



ASIA PACIFIC JUDICIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADJUDICATION

29 – 30 October 2018
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

PROGRAM

Day 1 29 October 2018	
INAUGURAL SESSION 9:00 am – 10:00 am Facilitator: Ms. Irum Ahsan, Principal Counsel, Asian Development Bank	
<p>Traditional Ceremony</p> <p>Welcome Remarks by the Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar</p> <p>Remarks from the Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Remarks from United Nations Environment Programme</p> <p>Group Photo</p>	<p>Hon. Chief Justice Htun Htun Oo Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar</p> <p>Mr. Christopher Stephens General Counsel, ADB</p> <p>Ms. Isabelle Louis Deputy Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific, UN Environment</p>
TEA BREAK 10:00 am -10:30 am	
SESSION 1: FOCUS ON MYANMAR: ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE LAW CHALLENGES 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Facilitator: Hon. Judge Teris Samuel Ni Khoi, High Court of Chin State, Myanmar	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of Myanmar's Environment and Climate Change Issues and Legal Framework for Protection and Enforcement 2. Resolving Environmental Issues in ASEAN Through EIAs and Other Tools for Enforcement 3. It's Gettin' Hot in Here, So Let's Talk GHGs: A Lawyer Talks About Climate Change <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Ms. Tin Nwe Soe Director General, Office of the Union Judiciary Supervision, Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar</p> <p>Mr. Matthew Baird Director, Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law</p> <p>Ms. Briony Eales Knowledge Management Specialist (Consultant), ADB</p>
<p>SESSION 2: ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Facilitator: Mr. Andrew Raine, Head of the International Environmental Law Unit, Law Division, UN Environment</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who Suffers the First and the Worst: Is Climate Change Unfair? 2. The Paris Agreement – A Judge's Perspective 3. The Different Types of Climate Change Litigation Against Governments and Entities <p>Q&A</p>	<p>Ms. Irum Ahsan Principal Counsel, ADB</p> <p>The Rt. Hon. Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill CVO Supreme Court of the United Kingdom</p> <p>Hon. Justice Brian J. Preston Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, Australia</p>
<p>LUNCH BREAK 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm</p>	
<p>SESSION 3: URBANIZATION AND ENVIRONMENT 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Facilitator: Mr. Gregorio Rafael P. Bueta, Legal and Policy Specialist (Consultant), ADB</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urbanization Issues: Air and Plastic Pollution and Their Impacts 2. Shipbreaking: Hazards and Solutions 3. Extent of Utilization of Groundwater by 	<p>Prof. Jeffrey Seadon Senior Research Fellow, Built Environment Engineering Auckland University of Technology</p> <p>Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan Executive Director, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association</p> <p>Mr. Abu Zar Salman Khan</p>

Corporations: Legal and Judicial Challenges	Advocate and Partner, Raja Muhammad Akram and Co.
Q&A	
End of Day 1	
WELCOME DINNER hosted by the Union Supreme Court of Myanmar 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	

Day 2 30 October 2018	
COMING SOON TO A COURT NEAR YOU: ADB'S CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION BENCHBOOK 8:45 – 9:00 am Irum Ahsan, Principal Counsel, ADB	
SESSION 4: GREEN COMMUNITIES IN ACTION: INSPIRING GRASSROOTS STORIES 9:00 am - 11:00 am Facilitator: Ms. Maria Cecilia T. Sicangco, Knowledge Management Specialist (Consultant), ADB	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eliminating Lead in Paint in the Philippines: How Multi-Stakeholders Collaboration is Protecting Children's Health and the Environment 2. Community Action to Address Climate Change in the Pacific: Kiribati Experience 3. Surviving Disasters for the Most Vulnerable: Teach a Girl to Swim (TAGS) Campaign 4. ADB's Bottom-Up Approach through the Train the Trainers Program: Developing a Cohort of Expert Trainers on Environmental Law 	<p>Mr. Emmanuel Maria C. Calonzo Adviser, EcoWaste Coalition, Inc. Philippines Adviser, IPEN Global Lead Paint Elimination Campaign</p> <p>Mr. Robert Karoro IVA Specialist and Research Analyst, Kiribati Climate Action Network</p> <p>Ms. Malini Mehra Chief Executive, GLOBE International Secretariat</p> <p>Ms. Christina Pak Senior Counsel, ADB</p> <p>Prof. Camena Guneratne The Open University of Sri Lanka</p> <p>Dr. Hanim Kamaruddin Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</p>
Q&A	

TEA BREAK
11:00 am - 11:30 am

**SESSION 5: REGIONAL AND GLOBAL JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVES:
ENHANCING THE JUDGES' ROLE IN THE AGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Moderator: Mr. Christopher Stephens, General Counsel, ADB

This panel discussion brings together judges from different regions to discuss the increasingly important role of judges in the era of climate change. It is also envisioned as an opportunity where judges can share ideas, best practices, and avenues for inter-judicial and inter-regional cooperation.

Southeast Asia

Hon. Vice Chief Justice Takdir
Rahmadi
Supreme Court of Indonesia

Hon. Justice Aung Zaw Thein
Supreme Court of the Union of
Myanmar

South Asia

Hon. Justice Jawad Hassan
Lahore High Court, Pakistan

The Pacific

Hon. Justice Ambeng Kandakasi
Supreme and National Courts of
Justice of Papua New Guinea

The Americas

Hon. Justice Michael D. Wilson
Supreme Court of Hawaii

LUNCH BREAK
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

SESSION 6: DEVELOPMENTS AND CHALLENGES IN GREEN LITIGATION

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Facilitator: Ms. Christina Pak, Senior Counsel, ADB

1. Global Judicial Efforts to Enhance Environment Litigation
 2. Environment and Climate Change Litigation in India
 3. Case Study: Deforestation and Indonesian Forest Fires Cases
- Q&A

Hon. Justice Antonio Herman
Benjamin
National High Court, Brazil

Mr. Ritwick Dutta
Executive Director, Legal Initiative
for Forests and Environment (LIFE)

Mr. Conrado Cornelius
Independent Legal Consultant &
Researcher

TEA BREAK

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

SESSION 7: CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVE

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Moderator: Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Executive Director,
Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA)

This panel discussion intends to gather the views of various stakeholders involved in climate change litigation, especially with respect to challenges and best practices. The panel will discuss the international and domestic drivers of 'climate suits', and the effect, if any, of judgments in other jurisdictions. In addition, the panel will touch upon the global and regional landscape of climate change litigation, and if ideological and/or constitutional factors perpetuate a divide between litigation in the Global North as against the Global South.

Judiciary

Hon. Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla
Supreme Court of Nepal

Hon. Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed
High Court Division, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Hon. Justice Soe Naing
Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar

Litigators

Mr. Ritwick Dutta
Executive Director, Legal Initiative for Forests and Environment (LIFE)

Mr. Abu Zar Salman Khan
Advocate and Partner, Raja Muhammad Akram and Co.

Academic

Prof. Ben Boer
Emeritus Professor, University of Sydney
National Distinguished Professor, Wuhan University Law School

CLOSING SESSION

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Facilitator: Ms. Irum Ahsan, Principal Counsel, ADB

Closing Remarks by the Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar

Hon. Justice Aung Zaw Thein
Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar

Remarks from the Asian Development Bank

Mr. Newin Sinsiri
Country Director for Myanmar, ADB

Remarks from UN Environment

Mr. Andrew Raine
Head of the International Environmental Law Unit, Law Division, UN Environment