



ICE Coalition

Creating the International
Court for the Environment

Environmental problems extend across international boundaries, but there are no effective international institutions to deal with them properly. The result: the problems worsen and attempts by countries to solve them fail due to the lack of an institutional framework within which to build an international consensus.

A positive addition to the international legal order

An ICE would:

- Build Trust

- * Encourage the consensual and progressive development of international environmental law.
- * Break the deadlock of existing UN Climate Change negotiations and provide a forum for principled dispute resolution.
- * Have a positive duty to identify, describe and evaluate complex scientific issues; not just an orthodox adversarial process.

- Provide clarity and access to justice

- * Issue advisory opinions and declarations of incompatibility
- * Provide access to justice for both State and non-State actors.
- * Non-State actors may petition the ICE and will be granted standing if a materiality threshold is satisfied.

- Harmonise and complement existing legal regimes

- * Serve as the specialist tribunal for all questions of International Environmental Law.
- * Provide support to the proposed World Environment Organization.
- * Serve as the chamber for all Multilateral Environmental Agreements which reference Art 33(1) of the UN Charter.

