

Announcement

Environmental Law Expert Meeting :

The European position towards Copenhagen: A global outlook

Wednesday 20 May 2009
Law Faculty, Maastricht University
(Venue: "feestzaal")
The Netherlands

This expert meeting will discuss the proposed European input to the further development of the international climate legal framework. Environmental law professors from different parts of the world will discuss the proposals set out by the European Commission in its Communication of 28 January 2009, which is called "Towards a comprehensive climate change agreement in Copenhagen" (COM(2009)39 final), and the subsequent decisions of the European Parliament and the Council. The experts, linked to the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, will present their views on the possible further design of the international climate change framework, particularly from the perspective of the specific situation of their region. In this vein, the feasibility of the position set out by the European institutions will be discussed and evaluated.

This expert meeting is designed for environmental lawyers and scholars, including students, and also for other persons active with climate change policy and law such as representatives from NGO's, governments and industry. Members of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law and members of the Ius Commune environmental law research group are particularly welcome.

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Time	Session	Speaker (invited)
12.30 – 12.40	Welcome and opening of the meeting	Prof. Marjan Peeters (chair)
12.40 – 13.00	The European objective for Copenhagen	European Commission
13.00 – 13.20	The EU and international climate law EU	Prof. Jan Jans Groningen University, The Netherlands
13.20 – 13.30	Questions	
13.30 – 13.40	Short break	
13.40 – 14.00	North-America (USA)	Prof. David Hodas Widener University, USA
14.00 – 14.20	North –America (Canada)	Prof. Yves Le Bouthillier University of Ottawa, Canada
14.20 - 14.40	Oceania (Australia)	Prof. Robert Fowler University of South Australia, Australia
14.40 – 15.00	Questions and discussion	
15.00 – 15.20	Break	
15.20 – 15.40	Meso – America (Mexico)	Prof. José Juan González Marquez Metropolitan Autonomous University-Azcapotzalco, Mexico
15.40 – 16.00	South America (Columbia)	Prof. Gilberto Rincon Centre for Studies in Sustainable Development, Colombia
16.00 – 16.20	Africa (South Africa)	Prof. Michael Kidd University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa
16.20 - 17.00	Questions and discussion	
17.00 – 17.30	Drinks, snacks	
17.30 – 17.50	Asia (India)	Prof. Bharat H. Desai Jawaharlal Nehru University of India, India
17.50 – 18.10	Asia (Singapore)	Prof. Lye Lin Heng National University of Singapore, Singapore
18.10 – 18.30	Asia (China)	Professor Wang Xi Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
18.30 – 19.00	Final discussion , panel:	Mr. Hugo von Meijenfeldt, Dutch Environmental Ministry Prof. Kurt Deketelaere Flemish Environmental Ministry Prof. Marc Pallemarts University of Amsterdam