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

In this international legal 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)

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Consortium Programme

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This roundtable-style facilitated dialogue, chaired by the Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) & the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), 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, Ibadan University of Nigeria, 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, Yale University & the Arabian Gulf University of Bahrain.

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For further information or to register your interest in participating, please send an e-mail to: info@cisdl.org.



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Climate Finance: Legal and Regulatory Issues
An International Capacity-Building Course on Climate Change
9am – 6pm 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
16:00 Break (20 min)
16:20 Participatory Exercise on Climate Finance
16:50 Presentation of Certificates
18:00 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, 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: Barbara Hendrickson/Stephen Scharper, Stuart Wuttke, 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: Dr Charlotte Streck, Sébastien Jodoin, Prof Kate Miles, Prof Markus Gehring, Tracy Coates, and others.

16:00 Health Break

16:20 Session 5: Participatory Exercise on Climate Finance (University of Cambridge)
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, Dr Markus Gehring and others.

17:50 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.

18:00 Conclusion

Registration Fees: 40 EUR for the full-day course & certificate
Fee waivers available for developing country, non-governmental and student participants.
For further information or to register your interest, please send an e-mail to: info@cisdl.org

