



## **IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS – SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **Climate Law in Developing Countries post-2012: North and South Perspectives**

**Friday 26 – Sunday 28, September 2008**

**Hosted by the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law,  
at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Canada**

**Supported by the Canadian International Development Agency and the  
International Development Research Centre**

### **Themes**

This academic conference will examine the legal and policy challenges that developing countries face in mitigating and adapting to climate change while meeting their social and economic needs. It will deal with the various legislative, regulatory, and policy measures that have or could be adopted by developing countries to mitigate or adapt to climate change. The conference also aims to enhance our understanding of how developing countries can position themselves in negotiations to develop a new international legal instrument to replace the Kyoto Protocol arising out of the 2007 Bali meeting, including implementation of the Bali Action Plan. The conference will consider what the role of developing countries may be in a post-Kyoto regime, and how to improve the governance of climate-related policy issues within developing countries in order to contribute to sustainability.

The conference will examine these issues from both the perspective of the North (the so-called developed world) and the South (developing countries), as addressing the situation of the latter will require collaboration globally. It will provide a forum for scholars and other interested persons from the North and South to exchange ideas on the basis of initiatives and lessons learned in their respective countries. The conference will not only generate new scholarly insights into these topics, it will likely also result in substantive legal and policy recommendations for governments and other interested parties. The conference papers will be edited for publication in an appropriate outlet.

Confirmed major speakers include Williams Rees (Canada), Wil Burns (USA), Eric Kwa (Papua New Guinea), Brad Morse (Canada), Yinka Omorogbe (Nigeria), Tianobao Qin (China), Lavanya Rajamani (India), Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (Canada).

## Call for Proposals

The conference organisers invite proposals for individual papers or round tables on the following topics, with a focus on developing countries:

- **Climate Justice:** including climate ethics; inter- and intra-generational equity in climate policy; climate litigation and human rights litigation.
- **Energy Markets Governance related to Climate Policy:** including renewable energy, biofuels and nuclear power.
- **Policy Instrument Choices and Mixes:** e.g., carbon taxes and emission trading; Clean Development Mechanism; energy efficiency standards; technology transfers; legal aspects of bio- and geo-sequestration; and voluntary measures via corporate social responsibility or community-based programmes.
- **Protection of Biological Systems for Climate Adaptation and Mitigation:** including carbon sinks (forests, soils, wetlands); carbon storage; biodiversity management and the legal frameworks for protected areas.
- **Protection of human health:** including the issues of impact of heat associated with climate change, declining food security and decreasingly sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable communities; these issues involve the law relating to environmental impact assessment, social impact assessment, pollution law, water law and planning law.
- **Preparing for Post-Kyoto 2012:** including national emission allocations; adaptation and mitigation funds; policy convergence or divergence among developing countries; and alternatives to the Kyoto process.
- **Teaching climate law and policy:** the conference will also have a specific focus on the challenges of capacity-building, with particular regard to developing climate change law curricula and teaching climate law issues in a university setting.

## Submission process

1. Proposals should be received by **1 March 2008**. Late submissions will be accepted only on a space-available basis.
2. **Individual paper proposals** must contain the following information:
  - a. Name, affiliation, postal address and email address of each author;
  - b. Title of paper;
  - c. Abstract of approximately 250 - 500 words, summarizing the content of the paper and indicating how it relates to the conference themes;
  - d. List of key words that best describe the paper; and
  - e. 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).

**Important notes:** Individual papers will be allocated approximately fifteen minutes for presentation. Additional time is devoted to discussion.

3. **Round table proposals** must contain the following information:
  - a. Title of the session;
  - b. Abstract of approximately 250 - 500 words, describing the session, including a list of questions or discussion points and indicating how the session relates to the conference themes;
  - c. Name, affiliation, postal address and email address of the proposed moderator;
  - d. Name, affiliation, postal address and email address of each of the proposed discussants, to a maximum of six people.

**Important notes:** Round tables involve informal, moderated discussion of particular themes among several participants, rather than a series of formal paper presentations. Participants are not required to submit individual paper proposals and are not expected to present papers. Participants should be chosen to represent a variety of view points and regions. Moderators and participants should work out common questions or themes in advance to maximize the prospects for a genuine, structured and constructive debate.

4. Please submit your proposal by email to Professor Benjamin Richardson at: [brichardson@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:brichardson@osgoode.yorku.ca) in a Windows-compatible Word format. Please ensure that your proposal is complete. Incomplete proposals may not be considered.
5. You will be notified via email once your proposal has been received for consideration.
6. If your proposal is accepted, you will be notified via email by mid-to-late March, 2008.
7. Upon acceptance of your proposal, you must submit a full written paper (ideally 5,000-8,000 words, inclusive of footnotes) by **1 September 2008**. The requirement to submit a written paper does not apply to round tables. Papers should be submitted by email, in a Windows-compatible Word format to Professor Benjamin Richardson at: [brichardson@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:brichardson@osgoode.yorku.ca)  
Failure to supply a final written paper may result in the removal of the presentation from the programme.
8. Submitted papers will be posted on a conference website for access by conference registrants.

### **Official languages**

The official languages of the conference are English and French. Proposals may be submitted and papers may be presented in either language. Simultaneous translation between English and French will be provided in the plenary sessions. In other sessions, participants should ensure that at least an abstract of their presentation is available in the

other official language. Assistance with translation of abstracts can be made available where necessary.

For information about registration for the conference, please click <http://www.iucnael.org/content/view/17/30/lang.english/>

### **Conference organisers**

The conference is hosted by the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, an international network of university-based 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 seventy members worldwide. A major focus of the Academy is on encouraging the development of collaborative research programs between member institutions. This includes conference and publication activities designed to stimulate the exchange and dissemination of environmental law research. This conference is being organised in consultation with the Specialist Group on Energy Law and Climate Change of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law.

The IUCN Academy is generously supported by a number of institutions, including Environment Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency, Health Canada the International Development Research Centre and Hydro Quebec.

Further information about the IUCN Academy is available on its website: <http://www.iucnael.org>

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***Please note: this special conference on Climate Law is being held in addition to the Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. The Annual Colloquium will take place between 10 and 15 November in Mexico City, on the theme of "Poverty Alleviation and Environmental Law". A call for papers and registration announcements has been issued separately for the Annual Colloquium.***

