

THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPLICATIONS FOR SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

by

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Executive Seminar Room, Level 3, Blk B
Faculty of Law, NUS Bukit Timah Campus**

ABSTRACT

The Paris Agreement on climate change has been hailed as a watershed in a long process to address climate change. The legal implications of the Agreement are quite complex and represent a patchwork of obligations and encouragements. Consistent with most multilateral environmental agreements, it is a document of compromises. Ian was actively involved in the negotiations and will give an insight into how elements of the Agreement were developed. There are key aspects of the agreement that relate specifically to the needs and interests of Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The focus will be on the issue of Loss and Damage and the legal implications of this provision, particularly in relation to advancing work on risk management and transfer as well as liability and compensation. Other aspects of the Agreement, including the role of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions, and adaptation will be discussed. The legal form of the Agreement, the compliance regime and entry into force provisions will be explored.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Dr Ian Fry is the Ambassador for Climate Change and Environment for the Government of Tuvalu - a small Pacific Island Country. He works for the Office of the Prime Minister and has been employed by the Tuvalu government for the last 17 years. He is primarily involved in negotiating international agreements associated with climate change. He was the lead negotiator for the 47 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) on the Paris Agreement on climate change. He also dabbles in other multilateral environmental agreements including the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. Ian is also part-time lecturer at the Fenner School of Environment and Society at the Australian National University, Canberra. He teaches two intensive courses at Fiji Field School: International Environmental Policy, and Island Sustainable Development. He is based at the Australian National University. Ian also undertakes consultancy work, primarily associated with building the negotiating capacity of government representatives from LDCs, Small Island Developing States and ASEAN countries in the area of environmental treaties. He is the Pacific Regional Representative to the United Nations for the International Council on Environmental Law, the World Commission on Environmental Law and a Research Associate at the Centre for Climate Policy and Law at the Australian National University. Ian holds a PhD (ANU), Master of Environmental Law (ANU), Master of Environmental Studies (Macquarie U.), Graduate Diploma in International Law (ANU), Graduate Diploma in Media (Canberra U.) and a Bachelor of Applied Science (Canberra U.)

REGISTRATION



Registration is complimentary and accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Please register early to avoid disappointment. Light refreshments will be served. For enquiries, please contact Ms Shirley Mak at Tel: 6516 6246. Please click [here](#) or scan the QR code to register.

Closing Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2016 (by 5pm)