

# 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW WORKSHOP 2013

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES, KOLKATA

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The Nature Committee, NUJS (NATCOM) in collaboration with Enviro-Legal Defence Firm (ELDF) and the Asian Law Students Association (ALSA) is organizing the 2nd Annual NUJS Environmental Law Workshop at the National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata on 23rd and 24th February, 2013. The themes for this year's workshop are Nuclear Safety and Liability and Biodiversity Conservation.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The main objectives of the workshop are –

- To guide law students on various career opportunities in environmental law.
- To promote greater interest and understanding of contemporary issues in environmental law through interactions with experts.
- To bring out the opinion of law students on environmental issues.
- To develop the skills required for environmental lawyering, policy making, research and advocacy through various student-focused activities.

## FORMAT AND THEMES

The workshop will be conducted over two days, the 23rd and 24th February 2013 and will be divided into four sessions, two on each of the themes of the workshop. Each of the sessions will comprise of talks by experts and a student activity to develop a deeper understanding of the issues covered. There will be also a special talk on “Environmental Law as a Career Option” by Advocate Sanjay Upadhyay, renowned environmental lawyer and managing-director of ELDF, India's first environmental law firm.

### Theme 1: Nuclear Safety and Liability

1. India's civil liability regime for nuclear damage, with special emphasis on Operators' and Suppliers' Liability
2. Socio-economic issues involved in the development of nuclear power in India
3. Regulatory and licensing requirements for a safe and sustainable development of nuclear power

### Theme 2: Biodiversity Conservation

1. International and National Framework for Biodiversity Conservation
2. International and National Framework for “access and benefit sharing” with special focus on bio-cultural community protocols and indigenous people's rights over natural resources.
3. Conservation of biodiversity and its relation to the laws on climate change

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- **Mock Green Tribunal** – Participants will be divided into teams to work as the petitioners, defendants, and judges of the tribunal on a hypothetical dispute based on environmental regulation relating to nuclear safety and liability. Participants will get 20 minutes preparation time before they are asked to present arguments.
- **Mock Conference of Parties of Convention on Biodiversity**– Participants will represent different countries and other interest groups in the setting of the Conference, based on allocation done prior to the workshop. Participants will be required to submit position papers based on the agenda circulated by the organizers. Based on the demands raised during the session, participants will also be asked to work on a draft report to finalize the outcome of the Conference. Based on their performance, one of the participants of the workshop shall be adjudged “The Best Delegate”.
- **Paper presentations**