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International Conference on Law, Development and SDGs: Building Inclusive and Resilient Society - 2026

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MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY,
CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR



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ABOUT MNLU-CS

Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (MNLU-CS), established under the Maharashtra National Law University Act, 2014, began operations in March 2017 to fulfill the Marathwada region's aspiration for a premier legal institution. Located in the historic city of Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, MNLU-CS has rapidly emerged as a centre of academic excellence, blending strong theoretical foundations with experiential learning through moot courts, internships, and legal aid initiatives. The University fosters a vibrant research culture through its specialized centres in constitutional law, human rights, environmental justice, business regulation, and emerging technologies. Emphasizing community engagement, MNLU-CS involves students in legal aid, awareness drives, and pro bono services, nurturing socially responsible legal professionals.

With modern infrastructure, an upcoming advanced library, and growing collaborations with academia and industry, MNLU-CS offers a transformative learning environment. Its alumni now contribute to reputed law firms, corporate houses, and academia. Looking ahead, the University aims to be a national leader in legal education, interdisciplinary research, and global partnerships.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The International Conference on “Law, Development and SDGs: Building Inclusive and Resilient Society,” being organized by Maharashtra National Law University, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, explores the complex interconnections between law, development, and environmental sustainability. The universal pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has revealed tensions between economic growth and ecological preservation, especially within postcolonial contexts where extractivist legal frameworks persist. Modern development, often anthropocentric, marginalizes both ecological systems and vulnerable communities, particularly in the Global South. Environmental justice offers a corrective approach by advocating equitable participation and ecocentric paradigms that recognize the rights of nature and the interdependence of human and ecological well-being.

The SDGs underscore the transformative potential of law in ensuring accountability, justice, and inclusivity. Yet, challenges such as climate change, inequality, and rapid technological shifts demand adaptive legal and institutional responses. India's constitutional and legal framework demonstrates significant strides toward SDG alignment, though questions of efficacy and inclusiveness remain. Fundamental principles—such as Public Trust, Polluter Pays, Precautionary, Absolute Liability, and Intergenerational Equity—form the ethical and legal foundation for sustainable governance. Against this backdrop, the Conference seeks to foster multidisciplinary dialogue and policy innovation to advance justice-oriented, ecologically sound, and resilient pathways toward sustainable development.

The Conference seeks to provide a forum for scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students to engage critically with the intersections of law, governance, and sustainable development.



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T H E M E S A N D S U B - T H E M E S

01. Law and Governance for Sustainable Development

- Rule of law, accountability, and transparency
- Good governance and institutional efficiency
- Decentralization and participatory decision-making
- Judicial role in enforcing sustainable development
- Corporate governance and sustainability reporting
- Public interest litigation for development justice
- Anti-corruption laws and ethical governance
- Legal innovations for inclusive growth

02. Human Rights, Social Justice, and SDGs

- Rights-based approach to development planning
- Access to justice and legal aid reforms
- Gender justice and equality before law
- Socio-economic rights and poverty alleviation
- Protection of vulnerable groups (Dalits, tribals, women, children etc.)
- Social inclusion through affirmative action
- Human dignity and sustainable livelihoods
- Intersectionality and inclusive policy frameworks

03. Climate Justice, Environment, and Resilience

- Climate justice and equitable responsibility
- Environmental governance and sustainable policies
- Climate litigation and judicial interventions
- Adaptation, mitigation, and resilience strategies
- Rights of nature and ecological jurisprudence
- Intergenerational equity and future generations' rights
- Disaster risk reduction and legal preparedness
- International environmental agreements and compliance
- Green economy, energy transition, and legal reforms
- Community participation in climate governance

04. Law, Economy, and Development

- Green City Initiatives, Urban Governance and Infrastructure
- MSME, Rural and Women-led Entrepreneurship
- Unorganized labourers, Seasonal migration and social security
- Renewable energy & Ecological balance

- Sustainable irrigation and crop insurance.
- Balancing industrial expansion with sustainable urban growth
- Public-private partnerships in industrial town planning
- Migration and demographic changes due to industrialization
- Social Justice and Inclusive Urban Development

5. Technology, Innovation, and Sustainable Futures

- E-courts & Online dispute resolution (ODR)
- AI in farming, and sustainable irrigation practices
- Waste-to-energy projects
- Telemedicine & AI in diagnostics
- Vocational training and e-schools
- AI, Robotics, and Ethical Concerns.

