



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

**CLIMATE CHANGE
LITIGATION: EMERGING
ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

**JUNE 1st & 2nd,
2024**

ORGANISED BY:

**INSTITUTE OF LAW, NIRMA UNIVERSITY
IN COLLABORATION WITH
BRITISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL
COMPARATIVE LAW, UK**

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Founded on the vision of Dr. Karsanbhai K. Patel, the Institute of Law, Nirma University (ILNU), established in 2007, focuses on bringing a paradigm shift in the delivery of legal education in the country. ILNU aims at adding newer dimensions to legal education that incorporate international standards and provide an environment for innovation and dynamic scholarship, embodying the principles of justice education, excellence, and professionalism, ILNU is a globally recognized institute of academic excellence and has been ranked among the top law schools in India. Further, it was awarded the highest grade i.e., A+ by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). ILNU has professional and academic arrangements internationally with several Universities, Institutes as well and Professionals. The motto of ILNU explains how to lead a life away from ignorance, towards knowledge- as the only remedy from darkness is light, and the only remedy from ignorance is knowledge.

ABOUT BIICL

The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) combines a world-class, global applied research institute mind-set with a charitable ethos to serve and advance the disciplines of international law, comparative law, and the rule of law.

Their research has real-world impact, influencing governments and international organisations, legislators, policy makers, businesses and others. It is augmented by our discussion sessions, training programmes, conferences, specialist forums, and our prestigious academic journal, the International and Comparative Law Quarterly.

Their mission is to contribute towards informed, independent thinking in law and decision making for a global community and to uphold the rule of law at the international and national level.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Conference on Climate Change, scheduled for 1st & 2nd June, 2024, at the Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, aims to address the pressing issue of climate change. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has highlighted the significant increase in greenhouse gas concentrations in the earth's atmosphere over the past century, primarily due to human activity. Developed nations, having contributed substantially to this problem, bear a greater responsibility for taking swift action to mitigate further damage.

Recognizing the urgent need for action, the conference advocates for an integrated approach involving multiple stakeholders to educate present and future generations about climate change. Education plays a crucial role in inspiring behavioral changes, enabling individuals, particularly young people, to confront the challenges posed by global warming.

The conference serves as a platform for the exchange of knowledge, recommendations, and expert viewpoints on climate change. Through various interactive sessions such as networking sessions, keynote speeches, panel discussions, and group discussions, it aims to foster collaboration and propagate intra- and inter-generational fairness in climate action.

Drawing inspiration from multilateral discussions at global climate change conferences, this event represents a significant step towards building a brighter and greener future. It will bring together academicians, researchers, students, and policymakers from diverse backgrounds to showcase their studies and assessments on climate change.

All stakeholders are invited to participate in this conference, which seeks to highlight diverse traces of climate action across academic disciplines and research studies, with a focus on climate change litigation and greenwashing.

OBJECTIVES

- To discuss and deliberate upon various concerns around climate change, its effects, and potential solutions through participation of various stakeholders.
- To ensure deliberations among different stakeholders towards legal and policy framework for issue concerning climate change, increasing climate litigation, and role of various stakeholders.
- To initiate exchange of ideas, ideation of new projects, and creation of network of climate change researcher.
- Promote the integration of indigenous knowledge systems and traditional ecological practices into mainstream climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies.
- Empower youth and future generations to become agents of change in addressing climate change through education, capacity building, and youth-led initiatives.

OUTCOME

The conference aims to foster cohesive collaboration among various stakeholders who will be made aware of the problems surrounding climate change and climate litigation.

The discussions and opinions expressed during the conference will be compiled and documented into a book and the attendees will receive an E- certificate.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

- Academicians
- Members from Judiciary
- Lawyers
- Research Scholars & Students
- Entrepreneurs
- Professionals
- Industry / Business executives
- Policymakers
- Administrative bodies
- Statutory bodies
- NGO Representatives
- Students

CONFERENCE THEMES

1. Climate Change & its Impact on Society

Our daily lives are intricately shaped by both historical and contemporary climatic circumstances as a society. Numerous social, cultural, and natural resources might be impacted by climate change, which could have an influence on our civilization. Climate change has the potential to impact not just energy, food, and water resources, but also human health, infrastructure, and transportation networks. It is conceivable that certain groups of individuals may encounter more difficulties than others. People who live in poverty, elderly populations, immigrant groups, and areas susceptible to droughts, sea level rise, and coastal storms may be particularly affected by climate change.

