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Dispute over the Status and Use of the Waters of the Silala (Chile v. Bolivia)

The Court to hold public hearings from Friday 1 to Thursday 14 April 2022

THE HAGUE, 9 March 2022. The International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, will hold public hearings in the case concerning the *Dispute over the Status and Use of the Waters of the Silala (Chile v. Bolivia)* from Friday 1 to Thursday 14 April 2022, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the seat of the Court.

The hearings will be devoted to the merits of the case, including the counter-claims submitted by Bolivia.

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the hearings will be held in a hybrid format. Some Members of the Court will attend the oral proceedings in person in the Great Hall of Justice while others will participate remotely by video link. Representatives of the Parties to the case and the experts appointed by the Parties will participate either in person or by video link.

[Guidelines](#) for the Parties on the organization of hearings by video link can be found on the Court's website.

Members of the diplomatic corps, the media and the public will be able to follow the hearings through a live webcast on the Court's website, as well as on UN Web TV, the United Nations online television channel.

Further information will be communicated to news outlets regarding the possibility of a limited media presence at the Peace Palace during the hearings.

Schedule for the hearings

Friday 1 April 2022

3 p.m.-6 p.m.: First round of oral argument of Chile

Monday 4 April 2022

3 p.m.-6 p.m.: First round of oral argument of Bolivia, including counter-claims

Tuesday 5 April 2022	3 p.m.-5 p.m.: First round of oral argument of Bolivia, including counter-claims
Wednesday 6 April 2022	4 p.m.-6 p.m.: Observations of Chile on the counter-claims of Bolivia
Thursday 7 April 2022	3 p.m.-6 p.m.: Questioning of experts (called by Chile)
Friday 8 April 2022	3 p.m.-6 p.m.: Questioning of experts (called by Bolivia)
Monday 11 April 2022	3 p.m.-5 p.m.: Second round of oral argument of Chile
Wednesday 13 April 2022	3 p.m.-6 p.m.: Second round of oral argument of Bolivia, including counter-claims
Thursday 14 April 2022	3 p.m.-4 p.m.: Reply of Chile on the counter-claims of Bolivia

History of the proceedings

The history of the proceedings can be found in [press releases](#) Nos. 2016/16, 2016/22, 2018/23, 2018/56 and 2019/27, available on the Court's website (www.icj-cij.org).

Multimedia

The hearings will be streamed [live](#) and on demand (VOD) in the two official languages of the Court, English and French, with additional Spanish interpretation, on both the Court's website and on [UN Web TV](#).

Still photographs of the hearings will be published on the Court's website and Twitter feed (@CIJ_ICJ) on the first two days of the hearings. Selected high-resolution video footage (b-roll) of the hearings will be available for TV use on the Court's website on the same days.

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through judgments which have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

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