

CLIMATE LAW AND GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

Climate Law & Governance Initiative Offers Events, Public Engagement Opportunities to Delegates and Public at COP23

The [Climate Law & Governance Initiative \(CLGI\)](#) will offer several events and public engagement opportunities at COP23. Two of the events—the [3rd Annual Climate Law & Governance Day](#) and the [Climate Law & Governance Specialisation Course](#)—will take place outside of the Bonn Zone, and therefore will NOT require UNFCCC accreditation, but DO require pre-registration; both events have been endorsed by the COP22 and COP23 Presidencies.

Other events include the ‘Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) & COP22 Presidency Panel: Implementing the Paris Agreement in the Context of Sustainable Development’ on the 13 November in the DIE Interconnections Zone, and the ‘CISDL & London School of Economics (LSE) Official UNFCCC Side Event: Advances in Climate Law and Governance - Implementing the Paris Agreement Worldwide’ on the 16 November in the Bonn Zone. CLGI also welcomes conference attendees to visit its exhibit booth (shared with CISDL) in the Bonn Zone, which features working papers, articles, manuals, and other information from its partners on key climate law and governance issues. **More information on all events is found below, following this release (pages 2-3).**

Programming will be centered on the law and governance elements of implementing the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goal 13 amidst the complexities of actors (including nations, as well as subnational and non-state actors) involved. Events are targeted at government delegates, non-state and subnational representatives, law and governance scholars and students, and climate leaders from civil society and the private sector.

This marks the third subsequent year CLGI has offered formal capacity-building and knowledge-sharing engagement opportunities at UNFCCC COP conferences, having also engaged via its core partners such as CISDL, the Centre for International Governance Innovation, and the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge, since Montreal in 2005. CLGI has hosted several events in the interim, and offers a knowledge center including working papers, blog posts, and articles on climate change law and governance on its [website](#).

CLGI looks forward to welcoming a diverse set of actors to its programming and exhibit booth at COP23 thanks to our growing partnership of academic research centres, IGOs, law firms, and think tanks.

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About CLGI

CLGI focuses on legal and institutional responses to the challenges posed by climate change and seeks to complement and coordinate ongoing efforts in this field. The core activities of the CLGI are centred on four main pillars. First, the CLGI Secretariat organises and coordinates knowledge sharing events alongside the UNFCCC processes and beyond. Second, the initiative provides support and outreach for the capacity building and climate action efforts of its partners. The third pillar of the initiative focuses on involving students and young people from different regions in its activities so as to enhance long-term capacity strengthening. Finally, it hosts an online knowledge centre, which profiles useful knowledge resources and tools and serves as a research repository for the knowledge co-generation aspect of its work including a blog, research reports and a legal working paper series. *For more information, see:* climatelawgovernance.org/about.

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CLGI Events & Engagement Opportunities at COP23

Climate Law and Governance Day | 8.30-18.00 Fri 10 Nov | *University of Bonn University Forum, Heussallee 18-24* | Registration has now closed

Our [annual one-day knowledge-sharing event](#) alongside the COP will again convene a diverse gathering of international experts, scholars, legal practitioners, judges, government delegates, and climate leaders from civil society and the private sector. Discussions during the day will stimulate knowledge exchange, profile and share innovations, and facilitate collaboration to strengthen global, national, and sub-national climate governance capacity. Note: Registration has now closed, but we will be publishing a summary of the day on [our website](#) in weeks following the COP.

Climate Law and Governance Specialisation Course | 9.30-13.30 Sun 12 Nov | *United Nations University Campus, Bonn* | [Register here](#) (by 8 November!)

A certified training course led by international experts on law and governance frameworks to promote the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement and NDCs. With leading experts joining delegates and civil society actors, this course is a unique opportunity to strengthen personal, professional, and academic knowledge bases on the legal aspects of implementing the Paris Agreement. The CLGI Secretariat is assisting partners in coordinating this course, which will help prepare delegates for the challenges in negotiating and executing the Implementation Guidelines for the Paris Agreement. **NOTE: Registration closes 8 November!**

CLGI Exhibit Booth | Mon 6 - Sat 11 Nov | *Bonn Zone*

Join us for dialogue on climate law and governance reform challenges, materials profiling research into innovative solutions, and opportunities to network and build synergies for capacity development.

CISDL & COP22 Presidency Panel: Implementing the Paris Agreement in the Context of Sustainable Development | 11:00-13:00 Mon 13 Nov | *DIE Interconnections Zone*

Reforming and building robust governance frameworks including legal and institutional reforms is needed to achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement. As countries and sub-national actors embark on these reforms, and as non-state actors increasingly add their efforts into the mix, there is a pressing need for legal expertise, research, innovation, education and capacity building. This event will explore the role of law, the legal community and civil society in achieving climate objectives and will catalyse the key debates and insights from the discussions at Climate Law and Governance Day 2017 held on 10 Nov in Bonn.

CISDL & LSE official UNFCCC Side Event: Advances in Climate Law and Governance - Implementing the Paris Agreement Worldwide | 11:00-13:30 Thurs 16 Nov | *Bonn Zone*

Paris Agreement implementation requires innovative legal tools and governance framework solutions. Highly climate-vulnerable countries merit specially dedicated attention and support. Across key countries, this discussion with legal experts will share insights on challenges, good practices and lessons in legal and institutional reform to strengthen climate mitigation, resilience and finance, and build capacity for climate law and policy solutions. Partners will highlight global trends on climate legislation and gaps to be bridged to implement NDCs. Debates will identify ways to ensure positive impacts of legislation, including effective parliamentary oversight. Awards will be presented by celebrated Ministers responsible for climate change, to the world's next generation of climate leaders.