



Call for Papers

8th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

Linkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change

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“And at the same time it becomes crystal clear that the problems of our planet are highly interlinked — without combating climate change we will fail to stop the loss of biodiversity, without protecting ecosystems with their carbon storing capacity it will be extremely difficult to meet climate change targets. And without both of them we will fail in our efforts to fight hunger in the world!” (The Convention on Biological Diversity: Year in Review, 2009)

The Eighth Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law will focus on the **Linkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change**. This theme provides an opportunity to build on the work previously done by the Academy on issues related to climate change as well as making an important contribution to the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity.

You will find below a list of proposed subthemes. Proposed papers for any of these sub themes must clearly address the larger theme of linkages between biodiversity and climate change.

- ✧ Biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being
- ✧ Impact of climate change on biodiversity
- ✧ Biodiversity’s contribution to climate change mitigation and adaptation
- ✧ National and supranational targets for protection of biodiversity

- ✧ Government, non-governmental and societal action on addressing biodiversity loss
- ✧ Access and benefit-sharing of biological diversity
- ✧ Climate change and land-use planning/management
- ✧ Biofuels, climate change and biodiversity
- ✧ Renewable energy and biodiversity
- ✧ Disaster management
- ✧ Indigenous people/human rights, biodiversity and climate change
- ✧ Wetland protection and climate change
- ✧ Protected areas and climate change
- ✧ Protected species and climate change
- ✧ Arctic and Antarctic protection
- ✧ Forest biodiversity and climate change
- ✧ Biodiversity , climate change and poverty
- ✧ Marine protected areas and climate change adaptation

This is not an exhaustive list. Papers on additional sub themes will be considered as long as they address the linkages between climate change and biodiversity.

Keynote presenters will be by invitation of the Conference Organizing Committee. The Committee will also determine which of the papers proposed will be selected for the plenary sessions and which ones for parallel sessions.

Proposals from graduate students will also be considered for the parallel sessions. The most outstanding paper from a graduate student, as determined by the Conference Organizing Committee, will be presented during a plenary session.

Selected papers from the Colloquium will subsequently be published by Edward Elgar Publishing in the peer-reviewed Research Study Series of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law.

Working Language

The working language for the Colloquium is English.

Timetable for submission of abstracts and papers

Submission of abstracts: **17 May 2010**

Final papers and abstracts submitted after these dates are less likely to be accepted for presentation or publication due to organizational deadlines.

Abstracts not exceeding 500 words may be submitted by e-mail to the Conference Organizers at Frank.Maes@UGent.be with a copy to the IUCN Secretariat at iucnael@uottawa.ca Abstracts should have a title and should be typed double-spaced 12 point font.

The abstract should include the full name and institution of the author. If there is more than one author for a paper then the presenting author should also be indicated. The abstract should also include contact details including e-mail address, telephone number, fax number (if available) and postal address.

Style guidelines for accepted papers will be made available in due course.

Selection of papers

Selection of papers by the Committee will be based upon a range of factors including the geographical distribution of the authors, the quality and originality of the topics, the importance of the papers and the range of topics needed to fill the agenda for the Colloquium, and whether the submitters are professors or graduate students from institutions which are members of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. Papers will be selected before 19th of June 2010.

Registration Fees and Accommodation: Details on these will be provided at a later date.