

LEGAL AND REGULATORY ISSUES ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN SINGAPORE



DATE & TIME

3 April 2025 (1 Day), 9am – 5.30pm
(Registration starts from 830am)



FEES

Normal rate – S\$490.50 (after 9% GST)
Early Bird Extended! (before 23 March 2025) – S\$280 (after 9% GST)



ATTENDEES

- Lawyers*
- Accountants and other service professionals focusing on Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) issues
- Chief sustainability officers
- Risk management officers

OVERVIEW

In 2021, Singapore's Parliament declared climate change to be a global emergency. This was a milestone in Singapore's rapid law and policy-making towards the goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. This goal is enshrined in international law and Singapore has committed in its Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to achieve it. At the same time, Singapore has identified growth opportunities in the transition towards a low-carbon economy. It aspires to be a regional carbon trading and services hub.

Singapore's growing body of climate change law features climate change disclosure requirements for major corporations and a Carbon Pricing Act which is accompanied by an International Carbon Credit (ICC) framework. Company directors are being advised to consider climate impacts carefully in their decision-making at the risk of failing to fulfill their legal duties. Regulators are also stepping up against greenwashing to protect consumers and businesses.

This course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of this rapidly developing regulatory landscape that lawyers and their clients have to navigate.

CORE FOCUS

- Understanding the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement
- Legal and Regulatory Issues in Carbon Markets
- Latest Developments in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)
- Companies and Climate Change: Directors' Duties and Disclosure Obligations

KEY BENEFITS

- Understand the international climate regime and how Singapore implements the Paris Agreement
- Assess legal and regulatory developments on carbon markets to inform decisions that are aligned with organisational goals and compliance requirements
- Identify latest standards and best practices in ESG that companies should adopt
- Understand company directors' fiduciary duties to ensure legal and regulatory compliance

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Government & Academia

- Policy makers
- Influencers of policy in academia
- Administrators and implementors
- In-house counsel and legal officers

Practitioners

- Lawyers
- Sustainability sector professionals

Private Sector

- Operations
- Legal
- Innovation
- Market Strategy
- ESG

SPEAKERS



MELISSA LOW
Research Fellow
NUS Centre for
Nature-based Climate
Solutions

Seminar: UN Climate
Framework – the Paris
Agreement and
Singapore's
Nationally Determined
Contribution

Melissa Low is a Research Fellow at the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions. She previously worked at the Energy Studies Institute, NUS where she carried out research projects on a range of energy and climate issues of concern to Singapore and the region. She has participated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (COP) for over a decade and is an active sustainability thought leader, authoring, publishing and presenting at various forums. Melissa has participated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (COP) for over a decade and is an active sustainability thought leader, authoring, publishing and presenting at various forums. She is the Designated Contact Point for NUS's accreditation to the UNFCCC and serves on the nine-member Steering Committee of the Research and Independent Non-Governmental Organisation (RINGO) Constituency under the UNFCCC. She is currently pursuing a PhD part-time at the NUS Department of Geography.



PETER ZAMAN
Partner
HFW

Seminar: Legal and
Regulatory Issues in
Carbon Markets

Peter Zaman is a global market leader in his field and is active in climate finance and environmental products markets since 2004. With over 20 years' experience as a transactional lawyer in the UK, EU and Asia, Peter has developed a multi-faceted practice spanning commodities, derivatives and climate finance. His commodities and climate finance expertise enables him to provide a holistic view and skillset which is crucial to support businesses in the energy transition pathway.

Peter has experienced the 'ups and downs' of carbon markets in the EU ETS, under the Kyoto Protocol, in the pilot markets in China, the voluntary markets, UERs, RECs, ROCs and now the Article 6 markets under the Paris Agreement. He has been ranked Band 1 by Chambers & Partners in the Global Climate Change Category every year since 2009 to 2024.

Having worked in both the European and Asian markets, with both buy-side and sell-side experience, Peter carries the benefit of his unique perspective and experience in his work. Peter is an active member of a number of industry groups ie. ISDA and IETA, and is part of the UNIDROIT working group on 'The Legal Nature of Voluntary Carbon Credits'.



JOSEPH CHUN
Partner, ESG
Practice, Shook Lin &
Bok LLP and Adjunct
Associate Professor,
NUS Law

Seminar:
Environmental, Social
and Governance
(ESG): Latest Legal
Developments

Joseph Chun is an environmental lawyer. He leads the Environmental, Social and Governance practice at Shook Lin & Bok and is concurrently an adjunct associate professor and a member of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) at the Faculty of Law in the National University of Singapore (NUS), where he teaches environmental law. He has written widely on environmental law and ESG, and is the lead author of Singapore's only environmental law textbook. Joseph volunteers as a member of the Singapore Venture Capital and Private Equity Association's (SVCA) ESG Committee, the Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers (GAIL), the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) World Commission on Environmental Law, and the Mandai Wildlife Group's Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee. He also regularly works with local green civil society groups on advocacy projects and reports.



ERNEST LIM
Vice Dean (Faculty
Development),
Professor, NUS Law

Seminar: Companies
and Climate Change:
Directors' Duties and
Disclosure
Obligations

Ernest Lim is a Professor of Law and Vice Dean at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS). He received his DPhil (PhD) and BCL from the University of Oxford, LL.M from Harvard Law School and LL.B from NUS. His research interests include comparative corporate law and governance as well as private law. He has published widely on the implications of these areas of law for sustainability (particularly climate change), AI, investors' and directors' fiduciary duties, state-owned enterprises, social enterprises, and corporate attribution.

REGISTRATION AND ENQUIRIES

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/apcel-cncsregform> or scan the QR code
Please register before 31 Mar 2025

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Area: Multi-disciplinary / Others
Training Level: General

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