



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW WORKSHOP 2012

AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA

ON MARCH 10-11, 2012

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The main objectives of the workshop are –

- To guide law students on various career opportunities in environmental law.
- To promote greater interest and understanding of contemporary issues in environmental law through interactions with experts.
- To bring out the opinion of law students on environmental issues.
- To develop the skills required for environmental lawyering, policy making, research and advocacy through various student-focused activities.

FORMAT AND THEMES

The workshop will be spread over a period of two days with a total of four sessions. Each session will involve a discussion on a particular topic of environmental relevance with an eminent lawyer, coupled with an activity involving the participants. The following themes will be covered in the workshop:

1. Forest governance and institutional reforms in India – by Sanjay Upadhyay
2. Biodiversity and rights of indigenous people – by Shalini Bhutani
3. Environmental impacts of development project – by Kanchi Kohli
4. International climate change negotiations – by R.V. Anuradha

Based on the following themes, student activities will be conducted, including –

- Mock Green Tribunal – In this, the students will be given a real-life problem and asked to represent different groups in a court room scenario.
- Mock UNFCCC session – Students will be required to represent key parties in a mock UN climate change rounds.

These student activities will be of an informal nature intended solely to gain a better understanding of the issues involved.

- Paper presentations – Papers are invited on any topic of environmental relevance. Kindly see the attached Call for Papers for more details.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Sanjay Upadhyay is a Supreme Court Advocate and the Founder and Managing Partner of Enviro-Legal Defence Firm, India's first environmental law firm. He specializes in the field of environment and development including natural resource management, joint forest management etc. He works closely with the Government of India on environmental issues, including as a member of the drafting committee for the Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Act and the Forest Rights Act.

Shalini Bhutani is an independent researcher working on issues of intellectual property rights, community rights, agriculture and biodiversity and has previously acted as the Regional Programme Officer (Asia) of GRAIN. Currently, along with others, she is involved in the Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity.

Kanchi Kohli is a social and environmental activist who has been working on issues of environment development for more than a decade. In 2000, she joined Kalpavriksh as a Member, and along with Shalini Bhutani is also involved in the Campaign for Conservation and Community Control over Biodiversity.

R.V. Anuradha is a partner at Clarus Law Associates, New Delhi. She has worked extensively on legal issues of international trade, climate change and environmental infrastructure projects. She has also published a case study on access and benefit sharing between the Kani tribe in Kerala and Tropical Botanic Garden Research Institute.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Kindly fill in the attached application form along with the write-up and submit the same before **27th January 2012**. The Registration Fee of **Rs.400/-** has to be paid by **selected participants** (details of registration will be intimated after the completion of the selection process). The accommodation and food will be covered by the organizers.

Kindly note that those who want to present papers must also submit the application form and write up by the abovementioned date. For details on paper submission, please see the attached Call for Papers.

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