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In October 2013 the Task Force arranged a Showcase Session on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights at the IBA Annual Conference in Boston and invited leading experts on climate change law, diplomacy, and human rights to speak. This session also provided an opportunity for IBA members to offer their advice on issues the Task Force report should address. The experts speaking at the Boston session were: **Michael B Gerrard**, Director, Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School, New York; **Bianca Jagger**, Founder and Chair, Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation, London; **Koh Kheng-Lian**, Emeritus Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore; **Professor John H Knox**, UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and the Environment, Professor of International Law, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA; and **Sir Crispin Tickell**, author of **Climate Change and World Affairs**, former President, Royal Geographic Society, adviser on climate change to successive British Prime Ministers, diplomat, academic, London, England. Task Force Members offering comments at that session were **Professor Olanrewaju Fagbohun** and **Honourable Justice Brian Preston**. The filmed Showcase Session is available to watch at www.ibanet.org/Conferences/boston_climatechange.aspx.

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