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Virtual Conference on 'Right to Breathe Clean Air: Health and Environment Related SDGs

Symbiosis Law School, Pune

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University) is hosting a **Virtual Conference on 'Right to Breathe Clean Air: Health and Environment Related SDGs' on 4th and 5th March, 2021.**

The Virtual Conference is a two-day conference specially designed to discuss and deliberate on various interdisciplinary areas and core issues pertaining to the Right to Breathe Clean Air, in light of Sustainable Development Goals. A number of international perspectives and Global Best Practices in tackling air pollution shall be considered, with the aim of charting a way forward. This conference is the result of the prestigious 'Conference Grant' which has been awarded to Symbiosis Law School, Pune for the year 2020-21, under the Golden Jubilee Conference and Lecture Series Grant (GJCLSG) from Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute after nation-wide competition.

Professor (Dr.) David Boyd, Associate Professor of Law, Policy and Sustainability, Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability, Vancouver, Canada will be Chief Guest for the event. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, Chairperson, National Green Tribunal, India; Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja, Former Judge, President, East African Court of Justice will also be gracing the occasion.

Over the course of two days, two plenary sessions will be conducted followed by four tracks. The first plenary addresses the theme of **Right to Clean Air and its Significance for the SDG's**. The resource person for the plenary are **Justice Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja** Former Judge President, East African Court of Justice; **Dr. David Boyd**, Associate Professor Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia, Canada UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment; **Professor Kirsten H. Engel** Arizona State Senator, US Charles E. Ares Professor of Law at the James E. Rogers College of Law; and **Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** Fulbright Scholar Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU Conference Director.

The Second plenary on **Environmental Justice, Constitutional Law and Right to Air/ Green economy, sustainable food and Right to Clean Air** will have **Hon’ble Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel**, Chairperson, National Green Tribunal, India; **Margot Hulbert**, Canada Research Chair, Tier 1, Climate Change, Energy, and Sustainability Policy, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy; **Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta**, Resilience and Sustainability Strategist; Professor National Institute of Disaster Management, India; **Dr. Furqan Ahmad**, Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Noida; and **Dr. Shashikala Gurpur** Fulbright Scholar Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune Dean, Faculty of Law, SIU Conference Director, as resource persons.

The conference will witness deliberations by a galaxy of scholars from academics, judiciary, international bodies and policy fields. In the course of the two-day event, the themes to be explored by the paper presentations are: **International law perspectives on the Right to Breathe Clean Air in light of Sustainable Development Goals, Global Best Practices in tackling air pollution, Comparative law and policy approaches to the Right to Breathe Clean Air and Frameworks to establish and enforce a Right to Breathe Clean Air in India**, inter alia.

Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director, Gujarat National Law University & Director, SMLPA Gujarat Maritime University; Dr. Bharat Desai, Professor of International Law, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India, Chairman at Centre of International Legal Studies and Prof (Dr). Sairam Bhat, Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India shall be the experts in the track on “**International law perspectives on the Right to Breathe Clean Air in light of Sustainable Development Goals**”.

Advocate Sanjay Upadhyay, Founder Enviro-Legal Defense Firm, Dr. Valentin Foltescu, Senior Science and Programme Management Officer in UNEP and Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC); Dr. Prakash Rao, Deputy Director, Symbiosis Institute of International Business, Pune, India and Mr. Siddharth Singh, Lead Country Analyst and Coordinator – India, International Energy Agency Energy, Mobility, Climate Policy Expert shall be the experts in the track on “**Global Best Practices in tackling Air Pollution**”.

Prof. Dr. Iur. Winfried Huck, Brunswick European Law School (BELS), Institute for European and International Economic Law (EIW), Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences, GER & Team and Dr. Sarvanan, Indian Institute of Management, Indore, India shall be the experts in the track on “**Comparative law and policy approaches to the Right to Breathe Clean Air**”.

Dr. Bharti, National Law University, Delhi, India and Dr. Yogesh Patil, Head (Research and Publication), Symbiosis International (Deemed University) Pune, India shall be the experts in the track on “**Frameworks to establish and enforce a Right to Breathe Clean Air in India**”.

Please find the details of the event below.

Date: 4th and 5th March, 2021.

You are kindly requested to register for the Panel Discussion using the following Google Form link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfYTF_jM6ygDZmXD7jpcBUlwIqoERni2SCuaeCa8eVFeHWBg/viewform

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.