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INTERNATIONAL LAW & POLICY INNOVATIONS FOR A LOW-CARBON ECONOMY

Programme

UNFCCC COP Climate Conference, Dec 07-18 Copenhagen 2009

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.

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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, Bispetorvet 1-3 (Bishops Square)

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, Bispetorvet 1-3 (Bishops Square)

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

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.

18:00 – 21:00 Thurs Dec 17, University of Copenhagen Law Faculty, Alexandersal, Bispetorvet 1-3 (Bishops Square).

This International Law & Policy Programme, chaired by the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), 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 Faculty of Law, Ibadan University of Nigeria, Yale University, 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 & the Arabian Gulf University of Bahrain.

Key collaborators include the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), 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.

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, with cc to aharrington@cisdl.org and mcsegger@cisdl.org.

All events are subject to confirmation, see details at www.cisdl.org.

INTERNATIONAL LAW & POLICY INNOVATIONS FOR A LOW-CARBON ECONOMY

The Low-Carbon Economy Beyond Copenhagen: The Global Law & Policy Research Agenda An International Policy Research Seminar at the UNFCCC COP 15

10am – 5pm, Sat Dec 12

Copenhagen University Faculty of Law Alexandersal, Bispetorvet 1-3, 1167 Copenhagen K

In the Copenhagen UNFCCC COP 15, on the Saturday between Week 1 and Week 2 of the Copenhagen Climate Conference, this International Law and Policy Research Seminar brings together climate change negotiators from many countries of the world with leading climate change expert legal scholars, economists, and political scientists for a constructive roundtable dialogue on future directions for a new global law and policy research agenda to develop the global low-carbon economy. Negotiators and experts will identify key areas and questions for future law and policy research on climate finance, investment in clean technologies and their transfer, rights based frameworks for climate mitigation, and carbon trading, to be implemented by world-class universities and institutes.

Building the Low-Carbon Economy Beyond Copenhagen: The Future Global Law & Policy Research Agenda An International Law & Policy Research Seminar

Final Draft Programme

10:00am Opening: A Rapidly Evolving Law & Policy Context for Climate Change

Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Senior Director, Sustainable Prosperity & Director, CISDL

Prof Pilar Moraga, Associate Dean, University of Chile Faculty of Law

10:30am Roundtable 1: Recent Progress in International Research on Climate Change

Chairs: Prof Hans Christian Bugge, University of Oslo & Prof Richard Janda, McGill University

What are the key issues, what has been achieved in terms of global law and policy experience and research, what networks are active in this area and how are we working together globally?

11:45am Roundtable 2: Emerging Issues in International/National Law & Policy on Climate Change

Chairs: Prof Benedict Kingsbury, New York University & Dr Charles di Leva, World Bank

What are the new emerging trends? Where has the most progress been made in global, regional, bi-lateral and industry sector agreements? What are the leading examples of national law and policy on climate change, what lessons have been learned, where is further research needed? What are the key issues for the next year, and the next five years? Where is further research and legal analysis needed?

13:00 Luncheon

14:00 Break-Out Sessions: New Trends and Challenges for the Low-Carbon Economy

What new research is needed to advance cutting-edge law and policy initiatives in key areas? How, over the next five years, should the global research and policy community respond to these challenges?

(1) Market Based Instruments for a Low-Carbon Economy

Chairs: Julia Litzwan, Yale University / Sustainable Prosperity & Prof Matt Paterson, University of Ottawa /SP

(2) Mechanisms for Mitigation, Adaptation and Tech Transfer

Chairs: Dr Charlotte Streck, CISDL / ClimateFocus & Prof Maria Lechner Reynal, National Litoral University of Argentina

(3) Institutions and Governance for Climate Finance

Chairs: Patricia Parkinson, IDLO & Christopher Tung, Hong Kong Climate Change Business Forum

(4) Rights-Based Approaches to Climate Finance

Chairs: Stuart Wuttke, Assembly of First Nations & Sebastien Jodoin, CISDL

(5) Trade & Investment Implications of the Low-Carbon Economy

Chairs: Prof Kate Miles, USydney & Prof Markus Gehring, UofOttawa / Cambridge University

15:30 **Health Break**

16:00 Conclusions: The New Global Research Agenda beyond Copenhagen

Chairs: Paul Crowley, Manager, IDLO & Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, SP & CISDL

What are the top priorities, how can they be addressed in international and national economic, legal and political-science research and capacity building agendas, and how to move forward?

This roundtable-style facilitated dialogue is coordinated by the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) and a consortium of leading law faculties and partners from around the world. Intervenors will include leading experts 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 Faculty of Law, Ibadan University of Nigeria, Yale University, 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 & the Arabian Gulf University of Bahrain. Key collaborators include the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), 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.

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Climate Finance: Legal and Regulatory Issues An International Capacity-Building Course on Climate Change

9am – 5pm Sun Dec 13

Copenhagen University Faculty of Law, Room 214, Bispetorvet 1-3, 1167 Copenhagen K

UNFCCC Participants from developed and developing country governments, professionals from the international organisations, civil society, the private sector and academia will develop skills and understanding in a full-day capacity-building course on climate finance law and regulation.

