



**Special Pre- IUCN AEL 2016 Colloquium Events**  
Your Invitation to Explore Pressing Issues in Environmental Law  
Tuesday June 21, 2016 – Oslo, Norway

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ADJUDICATION  
&  
USING DOMESTIC LITIGATION TO LIMIT DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Presented by the International Forum of Environmental Judges  
and the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)*

On Tuesday, June 21, prior to the Wednesday official start of the [IUCN AEL 2016 Colloquium](#) in Oslo, you are cordially invited to a special day of debate and discussion on two pressing environmental law access to justice issues in environmental law, presented by the [Centre for International Governance Innovation \(CIGI\)](#)'s [International Law Research Program \(ILRP\)](#) and the International Forum for Environmental Judges.

**Access to Justice in Environmental Adjudication**

The day will begin at 10:00 with a forum on how environmental adjudicators ensure access to justice, while operating more efficiently in a climate of increasing legal and ecological complexity. There is much debate about the best form, constitution, powers and functions for environmental adjudicatory bodies and the *International Forum for Environmental Judges* will provide an opportunity to parse those ideas with senior members of the judiciary and academics from around the world. Chaired by His Honour Judge Laurie Newhook (Principal Judge of the New Zealand Environment Court), the keynote address 'Challenges Facing Environmental Adjudicators in the Next Decade' will be given by Emeritus Professor George 'Rock' Pring (University of Denver, USA). To attend the Judges' Forum, you must sign up for the Colloquium by [registering here](#).

**Using Domestic Litigation to Limit Dangerous Climate Change (free and open to all)**

At 16:30, following the judges' forum, there will be a free, open to all, two-hour panel discussion on *Limiting dangerous climate change— The Emerging Importance of Domestic Courts and Human Rights Tribunals— Especially after Paris*, presented by CIGI's International Law Research Program. This panel will review why citizen initiated domestic climate litigation on three continents in 2015 was successful, and will examine the prospects for similar litigation in other jurisdictions. You will have a unique opportunity to hear from and discuss these issues with several key jurists involved in these cases, including Roger Cox, the Dutch Attorney and CIGI Senior Fellow who successfully argued the ground-breaking case for the Urgenda Foundation, and Pakistan Green Bench High Court Justice Hon. Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, who found that the Pakistan government had a constitutional duty to protect citizens from climate impacts and ordered the government to take concrete measures to do so.

We look forward to hopefully seeing you at what promises to be an enriching day of events.

Best regards,

*David Estrin  
CIGI Senior Research Fellow  
Certified Environmental Law Specialist*

*Judge Laurie Newhook  
Principal Judge  
Environment Court of New Zealand*

**IUCN AEL 2016 Colloquium Special Events Agenda**  
**Tuesday June 21, 2016, Karl Johans gate 47, 0162 Oslo, Norway**

The Colloquium will take place at the [University of Oslo, at the Law Faculty](#), located in the city centre. It includes three main buildings, called Domus Bibliotheca, Domus Media and Domus Academica, centered around the University Square and facing Karl Johans gate.

Time, Location	Content	Speakers
<p><b>10:00- 16:00</b>            Auditorium 5, Domus Academica (DA)</p>	<p><b>International Forum of Environmental Judges</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> To attend the Judges' Forum, you must register for the IUCN AEL 2016 Colloquium <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>--</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> His Honour Judge Laurie Newhook (Principal Judge of the New Zealand Environment Court)</p> <p><b>Keynote address:</b> Emeritus Professor George 'Rock' Pring (University of Denver, USA): 'Challenges Facing Environmental Adjudicators in the Next Decade'</p>	<p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Honourable Justice Swatanter Kumar (Chairperson, National Green Tribunal, India);</li> <li>• Honourable Justice Brian Preston (Chief Judge, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, Australia);</li> <li>• Honourable Justice Antonio Benjamin (Superior Court of Justice, Brasilia, Brazil);</li> <li>• Honourable Justice Samson Okong'o (Environment and Land Court of Kenya);</li> <li>• Merideth Wright (Judge, retired, Vermont Environmental Court, USA);</li> <li>• His Honour Judge Richard Jones (Planning and Environment Court of Queensland, Australia);</li> <li>• Jan Darpo (Professor of Environmental Law, Uppsala University, Sweden);</li> <li>• Emeritus Professor Ben Boer and Assistant Professor Wu Yu (Wuhan University Law School, China);</li> <li>• His Honour Judge Laurie Newhook and Associate Professor Ceri Warnock (University of Otago, New Zealand).</li> </ul>
<p><b>16:30- 18:30</b>            Gamle Festsal, Domus Academica (DA)</p>	<p><b>Limiting dangerous climate change– The Emerging Importance of Domestic Courts and Human Rights Tribunals– Especially after Paris</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> David Estrin, certified environmental law specialist and CIGI Senior Fellow</p> <p><b>This event is free and open to all</b> (whether or not you are registered to attend the Colloquium)</p>	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Roger Cox</b>, the Dutch Attorney who imagined and successfully argued the ground-breaking case for the Urgenda Foundation, in which the Court of the Hague found the State of the Netherlands owed a tort duty of care to its citizens requiring the government to rein in carbon emissions by 25% by 2020;</li> <li>• <b>Hon. Syed Mansoor Ali Shah</b>, the Lahore High Court Green Bench Judge who, acting on the complaint of one citizen, found that the Pakistan government had a constitutional duty to protect citizens from climate impacts and ordered the government to take concrete measures to do so;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Andrea Rodgers</b>, Attorney for Our Childrens' Trust plaintiffs, who convinced the Washington State Court that the state government had a public trust duty to ensure its greenhouse gas emission standards are sufficiently stringent to protect children from the burden of future climate change emissions;</li><li>• <b>Zelda dT Soriano</b>, an attorney for Philippine citizens who in 2015 succeeded in having the Philippines Human Right Commission agree to investigate their complaint alleging that large carbon companies located in other countries ha responsibility for climate induced human rights violations in the Philippines.</li></ul>
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For further information about the *International Forum for Environment Judges* please contact the organizers, Judge Newhook and Associate Professor Warnock at [ceri.warnock@otago.ac.nz](mailto:ceri.warnock@otago.ac.nz)

For further details about the CIGI panel discussion, *Limiting Dangerous Climate Change*, please contact panel moderator and organizer, David Estrin at [destrin@cigionline.org](mailto:destrin@cigionline.org)