

FINAL DRAFT PROGRAMME

As of 24 July 2017

ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA

**15-16 August 2017
Yangon, Myanmar**

Asia is a picture of rapid socio-economic development, at the expense of a fragile environment. The UN Human Rights Council in its resolution 16/11, has recognized “environmental damage is felt most acutely by those segments of the population already in vulnerable situations”. This academic conference includes a two-day meeting comprising the legal fraternity from Asian region, expert and eminent speakers led by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Singapore, to consider the implications of environmental degradation and our commitment to respect the rights to a sustainable environment.

14 August 2017

Arrival of International Guests

Hotel: Rose Garden Hotel,
171 Upper Pansodan Road, Yangon, Myanmar

20.00 – 22.00 **Welcome Dinner** - Foyer Gallery, Level 1, Rose Garden Hotel

15 August 2017

Venue of Conference: Meeting Room B, Level 1

8.30 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 9.30 Introduction and Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Norbert ESCHBORN

Authorized Representative
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Myanmar

Mrs. Gisela ELSNER

Director, Rule of Law Programme, Asia
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Singapore

Mr. Roger CHAN Weng Keng

Secretary of the Malaysian Bar and Co-Deputy Chair of the
Environmental and Climate Change Committee (ECC) of the Bar
Council, Malaysia

09.30 – 10.00 Coffee/Tea Break (Informal Group Photos)

PANEL 1 : ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN ASIA – BALANCING INTEREST IN SOCIETIES

MODERATOR: Mr. Benedicto R. BACANI, Executive Director, Institute for Autonomy and Governance, Inc, Philippines

- 10.00-10.20 **Dato' MAH Weng Kwai**
Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) and retired Judge, Court of Appeal, Malaysia
"Land-the Environment and its People"
- 10.20-10.40 **Prof. Gloria Estenzo RAMOS**
Vice President, Oceana Philippines Inc.
"Good Ocean Governance in the Anthropocene Era"
- 10.40-11.00 **Dr. Jonathan N. LILJEBLAD**
Senior Lecturer, Swinburne University Law School, Melbourne, Australia
"Applying Human Rights Approaches to Environmental Conservation: Issues and Challenges in Southeast Asia"
- 11.00-11.40 Question and Answer Session
- 11.40-13.00 Lunch Break

PANEL 2 : EFFECTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON CULTURES IN ASIA

MODERATOR: Mr. Ritwick DUTTA, Managing Trustee, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE), India

- 13.00-13.20 **Emeritus Prof. Dr. KOH Kheng Lian**
Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
"ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together – Interface between Rule of Law, Human Rights and Human Security in Climate Challenges"
- 13.20-13.40 **Prof. Eathipol SRISAWALUCK**
Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Law, Thailand
"Land Degradation and Sustainable Land Management in Thailand"
- 13.40-14.00 **Mr. Kiu Jia Yaw**
Co-Chairperson of the Environmental and Climate Change Committee (ECC) of the Bar Council, Malaysia
"Topic"
- 14.00-14.20 **Prof. DENG Hai Feng**
Vice Dean, School of Law, Tsinghua University, PR China
"Common and Symmetrical Responsibility in Climate Change A Bridging Mechanism for Adaptation and Mitigation". Topic"

- 14.20-15.00 Questions and Answers Session
- 15.00- 15.30 Coffee/ Tea Break

PANEL 3 : ROLE OF CIVIL IN ADVOCATING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

MODERATOR: Dr. Jonathan N. LILJEBLAD, International Relations & Law, Law School, University of New England, Australia

- 15.30-15.50 **Prof. Sriprapha PETCHARAMESREE**
Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand
"Sustainable Development and roles of Civil Society in ASEAN"
- 15.50-16.10 **Mr. Ritwick DUTTA**
Managing Trustee, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE), India
"Topic"
- 16.10-16.50 Questions and Answers Session

MODERATOR: Mrs Gisela ELSNER, Director, Rule of Law Programme Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Singapore.
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18.30 Dinner, Foyer Gallery, Level 1, Rose Garden Hotel

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**PANEL 4 : NATURAL RESOURCES EXTRACTION AND DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS AS CHALLENGES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

MODERATOR: Mr. Roger CHAN, Secretary of the Malaysian Bar and Co-Deputy Chair of the Environmental and Climate Change Committee (ECC) of the Bar Council, Malaysia

- 9.30-9.50 **Prof. Rose Liza Eisma OSORIO**
University of Cebu College of Law/Philippines Earth Justice Center Inc.
"Enabling Statutes Addressing Environmental Degradation in Key Biodiversity Areas in the Philippines."
- 9.50-10.10 **Prof. Linda Yanti SULISTIAWATI**
Faculty of Law, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia
"Indonesia's Legal Pluralism in Adat Land Conflict Resolution: Studies from Eastern Indonesia"
- 10.10-10.30 **Mr. Ritwick DUTTA**

Managing Trustee, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE), India
"Topic"

- 10.30-11.10 Questions and Answers Session
- 11.10-11.30 Coffee/Tea Break

PANEL 5 : ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDIES: DIFFERING FRAMEWORK IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES?

MODERATOR: Prof. Gloria Estenzo RAMOS, Vice President, Oceana Philippines Inc.

- 11.30-11.50 **Prof. Noriko OKUBO**
Faculty of Law, University of Osaka, Japan
"Development on Japanese Water Management"
- 11.50-12.10 **Mr. Saha Deva ARUNASALAM,**
Co- Chairperson of the Environmental and Climate Change Committee (ECC) of the Bar Council, Malaysia
"Topic"
- 12.10-12.50 Questions and Answers Session
- 12.50-14.20 Lunch

PANEL 6 : LEGISLATION ON SAFEGUARDING ENVIRONMENT IN ASIA - IS IT SUFFICIENT?

MODERATOR: Emeritus Prof. KOH Kheng Lian, Faculty of Law, University of Singapore.

- 14.20-14.40 **Mr. Roger CHAN**
Secretary of the Malaysian Bar and Co-Deputy Chair of the Environmental and Climate Change Committee (ECC) of the Bar Council, Malaysia
"Limitations of the Legislative Framework Model on the Environment in Malaysia"
- 14.40-15.00 **Mr. Benedicto R. BACANI**
Executive Director, Institute for Autonomy and Governance, Inc, Philippines
"Legislation on the Environment in an Autonomous Set-up: Case Study of Muslim Mindanao"
- 15.00-15.20 **Prof. Anton KAO Ming Chih**
The Institute of Law for Science and Technology
National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
"The Reconciliation of Energy Development - its focus and application"

- 15.20-16.00 Questions and Answers Session
- 16.20-16.50 Coffee/Tea Break

MODERATOR: Dr. Norbert ESCHBORN, Authorized Representative, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Myanmar Office

- 16.50-17.30 ***Open Discussion – Overall Panel Summary Analysis (Day 2)***

17.30-17.45

CLOSING CEREMONY

Mrs. Gisela ELSNER

Director, Rule of Law Programme Asia
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Mr. Roger CHAN

Secretary of the Malaysian Bar and Co-Deputy Chair of the Environmental and Climate Change Committee (ECC) of the Bar Council, Malaysia

18.30

Please assemble at the Hotel Lobby at 18.30 hours sharp and a mini bus will bring us to Sule Shangri-La Hotel.

19.00

Dinner at Summer Palace, Sule Shangri-La Hotel

Special guest, Ambassador Hla Myint from AICHR will grace the occasion.

21.00

A mini Bus will bring us back to Rose Garden Hotel. For those who wish to do a bit of shopping or sightseeing, you may return to the hotel on your own.