6. Peace, Justice, and Institutional Building

- Grassroots Democracy and dispute resolution
- Lok Adalats, and access to justice in rural/semi-urban areas
- Promoting inclusivity & Resilient Society
- Strengthening public trust in institutions
- Right to development of marginalized communities.
- Constitutionalism and good governance as tools for peacebuilding.
- Media, communication, and information in maintaining public order.
- Ethics, leadership, and moral responsibility in governance.

Note: The sub-themes outlined are only indicative.



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GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

- Abstracts must be allied to a specific theme
- Use Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1.5 Line spacing. References may be single spaced.
- Abstract should not be more than 350 words, with at least 5 keywords.
- Abstract submitted only through the link will be considered by the “Scrutiny Committee”.
- The abstract shall have a cover page containing - a brief profile of the author, including e-mail ID, contact number, designation, institution/University and official address.

GUIDELINES FOR FULL PAPER

- The length of the manuscript should be 4,000–8,000 words excluding all the references and footnotes.
- Manuscript should be submitted through a link sent through official e-mail, on selection of the abstract.
- Submission in a Microsoft Word-compatible format (.doc or .docx preferred).
- Font type and size of main text must be in Times New Roman 12 point font.
- Main title should be in full capitals, bold and centered 14 point font.
- Sub-titles should be in sentence case, bold and 12 point font.
- APA Citation Style shall be followed.
- Plagiarism should be under 10%.

BEST PAPER AWARD

- 1.To encourage high-quality research and innovative contributions, MNLU-CS will confer Best Paper Award under each track.
- 2.The selection will be based on originality, depth of research, clarity of presentation, and relevance to the conference theme.
- 3.Decision of the Panel Members shall be final.

PUBLICATION PATHWAYS

Selected papers will be published in SCOPUS or Web of Science–indexed edited volumes, special issues, or conference proceedings brought out by reputed academic publishers. High-quality submissions may also be considered for publication in peer-reviewed journals associated with the conference’s thematic areas.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Language of the Conference shall be in English. All Submissions must be made in English.
- All submissions must be original and free from plagiarism (permissible limit $\leq 10\%$)
- A maximum of three co-authors are permitted per paper. All co-authors are required to register separately.
- One of the co-authors can present the paper. However, names of all co-authors are to be mentioned at the time of registration.
- Decision of the abstract “Scrutiny Committee” shall be final.
- Papers submitted to the conference shall undergo double blind review by an independent “Research and Ethics Committee” of the Conference.
- International participants may present papers online.



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- Acceptance for presentation does not guarantee publication unless revisions suggested by “Research and Ethics Committee” are complied with.
- Each presenter will get 10 minutes (08 min. for presentation + 02 min for Q&A)
- Substitution of participant is permitted with prior intimation but not after presentation of the paper in the Conference.
- Certificates of Presentation/Participation will be issued only upon attending sessions.

Link to Register: <https://forms.gle/cGxWiL3AiY63BhLG8>

Registration Fees:

- Students - INR 1000
- Researcher / Ph.D. Scholars - INR 1500
- Faculty Members/Industry Professional / Legal Practitioner – INR 2500
- International Participants – USD 50\$

Note: Registration Fees paid is strictly non-refundable, in any case. Registration fees include only breakfast, high tea, lunch and snacks. Participants are requested to book accommodation on their own. Organizing team may assist in finding decent accommodation near to the University campus.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline	22 nd November 2025
Notification of Acceptance of Abstract	29 th November 2025
Full Manuscripts Submission	17 th January 2026
Date of the Conference	6 th -7 th February 2026
Last Date for Registration	10 th January 2026

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