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Toward an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legal responsibility to ensure a stable climate for future generations

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***Recommended background reading:** [Human rights in the face of the climate crisis: a youth-led initiative to bring climate justice to the International Court of Justice, July 2021, World's Youth for Climate Justice](#)

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