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## Themes

This academic meeting will examine the legal, institutional, and social challenges of poverty-environment linkages.

With this aim, the Colloquium will discuss the diverse approaches adopted by both, international community and national governments in the field of legislation, public policies and governmental institutions to deal with such challenges. The Colloquium also aims to analyze the importance of public participation in taking decisions regarding to environmental protection and poverty alleviation as well as the role of Judiciary in making possible the real access to environmental justice and promoting sustainable development.

The Colloquium will analyze the mentioned issues from the global perspective, but taking into account the way developed and developing countries are addressing the mentioned issues as well.

This academic meeting offers an excellent forum for experts on environmental protection and poverty alleviation management, representatives of international agencies, national governments and civil society in general to expose and share their ideas on the bases of initiatives of lessons learned in their respective countries.

As a result, the Colloquium will generate new knowledge about the connection between poverty and environment, while allowing issuing a series of legal and policy recommendations for governments, international organisms and other interested parties. The papers presented during the Colloquium, after arbitration, will be edited for publication in an appropriate outlet.

Confirmed major speakers include:

Genáro Góngora Pimentel. Former President of Supreme Court of Justice of Mexico.  
Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon. Governor of Mexico City. Mexico.  
Diana Ponce Nava. Environmental and Land Use Prosecutor of Mexico City. Mexico.  
Nicholas Robinson. Gilbert & Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law. Pace University School of Law. Estados Unidos.

Michael Jeffery. Director of the Centre for Environmental Law  
Macquarie University, Australia.

Jamie Benidickson. Faculty of Law. University of Ottawa. Canada.

Ben Boer. Professor in Environmental Law. University of Sydney. Australia.

Robert Fowler. School of Natural and Built Environments. University of South Australia,  
Australia.

Charles Okidi. Director of the Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law  
and Policy (CASELAP). University of Nairobi. Kenya.

Antonio Herman Benjamín. Ministry of Supreme Court of Justice of Brazil.

Gabriel Real Ferrer. Head of the Environmental Law PhD Program. University of  
Alicante. Spain.

Tianobao Qin. Assistant Dean for International Affiliations. School of Law & Research  
Institute of Environmental Law. Wuhan University, China.

José Juste Ruiz. Senior Lecturer in International Law. University of Valencia. Spain.

Anél Du Plessis. Senior Lecturer. Faculty of Law, North-West University. South Africa.

Benjamin J. Richardson. Osgoode Hall Law School. Canada.

Ramón Ojeda Mestre. General Secretary of International Court of Environmental  
Arbitration and Conciliation.

Willeien du Plessis. Faculty of Law, North-West University. South Africa.

## **Call for Proposals**

The Colloquium organizers invite proposals for papers for the plenary sessions and panels on the following topics:

### **Poverty and Environment**

- Ethical aspect of environmental law in regard to poverty alleviation and environmental protection
- Scope and distribution of global poverty
- Analytical understanding of poverty and impact of poverty on human populations
  - o Financial/economic poverty versus environmental poverty
  - o Rural and urban poverty
  - o Absolute versus relative poverty
- Approaches to poverty alleviation and environmental protection
  - o Sustainable development (Brundtland Report)
  - o United Nations Millennium Development Goals
  - o Climate Change: implications for poverty and vulnerability
  - o Social responsibility of corporations
- Role of environmental economic instruments. Payment for environmental services

### **Resource Use**

- Sustainable Use of Resources: Access, protection and economic benefits
  - o Soil
  - o Forests
  - o Water
  - o Air and atmosphere
  - o Energy and alternative sources of energy
- Protected Areas and Ecotourism
- Biodiversity
- Access to biodiversity resources

### **Challenges for poverty alleviation and environmental protection in an urban context**

- Urban planning, housing, sustainability and quality of life
- Emergency and disaster prevention and response
- Greening the city
- Water and sanitation
- Alternative Energies
- Intergovernmental responsibility and coordination
- Health, nutrition, environmental exposure and land use

### **Right to information, public participation and access to environmental justice**

- Potential contribution of law to poverty alleviation and environmental protection

- Enforcement
- Purposes of environmental law
- Access to Justice and Judiciary
- Environmental Ombudsman
- Institutional and Legal Framework for Natural Disaster Planning and Emergency Response
- Environmental citizenship, education, community participation
- Environmental cost of production
- Procedures for environmental defence
- Mediation/communication/international court of arbitration

## Submission process

1. Proposals should be received by June 30, 2008. Late submissions will be accepted only on a space-available basis.
2. The proposals must contain the following information:
  - a. Name, affiliation, postal address and email address of each author.
  - b. Title of paper.
  - c. Abstract not exceeding 500 words, summarizing the content of the paper and indicating how it relates to the colloquium themes;
  - d. List of key words that best describe the paper;
  - e. Abstracts should be typed double-spaced 12 point Times New Roman font in a Windows-compatible Word format.
  - f. For multiple-authors papers, the name of the individual(s) who will present the paper (please note: co-presenters must share the presentation time allotted to the paper. They will not be allocated extra time).
3. Please submit your proposal by email to Professor José Juan González at [coloquiouam\\_uicn@correo.azc.uam.mx](mailto:coloquiouam_uicn@correo.azc.uam.mx) with a copy to [Bernardette.Blanchard@uottawa.ca](mailto:Bernardette.Blanchard@uottawa.ca). Please ensure that your proposal is complete. Incomplete proposals may not be considered.
4. You will be notified via email once your proposal has been received for consideration.
5. Selection of papers by the Committee will be based upon a range of factors including the geographical distribution of the authors, the importance of the topic, the quality and originality of the topics and the range of topics needed to fill the agenda for the Colloquium, and whether the submitters are professors from institutions which are members of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law.
6. If your proposal is accepted, you will be notified via email by mid-to-late July 2008.
7. Upon acceptance of your proposal, you must submit a full written paper no later than 30 September 2008 by email to [coloquiouam\\_uicn@correo.azc.uam.mx](mailto:coloquiouam_uicn@correo.azc.uam.mx) with a copy to [Bernardette.Blanchard@uottawa.ca](mailto:Bernardette.Blanchard@uottawa.ca). The style guide is available at <http://web5.uottawa.ca/web5/iucn/files/conf/style-guide.pdf>.
8. Submitted papers will be posted on a Colloquium website for access by Colloquium participants.

## Official Languages

The official languages of the conference are English and Spanish. That notwithstanding, proposals should be submitted in English. Papers may be presented in any of the official languages. Simultaneous translation between English and Spanish will be provided in the plenary sessions. In other sessions, participants should ensure that at least an abstract of their presentation is available English.

For information about registration for the Colloquium, please click <http://www.iucnael.org> and <http://coloquiouam-uicn.azc.uam.mx>

## Colloquium Organizers

The Colloquium is hosted by the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, an international network of university-based environmental law centres, dedicated to advancing knowledge of environmental law through collaborative teaching and research. With its Secretariat located at the University of Ottawa, the Academy presently has over seventy members worldwide. A major focus of the Academy is on encouraging the development of collaborative research programs between member institutions. This includes conference and publication activities designed to stimulate the exchange and dissemination law research. This conference is being organized in cooperation with the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana – Azcapotzalco, that is the second major public institution of research and higher education in Mexico.

Further information about the IUCN Academy and the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana – Azcapotzalco is available on the websites: <http://www.uicnael.org> and [www.azc.uam.mx](http://www.azc.uam.mx)

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