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# International Law & Policy for a Low-Carbon Economy Programme

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The world is moving towards a more sustainable, low-carbon economy. New law and policy frameworks provide important tools. But how to design these rules right, domestically and internationally? How to secure sustainable climate financing, refine carbon trading rules and promote investment into REDD and clean tech development, while ensuring respect for the rights of the most vulnerable? What regulatory and governance systems and what policy innovations can help? What have we learned to date, what are the best legal practices and what are key priorities for a future global law and policy research agenda?

A Consortium of partners from world-class universities, international organisations and leading civil society actors is hosting a joint programme of special events on international law and policy for a low-carbon economy, at the UNFCCC COP 15 Climate Conference in Copenhagen. We warmly invite you to join us for fascinating debates, briefings and celebrations.

This International Law & Policy Programme, chaired by the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) & the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), engages leading academic partners from the University of Sydney, the University of Cambridge, the University of Chile, the University of Copenhagen, the University of Costa Rica, Hong Kong University, Ibadan University of Nigeria, University of Atma Jaya of Indonesia, Jawaharlal Nehru University of India, McGill University, the National Litoral University of Argentina, New York University, the University of Oslo, the University of Toronto, Tsinghua University of China, Yale University & the Arabian Gulf University of Bahrain.

Key collaborators include the International Law Association, the UN Environment Programme, the UN Development Programme, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the World Conservation Union (IUCN), ClimateFocus, the Clinton Climate Initiative & the Assembly of First Nations, with grateful thanks to Sustainable Prosperity, also Quebec & other governments, for their support.



The International Law & Policy for a Low Carbon Economy Programme revolves around four principal events:

- 1 Building the Low-Carbon Economy beyond Copenhagen: The Global Law & Policy Research Agenda / Seminar**  
In this International Law & Policy Research Seminar, developed & developing country negotiators & leading experts will identify key priorities for the emerging global and domestic law & policy research agenda on sustainable development of the low-carbon economy.  
10:00 – 18:00 Sat Dec 12, University of Copenhagen Law Faculty, Alexandersal, Bispestorvet 1-3 (Bishops Square)
- 2 Climate Finance: Legal and Regulatory Issues / Course**  
In this International Capacity-Building Course, registered government, civil society and private sectors delegates will access leading experts to build certified skills in legal & regulatory aspects of climate finance.  
9:00 – 17:00 Sun Dec 13, University of Copenhagen Law Faculty, 214, Bispestorvet 1-3 (Bishops Square)
- 3 Developing Sustainable & Equitable Legal Frameworks for the Global Low-Carbon Economy / Side-Event**  
In this UNFCCC Climate Conference Side-Event, a series of participatory expert-led roundtables will brief COP delegates on the most recent legal frameworks & practices in carbon financing & carbon trading, forestry & clean tech development, & rights-based frameworks for climate change.  
11:00 – 12:30 Thurs Dec 17, Bella Center, Copenhagen
- 4 Climate Justice & Sustainability / Reception**  
In this Book Launch Reception & Celebration, global leaders & COP delegates will keynote on the low-carbon economy, sustainability & indigenous rights, & will toast brilliant new international publications such as *Legal Aspects of Carbon Trading* (OUP 2009), *Climate Finance* (NYU 2009) & *Nuevo Marco Legal para el Cambio Climático* (UdChile 2009) • with wine, hot hors d'oeuvres, cheese & chocolates.  
19:30 – 21:30 Thurs Dec 17, Mt Everest Lounge, Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers (just outside Bella Center)

All COP 15 government and intergovernmental delegates, civil society representatives, business representatives, students and others welcome. For more information or to register your interest in participating, please email [info@cisdl.org](mailto:info@cisdl.org), with cc to [aharrington@cisdl.org](mailto:aharrington@cisdl.org) and [msegger@cisdl.org](mailto:msegger@cisdl.org).

All events are subject to confirmation, see details at [www.cisdl.org](http://www.cisdl.org).