

**CELEBRATING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & CAPACITY BUILDING AT THE NATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE**

**CONFERENCE:**  
**ATTAINING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS -**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

**9-11 November 2016**

**Shaw Foundation Alumni House Auditorium, NUS Kent Ridge Drive**

**National University of Singapore**

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**Day 1, 9 November 2016, Morning**

**SAVING GAIA – ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES) 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

- 09:00 am      Registration and Preparation
- 09:30 am      Welcome Tea Reception
- 10:00 am      Welcome by Assoc Prof Matthias Roth,  
*Deputy Director, NUS Bachelor of Environmental Studies Programme*
- 10:15 am      Dr Sylvia A. Earle on "In Pursuit of Sustainable Oceans"  
*Oceanographer and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence, Rosemary and Roger Enrico  
Chair for Ocean Exploration, USA.*
- 11:30 am      Question and Answer Session  
*Moderator: Dr Joanna Coleman, Lecturer, Environmental Studies Programme*
- 12:00 pm      Lunch
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**9 November 2016, Afternoon**

**WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS**

- 02:00 pm Welcome by Assoc Prof Lye Lin Heng,  
*Director, APCEL, & Chair, MEM Program Management Committee*
- 02:10 pm **Keynote address** by Prof Nicholas Robinson,  
*University Professor on the Environment and Gilbert and Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law Emeritus; Co-Director, Center for Environmental Legal Studies, Elizabeth Haub School of Law, Pace University, USA; former Chair, IUCN Commission of Environmental Law; Member, Advisory Committee, APCEL & MEM Program, NUS*
- 02:30 pm Prof Rob Fowler on EIAs: The Australian Experience  
*University of South Australia; Chair, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (2008-2013)*
- 03:00 pm Assoc Prof Jolene Lin on EIA Laws and Practice - The Hong Kong Experience  
*University of Hong Kong*
- 03:30 pm Tea Break
- 04:00 pm Chief Justice Mansoor Ali Shah on The EIA Experience in Pakistan  
*High Court of Lahore, Pakistan*
- 04:30 pm Prof Hitoshi Ushijima on EIA Law and Practice - The Japanese Experience  
*Chuo University, Faculty of Law, Japan*
- 05:00 pm Dr Shawn Lum on The Singapore Experience  
*President, Nature Society, Singapore*
- 05:30 pm Panel Discussion, chaired by Dr Malone Lee Lai Choo  
*Director, Centre for Sustainable Asian Cities, School of Design & Environment, NUS; Former Director of the NUS MSc (Env Mgt) [MEM] programme (2001 to 2009)*

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**Day 2, 10 November 2016**

**ATTAINING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS -  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

**Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

- 08:30 am      Registration
- 09:00 am      Welcome by Prof Simon Chesterman  
*Dean, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore*
- Welcome by Assoc Prof Lye Lin-Heng  
*Director, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL)*
- 09:10 am      Opening Remarks by The Hon. Mr Desmond Lee  
*Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development*
- 09:20 am      Opening Remarks by Prof Tommy Koh  
Ambassador at Large,  
*Co-Chair, APCEL Law Advisory Committee*
- 09:30 am      Opening Remarks by Dr Parvez Hassan  
*Co-Chair, APCEL Advisory Committee*  
*Former Chair, IUCN Commission on Environmental Law*
- 09:40 am      Opening Remarks from Mr John Boyd  
*Former Senior Counsel, Asian Development Bank*
- Greetings from *Ambassador Amado Tolentino, former Vice-Chair for Asia & member of its*  
*Steering Committee, IUCN Commission on Environmental Law*
- 09:50 am      Greetings from Justice Antonio Benjamin, National High Court of Brazil;  
*Chair, IUCN Commission of Environmental Law*
- Greetings from Dr Nilufer Oral, Faculty of Law, Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey;  
*Chair, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law*
- 10:00 am      Opening Remarks by Emeritus Prof Koh Kheng-Lian  
*Honorary Director, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law;*  
*Former Director of APCEL from 1996 - 2013*
- 10:15 am      Tea Break**

10:30 am **Keynote Address** by Chief Justice Mansoor Ali Shah “Climate Change and its Challenges  
A Judicial Perspective”  
*High Court, Lahore, Pakistan; Member, Supreme Court Committee for Enhancing  
Environmental Justice ( Shah CJ was a participant in APCEL's Training the Trainers program  
in 1997/98 and is now a leader in environmental education for the judiciary and green courts in  
Pakistan)*

