



South Asia Conference on Environmental Justice

Bhurban, 24-25 March 2012

PROGRAMME

Day 0: Friday, 23 March 2012

ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION OF THE GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS

1900 Dinner

Day 1: Saturday, 24 March 2012

INAUGURAL SESSION

Chinar Hall

| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
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| 0930 | Opening of the Conference | |
| 0935 | National Anthem | |
| 0940 | Recitation | |
| 0945 | Welcome Address | Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali Supreme Court of Pakistan |
| 1000 | ADB's Role in Environmental Governance | Ms. Marie-Anne Birken Deputy General Counsel, ADB |
| 1010 | Conference Structure and Themes | Ms. Irum Ahsan Counsel & Project Team Leader, Office of the General Counsel, ADB |
| 1020 | Keynote Address | Dr. Adil Najam Vice Chancellor, Lahore University of Management Sciences |
| 1050 | Special Address | Justice Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry Chief Justice of Pakistan |
| 1110 | Tea / Coffee and Group Photo | |

PLENARY SESSION

Chinar Hall

Chair: *Justice Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry, Chief Justice of Pakistan*

Co-Chair: *Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali, Supreme Court of Pakistan*

| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
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| 1140 | Environmental Jurisprudence from Pakistan: Some Lessons for the SAARC Region | Dr. Parvez Hassan Former Chair, IUCN's Commission on Env. Law/ Senior Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan |
| 1200 | Role of Judiciary in Protecting the Environment | Justice Antonio Benjamin Supreme Court of Justice of Brazil |
| 1220 | Biodiversity Loss and Deforestation | Dr. Ashiq Ahmad Khan |
| 1240 | Coastal and Marine Issues – the Case of Ship Breaking in Bangladesh | Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan Executive Director, Bangladesh Environmental Law Association |
| 1300 | Climate Change and Floods | Dr. Shahbaz Khan Chief, Water and NRM, UNESCO, France |
| 1320 | Development of Environmental Justice: the Case of Urbanisation | Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah Lahore High Court |
| 1340 | Lunch | |

CONCURRENT THEMATIC SESSION 1: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

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Chair: *Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan, Supreme Court of Pakistan*

Co-Chair: *Justice Yahya Afridi, Peshawar High Court*

| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
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| 1430 | Regionalizing Environmental Protection in the SAARC Region: The Way Forward | Dr. Parvez Hassan Former Chair, IUCN's Commission on Env. Law/ Senior Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan |
| 1450 | Constitution and Environmental Law: Recent Development | Mr. Zahid Hamid Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan / MNA |
| 1510 | Making Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) More Effective? | Mr. Ritwick Dutta Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment, India |
| 1530 | Implementation of Forest Laws | Justice Yahya Afridi Peshawar High Court |
| 1550 | Tea / Coffee | |
| 1610 | Environmental Law Enforcement in Islamabad Capital Territory | Justice Riaz Ahmad Khan Islamabad High Court |
| 1630 | Comments and discussion | |
| 1730 | Recommendations | |
| 1800 | Comments by Honourable Judge from Afghanistan | Justice Zamin Ali Behsudi Head, Commercial Bureau, Supreme Court of Afghanistan |
| 1815 | Close of the session | |

CONCURRENT THEMATIC SESSION 2: ENVIRONMENTAL ADJUDICATION

Shazia Hall

Chair: *Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, Supreme Court of Pakistan*