Climate Finance: Legal and Regulatory Issues Course

09:00 Participant Introductions & Expectations
09:30 Session 1: Climate Finance: Context and Framework
10:00 Session 2: Institutions and Governance to Engage Developing Countries
11:10 Break (20 min)
11:30 Session 3a: Mechanisms for Financing Mitigation and Adaptation
12:40 Lunch (1hr)
13:40 Session 3b: Mechanisms for Financing Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use
14:50 Session 4: Climate Finance and Issues in International Law
15:00 Break (20 min)
15:20 Participatory Exercise on Climate Finance
16:50 Presentation of Certificates
17:00 Conclusion

Course Outline

09:00 **Introduction: Legal & Regulatory Issues Course**

Participants will introduce themselves in a roundtable, and explain their interest in climate finance. The objectives, agenda, instructors and evaluation mechanisms of the course will also be introduced.

Facilitators: Paul Crowley, Manager, IDLO & Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Senior Director, SP & Director, CISDL

09:30 **Session 1: Climate Finance: Context and Framework (CISDL)**

Financing for mitigation, adaptation and technology transfer has not received sufficient attention in the Copenhagen process. States hold diverse positions on the institutional structures for climate finance, the roles of private and public finance, and the magnitude of funding required. In this session, participants will gain understanding of the current state of negotiations on financing, estimates of the magnitude of funds required and potential sources, and a conceptual framework for the analysis of climate finance issues.

Instructors: Dr Charlotte Streck, Sebastien Jodoin, Prof Benedict Kingsbury, Prof Pilar Moraga and others.

10:00 **Session 2: Institutions and Governance to Engage Developing Countries and Ensure Environmental Effectiveness (New York University)**

At the centre of the current impasse over climate finance is a deep distrust between developed and developing countries. Developed countries are concerned that resources transferred for mitigation will not be used in an environmentally effective manner. Developing countries are concerned that developed countries will not honour financial commitments, as has occurred in development assistance. In this session, participants will gain an understanding of potential institutions and governance mechanisms (top-down and bottom-up) to overcome issues of trust, and learn about options to secure better developing country participation in decision-making and environmental effectiveness, including those that have been proposed in UNFCCC negotiations.

Instructors: Prof Jake Werksman, Bryce Rudyk, Verki Tunteng and others.

11:10 Health Break

11:30 Session 3a: Mechanisms for Financing Mitigation and Adaptation (University of Sydney)

Transferring the substantial funds that will be required for mitigation and adaptation, and maximising the environmental impact will require novel, and multiple, financial mechanisms. While mitigation may be able to be partially funded through private finance mechanisms, adaptation and tech transfer will likely be only via public sources and mechanisms. In this session, participants will gain knowledge of carbon pricing mechanisms (cap-and-trade, carbon taxes, linking markets) as well as mechanisms for leveraging, domestic financing initiatives (feed-in tariffs, etc), adaptation and technology transfer financing.

Instructors: Prof Kate Miles, Prof Nat Keohane, James Chapman, Laura Zizzo, Prof Arunabha Ghosh*, Christopher Tung and others.

12:40 Luncheon Break for Participants

13:40 Session 3b: Mechanisms for Financing Agriculture, Forestry and other Land Uses (University of Toronto)

Just under half of the potential mitigation projects worldwide focus on agriculture, forestry and other land uses. Realizing mitigation from these projects requires financial resources, institutional and legal reform, and capacity-building to overcome knowledge and technical barriers. Further, unlike mitigation in other sectors, the vast majority of such mitigation efforts require individual behavioural changes. In this session, participants will gain current briefings on the potential financing mechanism for AFOLU, including those presented as a part of the UNFCCC negotiations (CDM, REDD, REDD+), learn about financing for capacity-building mechanisms, and begin exploring human rights issues related to AFOLU mitigation financing.

Instructors: Stuart Wuttke, Dr Charlotte Streck, Patricia Parkinson, Annalisa Savaresi, John Costenbader and others.

14:50 Session 4: Climate Finance and Issues in International Law (IDLO)

Whatever legal form the successor to Kyoto takes, it will interact with the large body of existing international law: human rights, trade, environment, and investment, among others. In this session, the participants will explore legal elements of rights-based approach to climate finance (in particular REDD), other human rights and development issues, and the intersections of trade, investment, environment and climate law.

Instructors: Sébastien Jodoin, Prof Kate Miles, Prof Markus Gehring, Tracy Coates, Barbara Hendrickson/Stephen Scharper, Patricia Parkinson and others.

15:00 Health Break

15:20 Session 5: Participatory Exercise on Climate Finance

In small interactive groups of 5-6, guided by instructors and legal experts, participants will learn to solve climate finance problems, and have a chance to test their new skills and knowledge in practice, by using brainstorming and negotiations to identify key elements of new climate finance agreements and transactions. After presenting their outcomes to the plenary, participants will receive expert advice on their ideas and proposals.

Facilitators: Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Paul Crowley, Bryce Rudyk, Prof Kate Miles and others.

16:50 Presentation of Certificates

At the end of the day, Skills Development Certificates (tbc) will be presented to participants who have successfully completed the course and the exercise.

17:00 Conclusion

Registration Fees: 40 EUR for the full-day course & certificate

Fee waivers available for developing country, non-governmental and student participants.

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