**Session I – 11:00 am to 12:30 pm - SDG Goal 15 - Life on Land (Biodiversity Conservation)**

11:00 am Prof. Nicholas Robinson on “Towards Sustainable Global Management of Peat Forests”  
*University Professor on the Environment and Gilbert and Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor  
of Environmental Law Emeritus; Co-Director, Center for Environmental Legal Studies, Elizabeth  
Haub School of Law, Pace University, USA; former Chair, IUCN Commission of Environmental  
Law; Member, Advisory Committee, APCEL & MEM Program, NUS*

11:25 am Prof. Ben Boer on “Future Directions for the Law and Management of Protected Areas”  
*Former Deputy Chair, IUCN Commission on Environmental Law  
Member, APCEL Advisory Committee*

11:50 am **Keynote Address** by Dr Mas Achmad Santosa on "Enhancement of Forest and Peatland  
Governance in Pursuit of Environmental Justice"  
*Founder, Indonesia Centre for Environmental Law (Key resource person in APCEL's TTT  
program in 1997/8)*

12:15 pm Q & A  
*(Moderator: Ms Patti Moore, Environmental Law Consultant, former Legal Officer, IUCN  
Commission on Environmental Law)*

**12:30 pm Lunch**

**Session II – 01:30 pm – 02:30 pm - SDG Goal 13 - Climate Action (The Role of Courts & Environmental  
Law)**

01:30 pm **Keynote Address** by Justice Brian Preston on “The Role of Courts in Climate Change”  
*Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales; Member, APCEL Advisory  
Committee*

02:00 pm Mr Lal Kurukulasuriya on "The Role of Environmental Rule of Law in advancing the  
Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Change Agreement"  
*Senior Environmental Law Consultant, UNEP; former Head of UNEP's Environmental Law  
Programme, Nairobi, Kenya.*

02:30 pm **Round Table on Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Asia Pacific - Opportunities and Barriers** *This roundtable brings together experts with extensive experience of the challenges of promoting resilience and adaptation in countries in the Asia Pacific region. They will share their experiences and thoughts on the role of law in tackling these challenges, and more broadly, in promoting the SDGs.*

**Panel Chair** Emeritus Prof Koh Kheng-Lian  
*Honorary Director, Asia Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL)*

**Panellists**

02:30 pm Dr Parvez Hassan on “The Judicial Commission on Climate Change in Pakistan”  
*President of the Pakistan Environmental Law Association; Senior Partner, Hassan and Hassan, Pakistan Co-Chair, APCEL Advisory Committee*

02:45 pm Assoc Prof. Jolene Lin on “Tackling Climate Change at the City Level in the Asia Pacific”  
*Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong*

03:00 pm Ms Melissa Low on “Challenges in Implementing Climate Adaptation Law in Singapore”  
*Research Associate, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore*

03:15 pm Dr Mi Zhou on “Risks and trade-offs: humanitarian aid and climate resilience in Afghanistan”  
*Director of Legal Research and Writing, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong*

03:30 pm Prof Donna Craig “Legal Strategies to Expand Community Based Governance in Climate Change Adaptation: Lessons from the Pacific Islands” (Audio presentation)  
*Professor of Environmental Law, School of Law, University of Western Sydney*

03:45 pm Panel Discussion

**04:15 pm Tea Break**

**04:30 pm to 06:00 pm - SDG Goal 14 Life below Water (Sustainable Oceans)**

**Panel Chair** Assoc Prof Robert Beckman  
*Former Director, Centre for International Law (CIL), NUS*

**Panellists**

04:30 pm Dr Youna Lyons on “The international legal framework for the protection and sustainable use of marine biological diversity”  
*Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Law (CIL)*

04:50 pm Ms Denise Cheong on “States’ International Rights and Obligations in the Race for Giant Clams in the South China Sea”  
*Research Fellow, Centre for International Law (CIL)*

05:10 pm Dr Zhen Sun on “IMO Measures to Protect Areas beyond National Jurisdiction”  
*Research Fellow, Centre for International Law (CIL)*

05:30 pm Panel Discussion

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06:00 pm Cocktails at NUSS Guild House Lobby, Kent Ridge campus

