament. In the general election of 2014, he was re-elected from the Bikaner constituency for the 16th Lok Sabha. He was Chief Whip of Bharatiya Janta Party in the Lok Sabha and Chairman of the House Committee. In May 2019, Meghwal became Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.

Rodney Williams is the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda. He entered politics as Member of Parliament for the St Paul constituency. He served in the cabinet as a minister, holding the portfolios of education, culture, technology, economic development, tourism, and environment. In 2014, Williams was appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George (GCMG) by Queen Elizabeth II and made a Knight of the Order of Saint John (KStJ), in the 2014 Special Honours. He was awarded honorary degrees from St. Mary's College of Maryland and from the University of the West Indies.