



## GAL NEWS – Oct. 2020

Dear GAL Experts,

Despite the world uncertainties, the global consciousness continues to rise up for the animals. We are all part of this enlightening movement. We are all contributing to make this world a better place for all sentient beings.

Thank you for being part of it !

The GAL Team

## International News

### Animals' Manifesto

[Here](#)

On the 4th of October 2020 for the World Animal Day, GAL has contributed, thanks to the huge work of the World Animal Net and other important NGOs, to the '[Animals' Manifesto: Preventing COVID-X](#)'. It mentions in particular the need to adopt a UN convention embodying the One health/One welfare approach (at. 27-28). The UN Convention on Animal Health and Protection (UNCAHP) is the solution to fill this GAP for a Global Animal Protection ([www.uncahp.org](http://www.uncahp.org)).

# THE ANIMALS' MANIFESTO

Preventing COVID-X



A call to "Build Forward" to create a more **sustainable, equitable, and humane** world, and *prevent the next pandemic.*

**UNEP report**

[Here](#)

This report identifies the main drivers of zoonotic disease, such as :

- Increasing demand for animal protein
- Unsustainable agricultural intensification
- Increased use and exploitation of wildlife.

## PREVENTING THE NEXT PANDEMIC

### Zoonotic diseases and how to break the chain of transmission



A Scientific Assessment with Key Messages for Policy-Makers  
A Special Volume of UNEP's *Frontiers Report Series*

**Harmony with Nature report**





Seventy-fifth session  
Item 18 (g) of the provisional agenda\*  
Sustainable Development

## Harmony with Nature

### Report of the Secretary-General

#### *Summary*

The present report is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 74/224, by which the Assembly requested the President of the Assembly to convene, at its seventy-fourth session, an interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature to commemorate International Mother Earth Day on 22 April 2020, and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly, at its seventy-fifth session, a report on the implementation of the resolution.

Owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the interactive dialogue was cancelled. The context of the present report is therefore one of a global human health crisis. Written 10 years after the first interactive dialogue of the General Assembly on Harmony with Nature, held in 2010, and commemorating a decade of programme activity since the adoption of the first resolution on Harmony with Nature in 2009, the report contains an outline of some of the most recent and hopeful advances on Earth jurisprudence, with a focus on ecological economics and Earth-centred law, rooted in non-anthropocentric teachings. In the report, the Secretary-General highlights achievements made in the second half of 2019 and the first half of 2020 that further demonstrate a paradigm shift from a human-centred to an Earth-centred society in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

§42. A first step to recognizing the rights of Nature is the recognition that **non-human animals are sentient beings**, not mere property, and must be afforded respect and **legal recognition**. Such recognition is growing around the world, in particular with regard to those animals best known and most easily appreciated by humans. (...)

§43. In recent years, lawyers worldwide have instituted court proceedings to obtain **freedom for captive animals** who need better living situations. (...)

§44. **It is heartening that initiatives resonate globally with the call for a peaceful, virtuous and harmonious coexistence between humankind and the rest of the sentient beings that share the planet.** (...)

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**Experts News**

# New GAL Experts

A Warm Welcome to the new GAL Experts!



## **Bianka Atlas**

Attorney and Ph.D. Candidate and Researcher at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona)



## **Dra. Liliana Lorena Bilicic**

Lawyer, Teacher and International Consultant in Animal Law. President and Founder of Animalius Argentina; Director of the Animal Rights Observatory and criminology researcher



## **Kim J. McCoy**

Barrister & Founder of Hong Kong Animal Law and Protection Organisation (HKALPO)



## **Ankita Shanker**

Doctoral Fellow and Moot Court Coach, Faculty of Law, University of Lucerne

**GAL Event on World Animal Day – 4th Oct. 2020  
Midissage & Art Exhibition in Zurich**



*In the context of an art exhibition, GAL took a closer look at the complex and paradoxical relationships between humans and animals. In this sense, we engaged with ethical, legal and emotional questions on this topic also in a global context. During the exhibition of artworks by Swiss artists, the Midissage took place, which was also our annual GAL event. Within this framework we held 3 panel discussions on different topics : animal health and protection into the UN - purpose in Covid-times; animal protection enforcement in Switzerland - solution approaches and the animal in art.*

## Upcoming Events

- **Animal Law Conference** online (23-25 Oct. 2020): <https://www.animallawconference.org/>
- **Conference on animal law** at University of Caen, France (23 Oct. 2020): [La sensibilité animale : approches juridiques et enjeux transdisciplinaires](#)
- **Global Research Network, Animals and Biodiversity Open Forum**, Online via Zoom (26 Nov. 2020)

**Save the date! GAL Experts conference on  
How to Fill the GAP of Global Animal**

# Protection? Key Panelists & Group discussion



**GAL EXPERTS  
DISCUSSION:  
UNCAHP for a better  
world for all animals?**

January 15, 2021, 2pm (UTC+2)  
Livestreamed on Youtube

Organised by Global Animal Law (GAL)  
Association and Think Tank on Animals &  
Biodiversity, Global Research Network (GRN)

Join us for an exciting panel discussion where 6 renowned experts will debate the importance of the adoption of the UNCAHP (Universal Convention on Animal Health and Protection)!



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More to come! We will keep you posted of the program soon!

## Experts Contributions

- **Iyan Ofor**, [Second wave animal ethics and \(global\) animal law: a view from the margins](#), *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, Vol. 11, Sept. 2020.
- **Elien Verniers**, [The impact of including animals in the constitution - Lessons learned from the German animal welfare state objective](#), *Global Journal of Animal Law*, Vol.8, Oct. 2020.
- **Antoine Goetschel** (*in french*), '[Porter secours à un animal en Suisse: Que nous dit la loi ? Et quelles inspirations pour la France?](#)', Online conference, 15 oct. 2020
- **Sabine Brels** (*in french*), '[Les associations appellent au respect du bien-être animal pour éviter une nouvelle pandémie](#)', PositivR, Sallé de Chou, 9 oct. 2020

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