

Dr. Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou is an *international lawyer, politician, academic, and institutional leader* with over twenty years of experience in multilateral governance, environmental and climate law, and parliamentary diplomacy. She has served at senior legal, advisory, and executive positions across international institutions, the Hellenic Parliament, academia, and the civil society. Her work bridges law, science, and policy, fostering environmental protection, sustainable development, institutional optimization, and inclusive parliamentary diplomacy.



■ Education

- **Doctorate in Juridical Science (J.S.D.)** in Public International Law, International Organizations, International Environmental Law, and Science and Law, Columbia University School of Law, New York, N.Y. Title of the Doctoral Thesis: "Science-Based Lawmaking: How to Effectively Integrate Science in International Environmental Law", published by Springer Publications. 2018.
- **Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Legal Studies**, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C..
- **Ptychio (LL.B. equivalent) in Law**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Law, Athens, Greece.

■ IPU Experience

- **Vice-President of the Executive Committee on behalf of the Twelve Plus Group.** 2024 to 2025.
- **Member of the Executive Committee on behalf of the Twelve Plus Group.** 2023 to 2025.
- **Member of the Steering Committee of the Twelve Plus Group.** 2023 to 2025.
- **Chairperson of the IPU Standing Committee for United Nations Affairs.** 2014 to 2015.
- **Member of the National Delegation of the Hellenic Parliament to the IPU.** 2014 to 2015 and 2024 to present

■ Global Administrative and Multilateral Experience

- **Vice-President of the Mediterranean Committee on Sustainable Development by UNEP/MAP**, Athens, Greece. 2013 to 2014 and 2025 to present.
- **Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee (2016 to 2018) and Member of the Steering Committee, Audit & Finance Subcommittee, Nomination Committee, and Selection Committee of the Global Water Partnership Organization (GWPO)**, Stockholm, Sweden. 2015 to 2018.
- **Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Water, Environment and Energy Commission, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**, Paris, France. 2018 - 2021.
- **Researcher at the Global Administrative Law (GAL) Project, Center on Environmental and Land Use Law**, New York University School of Law, New York, N.Y. 2006 to 2007.
- **Special Advisor of the European Union Delegation to the United Nations Headquarters**, New York, N.Y. in relevance to ECOSOC, UNFF, UNIPOLOS, MEAs, UNCLOS, ISA. 2005.

■ Political Experience

- **Greek Prime Minister's Special Envoy for the Ocean / Lead Coordinator of the Our Ocean Conference 9 / Vice Chair and Member of the Steering Committee for the Our Ocean Conference**, Athens, Greece. 2024 to present. **Representative of the Hellenic Government to the "Ocean Pioneers Coalition"**, Lisbon, Portugal. 2026 to present.
- **Member of the Hellenic Parliament, New Democracy Party**, Athens, Greece. Elected for four terms. 2009-2012, 2012-2014, 2019-2023, 2023 to present.
- **Chairperson of the Special Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Environmental Protection and the Subcommittee on Watercourses of the Hellenic Parliament**, Athens, Greece. 2012-2014, 2019 - 2023, 2023 - to present.
- **Member** of the International Affairs and Defence Committee; the Public Affairs and Justice Permanent Parliamentary Committee; the Economic Affairs Committee; the Educational Affairs Committee; the Committee of the Library of the Parliament; and the Committee on the Reform of the Pecuniary System and the Detainees' Living Conditions.

■ Work Experience

- **Head Attorney, Avgerinopoulou Law Office**, Athens, Greece. 2006 to present.
- **Co-founder and Executive Director, European Institute of Law, Science and Technology**, Brussels, Belgium and Athens, Greece. 2004 to present.
- **Trainee Attorney, Ioannis Polychroniou Law Office**, Athens, Greece. 2002 - 2006
- **Trainee Attorney, Legal Service of the European Commission**, Brussels, Belgium. 2004.
- **Trainee Attorney, Iliopoulou - Stranga and Iliopoulos Law Office**, Athens, Greece. 2001-2002
- **International and Foreign Law Institute, Ministry of Justice**, Athens, Greece. 2001.

■ Teaching and Research Experience

- **Academic supervisor and adjunct professor** of the Master's Degree Program in International Economic Law. **Toulouse Universite I Capitole**. 2020 - 2021.
- **Adjunct Professor**, Global Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development, European Law and Governance School, **European Public Law Organization (EPLO)**. 2018.
- **Instructor, Toulouse Universite I Capitole**, (UT 1 - Law, Economics, Management), New York College. 2016 - 2018.
- **Instructor of Public International Law and Diplomacy, Empire State College, State University of New York (SUNY) / New York College**. 2014 to 2015.
- **Researcher, Columbia Law School**, New York, NY, USA. 2006-2008.
- **Researcher, New York University School of Law**, New York, NY, USA. 2005-2007.
- **Researcher, Yale Law School and Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy**, New Haven, CT. 2003.

■ Awards and Recognitions

- **Blue Planet Award** Maria Callas of Monaco Institute, Rome, Italy. 2025.
- **"Agni Vlavianou" Environmental Award**, Club of Rome, Athens, Greece. 2025.
- **Global Women Leaders Award**, Global Women Leaders Congress, Mumbai, India. 2025.
- **Honorary Distinction**, Almas Jiwani Women Foundation, Montreal, Canada. 2024.
- **European Young Leader (40 Under 40 of the EU)**, Paris, France. 2011.
- **Young Global Leader** of the World Economic Forum, Geneva, Switzerland. 2011.
- **"Green Star" Award** by UNEP/OCHA/Green Cross Int'l, Geneva, Switzerland. 2011.
- **Special Congressional Recognition**, US Congress, Washington D.C., U.S.A. 2010.
- **"Global Citizenship Award for Leadership in Assisting Humanity"**, Orphans International Worldwide, New York, N.Y., U.S.A. 2010.
- **International "Goddess Artemis Award"**, Euro-American Women's Council, Athens, Greece. 2009.
- **Depicted on an Honorary Stamp** by the Hellenic Post, Athens, Greece. June 2009.