**07:30 pm** **Gala Dinner** for all speakers and guests at NUSS Guild House Ballroom, Kent Ridge.

**Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation**

09:30 pm **Guest Speaker:** Attorney Tony Oposa, Philippines, "*Climate Justice for Future Generations*"

*Recipient of the Centre for International Environmental Law Award (2008) & the Ramon Magsaysay Award (2009)*

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**DAY 3 - 11 November 2016**

**CONFERENCE IN CELEBRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & CAPACITY BUILDING  
AT NUS**

**ATTAINING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS -  
THE WAY FORWARD IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Master of Science [Environmental Management] (MEM) 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

- 08:30 am      Registration
- 09:00 am      Welcome by Prof Lam Khee Poh,  
Dean, School of Design & Environment
09. 10        Assoc Prof Lye Lin Heng,  
*Chair, MEM Program Management Committee &  
Director, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL), Faculty of Law, NUS*
- 09:20 am      Prof Tommy Koh  
*Ambassador-at-Large &  
Chair, Advisory Committee, MSc (Env Mgt) (MEM) Program  
Co-Chair, Advisory Committee, Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL)*
- 09:30 am      Address by Guest-of-Honour, the Hon. Mr Masagos Zulkifli  
*Minister for the Environment and Water Resources*
- 09:45 am      **Keynote Address** by Prof Nicholas Robinson on “The Future of the Earth -  
Environmental Law, Policy, Governance and Management and the SDGs”  
*University Professor on the Environment and Gilbert and Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor  
of Environmental Law Emeritus; Co-Director, Center for Environmental Legal Studies,  
Elizabeth Haub School of Law, USA, and former Chair, IUCN Commission of Environmental  
Law from 2003-2008; Member, Advisory Committee, APCEL & MEM Program, NUS*
- 10:15 am      Tea Break**
- “FUTURES”**
- 10:30 am      Prof Chou Loke Ming on “Environmental Science and Concerns of the Future”  
*Tropical Marine Science Institute, NUS*
- 11:00 am      Prof Kenneth Richards on “The Future of Business and the Environment”  
*Professor of Environmental and Energy Policy, School of Public and Environmental Affairs,  
Indiana University, USA, & former Musim Mas Chair in Sustainability, NUS Business School*

- 11:30 am      Assoc Prof Sekhar Kondepudi on “The Future of Cities - Smart and Sustainable Cities”  
*School of Design and Environment, NUS, Director, MEM Program, NUS*
- 12:00 pm      Prof Matthias Ruth on "The Future of Environmental Policies & Economics”  
*Roy F. Weston Chair in Natural Economics, Professor and Director of the Environmental Policy Program at the School of Public Policy, and Co-Director of the Engineering and Public Policy Program at the University of Maryland, USA*
- 12:30 pm      Panel Discussion; Q & A  
Chaired by Assoc Prof Victor Savage  
*Former Deputy Chair, MEM Program Management Committee*

**01:00 pm      Lunch**

**“SDG Goal 12 – Sustainable Production and Consumption”**

- 02:00 pm      Prof Philip Vergragt on “Research in Sustainable Production and Consumption”  
*Professor Emeritus of Technology Assessment, Delft University of Technology; Research Professor at Clark University, Worcester, MA; and Fellow, Tellus Institute, Boston, USA*
- 02:30 pm      Dr Jeffrey Barber on “Mobilizing Research for Sustainable Lifestyles: Global Research Forum on Sustainable Production and Consumption and the 10-year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns”  
*President, Integrative Strategies Forum; Co-Chair of the Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED); and Northern Co-Chair of the NGO Caucus on Sustainable Production and Consumption at the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD)*
- 03:00 pm      Dr Patrick Schroeder on “Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in International Development Cooperation”  
*Research Associate, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK*
- 03:30 pm      Panel Discussion; Q & A  
Chaired by Assoc Prof Kua Harn Wei  
*School of Design and Environment, NUS Assistant Dean (Academic)*

**04:00 pm      Tea break**  
Registration for the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Environment Lecture

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**05:00 pm      The 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Environment Lecture**  
  
"Going, Going, Gone? How to Prosper while Protecting the Global Commons"  
*Dr Andrew Steer, President and CEO, World Resources Institute*

06:30 pm      Reception for all guests and participants



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