2. Climate Litigation & Emerging Issues

On a global scale over 2000 lawsuits have been filed in connection with climate change. Although States have been the target of most of these lawsuits, private entities have also been named in actions pertaining to climate change. However, the nature of climate litigation in a given nation is likely to be shaped by the presence of climate change-specific legislation, especially framework legislation. The following sub-themes can be considered for the conference:

- Global trends in Corporate Climate Litigation
- Strategic Climate Change Litigation

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3. Green Finance & Environmental Clearance

The world at large is changing so quickly that it aspires to offer unique services and be as inclusive as possible. Yet, the inclusiveness requires a number of actions and eliminations, which may diminish the exclusivity. The subject of green finance and environmental governance model has been one of the most discussed in this inclusion movement. Green finance, which is becoming a top priority for public policy, is the term used to describe financial arrangements that are tailored to the needs and goals of ecologically sustainable initiatives or programmes that directly address climate change.

4. Issues related to the Climate Change – Role of Lawyers, Judiciary, NGOs, Society, Academia & Other Stakeholders

Customary international law's obligation on states to mitigate climate change is a relatively new concept that has not received much attention from international authorities. Determining the obligation at its origin and outlining the scope of accountability are the difficulties. The idea of state accountability is based on the idea that states' sovereign equality forbids them from having total freedom of behaviour and protection from damage.

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5. Environmental Jurisprudence: Shaping Sustainable Futures

The delicate equilibrium between economic prosperity and environmental preservation stands as a formidable challenge in modern governance. Striking this balance necessitates innovative approaches that mitigate ecological harm while fostering economic growth. Concurrently, the judiciary's role in environmental policy is increasingly pronounced, wielding the power to interpret and enforce laws that safeguard natural resources and ecosystems. Collaboration and collective action are indispensable in crafting effective mitigation and adaptation strategies, ensuring a sustainable and resilient future for generations to come. The following sub-themes can be considered for the conference:

- Economic Development vs. Environmental Impact: Finding the Balance
- Judicial Influence on Environmental Policy
- Stakeholders' Engagement in Climate Change Action

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Day 1 : 01-June-2024 (Saturday)

Session 1

Discussion on the legal issues pertaining to climate change [**Panel Discussion**]

1. Global Perspectives on increasing trend of issues related to Climate Change and Climate Litigation
2. Indian Perspective on Corporate Climate Litigation: Brief overview [Involved Members shall be from Academia, NGT, Bar Council, NGOs, etc]

Session 2

Paper Presentation [**Parallel Tracks**]

1. Climate Change & Its Impact on society
2. Climate Litigation & Emerging issues
3. Green Finance & Environmental Clearance
4. Issues related to the Climate Change – Role of lawyers, Judiciary, NGOS, Society, Academia & other stakeholders
5. Environmental Jurisprudence: Shaping Sustainable Futures

Session 3

1. Summary report on the conference discussion
2. Roundtable Discussion
3. Closing note on the Day 1

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Day 2 : 02-June-2024 (Sunday)

Session 1 and 2

Paper Presentation [Parallel Tracks]

1. Climate Change & its Impact on society
2. Climate Litigation & Emerging issues
3. Green Finance & Environmental Clearance
4. Issues related to the Climate Change – Role of lawyers, Judiciary, NGOS, Society, Academia & other stakeholders
5. Environmental Jurisprudence: Shaping Sustainable Futures

Session 3

Valedictory Session

1. Roundtable Discussion
2. Valedictory Ceremony

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Only original, unpublished work on the conference is requested. Submissions that include essentially the same work that has previously been published or is under reviewed for publication at another conference or journal will not be accepted.
- An Abstract of not more than 300 words accompanied by 5-6 keywords
- Submission of abstract and research paper should include a separate title page.
- The Final paper should be between 4,000 to 6,000 words inclusive of Footnotes.
- All Submission should strictly follow the given Formatting Style: Heading – Times New Roman 14 point, Text Font – Times New Roman 12 point, Margin – 1 inch all sides Line spacing – 1.5 lines, single column
- Co-authorship is restricted to two members only.
- All submitted work should mandatorily have similarity index below 10%.
- The Citation style shall be OSCOLA 4th edition
- The decision of the screening committee regarding the selection of the paper for the Conference shall be final.
- Upon selection of the abstract, the participants shall register by paying the prescribed registration fee by 8th May, 2024.
- The mode of payment of the registration fees shall be notified in due course.
- Registration fee include access to all sessions, conference materials, etc.
- Submit the abstract and paper on the following e-mail id : iccl@nirmauni.ac.in
- Any query related to conference can be addressed through iccl@nirmauni.ac.in

IMPORTANT DATES

PARTICULARS	DATE
Last date to submit the abstract	15th May, 2024
Last date of registration	16th May, 2024
Confirmation of abstract	20th May, 2024
Overview of draft submission (1000 words)	26th May, 2024
Last date for payment of registration fees	25th May, 2024
Last date to submit final papers	30th July, 2024
Date of Conference	1st and 2nd June, 2024

REGISTRATION FEES

PARTICIPATING CATEGORY	AMOUNT (INR)
Academicians and Professionals	2,000/-
Research Scholars	1,200/-
Students	1,000/-

PAYMENT DETAILS

The payment details are as under:

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