



INTERNATIONAL
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The 5th International Rights of Nature Tribunal will be held on December 5, 2019 in Santiago, Chile, and will hold complementary events at the COP25 moved to Madrid, Spain from December 2nd to the 13th, 2019.

The Tribunal stands in solidarity with the people of Chile who are standing up for their rights and dignity.

Recent events that have taken place in Chile and the cancellation of COP25 in Santiago and reassignment to Madrid, Spain, have led the Tribunal to modify the agenda of its 5th session. The Tribunal will now focus on cases from Chile to respond to the political, social and environmental situation.

The 5th session of the International Rights of Nature Tribunal will be held on December 5th, 2019, from 8h30 to 19h00 in the Auditorium of the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences of the University of Chile.

The cases that will be presented during this session are the following:

- 1) Lithium mining in the Atacama Desert - Chile
- 2) Threats to Patagonia: water and life reserve - Chile
- 3) Privatization of water: water as an object in Chile

These three cases will be fully presented and tried during the 5th session of Tribunal. The Tribunal will hear two additional cases: Amazon (multiple countries) and Vaca Muerta (Argentina). The presentation of these cases will initiate a process of investigation and fact finding to obtain evidence and data to be presented and tried at a future Tribunal.

The judges confirmed for the 5th session of the International Rights of Nature Tribunal, Santiago, Chile are the following:

- Yaku Pérez (Ecuador) - President of the Tribunal
- Nancy Yáñez (Chile)
- Alberto Acosta (Ecuador)
- Raúl Sohr (Chile)
- Maristella Svampa (Argentina)
- Antonio Elizalde (Chile)

The prosecutor for this Tribunal will be Enrique Viale (Argentina).

We appreciate your patience and hope you can join us in the different activities we have planned.