

# Seeking an Advisory Opinion on Climate Change Obligations

In the last two years, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) have received historic requests for advisory opinions on state obligations in relation to climate change from the Commission on Small Island States (COSIS) and the United Nations General Assembly respectively. The advisory opinions, while non-binding, have the potential to significantly clarify the obligations of states under international law to protect the climate and may provide a catalyst for future action to combat climate change.

To this end, the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law at the National University of Singapore, together with the World's Youth for Climate Justice, are jointly organising a half-day workshop which aims to raise awareness and enhance understanding about this milestone development, including the driving factors behind the requests, the different legal procedures applicable for each request, as well as Singapore's contribution to these efforts.



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**Date: 31 January 2024, Wednesday**

**Time: 2pm to 5.15pm**

**Venue: Seminar Room 4-1 (Block B Level 4),**

**NUS Bukit Timah Campus**

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## Programme Agenda

Duration	Programme
2pm to 2.05pm	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> by the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) and the World's Youth for Climate Justice (WYCJ)
2.05pm to 2.45pm	<b>Session 1: An Overview of the Current Requests for Advisory Opinions before the ICJ and ITLOS</b>  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nilufer Oral, CIL Director</li><li>• Nicole Ann Ponce, Asian Front Convenor, WYCJ</li></ul> Moderated by Linda Yanti Sulistiawati, Senior Research Fellow, APCEL
2.45pm to 3pm	Break
3pm to 4pm	<b>Session 2: Singapore's Approach to the Advisory Opinions</b> Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amanda Chong, Deputy Senior State Counsel (International Affairs Division), Attorney-General's Chambers</li></ul> Moderated by Tara Maria Davenport, Deputy Director, APCEL
4pm to 4.15pm	Break
4.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Session 3: Youth Panel Discussion, "Climate Change and Sustainability Challenges and Beyond"</b>  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Natalie Goh, Programme Management Lead, Singapore Youth for Climate Action</li><li>• Ho Xiang Tian, Co-Founder, LepakInSG</li><li>• Ajay, Representative, SG Climate Rally</li></ul> Moderated by Shawn Lum, Senior Lecturer, NTU Asian School of the Environment