Co-Chair: *Justice Munib Akhtar, Sindh High Court*

| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
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| 1430 | Structure of Environmental Adjudication | Justice Shiranee Tilakwardane Supreme Court of Sri Lanka |
| 1450 | Scope and Limitation of Judiciary in Environmental Enforcement | Justice Munib Akhtar Sindh High Court, Pakistan |
| 1510 | Making Public Interest Litigation More Effective | Ms. Syeda Rizwana Hasan Executive Director, Bangladesh Environmental Law Association |
| 1530 | Functioning of Environmental Protection Tribunals – A First Hand Experience | Ms. Ashraf Jahan Chairperson, Sindh Environmental Protection Tribunal |
| 1550 | Tea / Coffee | |
| 1610 | Public Interest Litigation in Mountainous Ecosystems | Mr. Shiva Prasad Paudel Pro Public, Nepal |
| 1630 | Effectiveness of Green Benches and Environmental Tribunals | Mr. Ritwick Dutta Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment, India |
| 1650 | Comments and Discussion | |
| 1750 | Recommendations | |
| 1820 | Comments by Honourable Judge from Bhutan | Justice Sangay Khandu Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Bhutan |
| 1835 | Comments by Honourable Judge from Maldives | Justice Abdul Ghani Mohamed High Court of Maldives |
| 1850 | Close of the session | |

CONCURRENT THEMATIC SESSION 3: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Bhurban Hall

Chair: *Justice Khilji Arif Hussain, Supreme Court of Pakistan*

Co-Chair: *Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Chief Justice Balochistan High Court*

| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
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| 1430 | The Indonesian Judicial Certification Programme on Environment | Justice Takdir Rahmadi Supreme Court of Indonesia |
| 1450 | Environmental Awareness – Islamic Perspective | Justice Qazi Faez Isa Chief Justice, Balochistan High Court, Pakistan |
| 1510 | Environmental law – In-Service Legal Education and Capacity Building | Justice (R) Tanvir Ahmed Khan Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy |
| 1530 | In Service Judicial Environmental Training and Capacity Building | Ms. Huma Ikramullah Faculty Member, Sindh Judicial Academy |
| 1550 | Tea / Coffee | |
| 1610 | Training and Capacity Building in Environmental Laws | Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah Lahore High Court |

| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
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| 1630 | Public Awareness and Role of Civil Society in Environmental Enforcement | Mr. Javed Jabbar Vice President, IUCN |
| 1750 | Comments and Discussion | |
| 1820 | Recommendations | |
| 1830 | Comments by Honourable Judge from Nepal | Justice Tahir Ali Ansari Supreme Court of Nepal |
| 1845 | Comments by Honourable Judge from Bangladesh | Justice Hasan Foez Siddique Supreme Court of Bangladesh |
| 1900 | Close of the Session | |

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| 1900 | Dinner | |
| 2100 | Folk and sufi music by Sain Zahoor | |

Day 2: Sunday, 25 March 2012

CLOSING SESSION

Chinar Hall

| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
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| 1000 | Recommendations from Thematic Session 1 | Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan Supreme Court of Pakistan |
| 1020 | Recommendations from Thematic Session 2 | Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa Supreme Court of Pakistan |
| 1040 | Recommendations from Thematic Session 3 | Justice Khilji Arif Hussain Supreme Court of Pakistan |
| 1100 | The Way Forward | Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali Supreme Court of Pakistan |
| 1120 | Tea / Coffee | |
| 1140 | Comments by Honourable Chief Justice of Jordan | Justice Mohammad Almhamid Chief Justice of Jordan |
| 1155 | World Conference on Environmental Law | Ms. Wanhua Yang United Nations Environment Programme |
| 1210 | The Way Forward for ADB | Ms. Irum Ahsan Counsel and Project Team Leader, ADB |
| 1225 | Closing Remarks | Justice Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry Chief Justice of Pakistan |
| 1240 | Vote of Thanks | Mr. Werner E. Liepach Country Director, ADB Pakistan and Mr. Shah Murad Aliani Country Representative, IUCN Pakistan |
| 1300 | Lunch and Close of the Conference | |
| 1400 | Departure of participants for Islamabad and airport | |
| 1400 | Commemorative tree plantation by the Honourable Chief Justice, honourable judges and foreign dignitaries | |
| 1500 | Special session of South Asia Judges and CEEJ members on the Conference Declaration | |