



Themes

The Sixth Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law focuses on the vital role of environmental law in addressing the alleviation of poverty and the associated institutional and social challenges of poverty-environment linkages.

The Colloquium will discuss the diverse approaches adopted by both the international community and national governments in the field of legislation, public policy and governmental institutions to deal with such challenges. There will be a focus on the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals in eradicating poverty and hunger and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation regarding poverty eradication. The Colloquium also aims to analyze the close links between human rights law and environmental law, the importance of public participation in taking decisions regarding to environmental protection and poverty alleviation as well as the role of the judiciary concerning access to environmental justice and the promotion of sustainable development.

The Colloquium will analyze these issues from global and national perspectives, taking into account the point of view of both developed and developing countries.

This academic meeting offers an excellent forum for environmental law experts to address the management of poverty alleviation, as well as providing a forum for representatives drawn from international agencies, national governments and civil society in general to share their ideas based on recent initiatives and lessons learned in their respective countries.

As a result, the Colloquium will generate new knowledge about the connection between poverty alleviation and the role of environmental law. It will encourage the making of a series of legal and policy recommendations for governments, international organisms and other interested parties. Selected papers presented during the Colloquium will be edited for publication.

Confirmed major speakers include:

Genáro Góngora Pimentel, Former President of Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico.
Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon, Governor of Mexico City, Mexico
Diana Ponce Nava, Environmental and Land Use Prosecutor of Mexico City, Mexico
Alejandro Iza, Head, IUCN Environmental Law Programme, Germany

Robert Fowler, Chair, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Professor of Law, School of Natural and Built Environments, University of South Australia, Australia
Nicholas Robinson, Gilbert & Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law, Pace University School of Law, United States
Jamie Benidickson, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Canada
Ben Boer, Professor in Environmental Law, Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law, University of Sydney, Australia
Charles Okidi, Professor of Law, Director of the Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law and Policy (CASELAP), University of Nairobi, Kenya
Antonio Herman Benjamín, Supreme Court of Justice, Brazil
Gabriel Real Ferrer, Professor of Law, Head of the Environmental Law Ph.D Program, University of Alicante, Spain
Qin, Tianbao Professor of Law, Assistant Dean for International Relations, School of Law & Research Institute of Environmental Law, Wuhan University, China
Michael Jeffery, Professor of Law, Director of the Centre for Environmental Law Macquarie University, Australia
José Juste Ruiz, Senior Lecturer in International Law, University of Valencia, Spain
Grethel Aguilar, Regional Director, IUCN Office Meso-America
Anél Du Plessis, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, North-West University, South Africa
Benjamin J, Richardson, Professor of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, Canada
Ramón Ojeda Mestre, General Secretary of International Court of Environmental Arbitration and Conciliation
Willemien du Plessis, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, North-West University. South Africa

Call for Papers

The Colloquium organizers invite proposals for papers for the plenary sessions and panels on the topics listed below. ***Please ensure that your topic and abstract conform to the overall theme of the law relating to poverty alleviation and environmental protection.***

Poverty and Environment

- Human rights and ethical aspects of environmental law in regard to poverty alleviation and environmental protection
- Analytical understanding of poverty and impact of poverty on human populations, including:
 - o Financial/economic poverty versus environmental poverty
 - o Scope and distribution of global poverty
 - o Rural and urban poverty
 - o Absolute versus relative poverty
- Approaches to poverty alleviation and environmental protection, including
 - o Sustainable development (Brundtland Report)
 - o United Nations Millennium Development Goals
 - o Climate Change: implications for poverty and vulnerability
 - o Social responsibility of corporations
- Role of environmental economic instruments and payment for ecosystem services

Resource Use

- Sustainable use of resources: access, protection and economic benefits, including:
 - o Soil
 - o Forests

- Water
- Air and atmosphere
- Energy and alternative sources of energy
- The role of Protected Areas in poverty alleviation
- Ecotourism
- Biodiversity and access to biodiversity resources

Challenges for poverty alleviation and environmental protection in an urban context

- Urban planning, housing, sustainability and quality of life
- Emergency and disaster prevention and response
- Greening cities
- Water and sanitation
- Alternative energy sources
- Intergovernmental responsibility and coordination
- Health, nutrition, environmental exposure and land use

Right to information, public participation and access to environmental justice

- Potential contribution of law to poverty alleviation and environmental protection
- Enforcement
- Purposes of environmental law
- Access to Justice and the role of the Judiciary
- The role of an Environmental Ombudsman
- Institutional and legal framework for natural disaster planning and emergency Response
- Environmental citizenship, education, community participation
- Environmental cost of production
- Procedures for environmental defence
- Mediation/communication/international court of arbitration

Submission process

1. **Proposals should be received by July 31, 2008.** Late submissions will be accepted only on a space-available basis.
2. The proposals must contain the following information:
 - a. Name, affiliation, postal address and email address of each author.
 - b. Title of paper.
 - c. Abstract not exceeding 300 words, summarizing the content of the paper and indicating how it relates to the colloquium themes;
 - d. List of key words that best describe the paper;
 - e. Abstracts should be typed double-spaced 12 point Times New Roman font in a Windows-compatible Word format.
 - f. For multiple-author papers, the name of the individual(s) who will present the paper (please note: co-presenters must share the presentation time allotted to the paper. They will not be allocated extra time).
3. Please submit your proposal by email to Professor José Juan González at coloquiouam_uicn@correo.azc.uam.mx with a copy to iucnael@uottawa.ca Please ensure that your proposal is complete. Incomplete proposals may not be considered.
4. You will be notified via email once your proposal has been received.

5. Selection of papers by the Committee will be based upon a range of factors including the geographical distribution of the authors, the importance of the topic, the quality and originality of the topics and the range of topics needed to fill the agenda for the Colloquium, and whether the submitters are professors from institutions which are members of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law.
6. If your proposal is accepted, you will be notified via email by early August 2008.
7. Upon acceptance of your proposal, you must submit a full written paper no later than 30 September 2008 by email to coloquiouam_uicn@correo.azc.uam.mx with a copy to iucnael@uottawa.ca. The style guide is available at <http://www.iucnael.org/content/view/16/29/lang,english/>
8. Submitted abstracts will be posted on the Colloquium website for access by Colloquium participants.

Official Languages

The official languages of the conference are English and Spanish. That notwithstanding, proposals should be submitted in English. Papers may be presented in either English or Spanish. Simultaneous translation between English and Spanish will be provided in the plenary sessions. In other sessions, participants should ensure that at least an abstract of their presentation is available English.

Colloquium Organizers

The Colloquium is hosted by the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law in cooperation with the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana – Azcapotzalco.

The IUCN Academy of Environmental Law is an international network of universities and environmental law centres, dedicated to advancing knowledge of environmental law through collaborative teaching and research. With its Secretariat located at the University of Ottawa, the Academy presently has over 80 members worldwide. A major focus of the Academy is on encouraging the development of teaching and capacity-building programs and collaborative research programs between member institutions. This includes conference and publication activities designed to stimulate the exchange and dissemination of environmental law research.

The Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana – Azcapotzalco is the second major public institution of research and higher education in Mexico.

For information about registration for the Colloquium, please click <http://www.iucnael.org> and <http://coloquiouam-uicn.azc.uam.mx>

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