



“CONSERVATION WITH JUSTICE: A RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH”

WCC IV Alliances Workshop

Event Number 1532

08 October 2008, 09:30 – 11:00

Room 115

Organized by the IUCN Environmental Law Centre (ELC)

Background:

It is being recognized that human rights and environmental protection, including biodiversity and natural resource conservation, are interrelated, fundamental goals of the global community. The linkages between the two subjects are multi-dimensional and reciprocal. Based on this understanding, a rights-based approach (RBA) to conservation is motivated by two main rationales:

First, awareness that environmental quality is a pre-requisite to ensuring the enjoyment of a host of internationally and domestically guaranteed legal rights; and
Second, a similar awareness that respect for such rights can lead to better conservation.

Practical outputs of the event:

The workshop will provide an opportunity to examine what the concept of RBA can mean in theory, and how it may be applied in practice to develop law and policy in the future. The event aims to inform all interested actors (governments, civil society and private sector) about the concept of RBA and its potential contribution to guiding activities that, if unrestrained, may have a detrimental impact on conservation, and livelihoods.

A previously elaborated step wise approach will be presented which shall inform the audience about how to implement a RBA to conservation. This step wise approach can be considered as a suggestion. made by the IUCN Environmental Law Programme (ELP) . for RBA to conservation. Such best practices shall facilitate and promote the achievement of an ecologically-sustainable environment, inter- and intra-generational equity and respect for the intrinsic value of nature.

The step wise approach will be further illustrated through a second presentation which presents the findings of an analysis of the implementation of the suggested RBA under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). The CDM has been chosen as one important issue among many related to climate change and human rights.

The workshop will also reflect the step wise approach in the context of Reducing Emissions



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08 OCTOBER 2008, 09:30-11:00

Event objective: This event will provide an opportunity to examine what the concept of RBA can mean and how it may be applied to develop law and policy in the future, particularly in the context of REDD.

	Topic	Speakers
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Welcome by Chair

Opening	Justice: A Rights-based Approach	
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<p>Floor Discussion</p>	<p>Open Discussion About</p> <p>The proposed step wise approach Its application in the context of REDD The remaining questions that need to be answered in order to test the step wise approach in future IUCN activities</p>	<p>Facilitator: Victor Ricco General Coordinator for International Environmental Affairs Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development. Argentina</p> <p>Member of the IUCN CEL</p>
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Closing



“WATER LAW IN A NATIONAL CONTEXT”

WCC IV Water Pavilion

Event Number 7069

07 October 2008, 18:00 – 19:00

Organized by the IUCN Environmental Law Centre (ELC)

Background:

The role of law and policy is crucial for water management. In a reform context of the national water sector focused on the implementation of integrated management, the legal and political frameworks are key areas that must be considered. Therefore, one of the most important elements in order to secure a reform process that delivers on effective water governance is a clear understanding of the policy, legal and institutional dimensions.





“INTERNATIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT: WATER LAW IN A TRANSBOUNDARY SETTING”

WCC IV Water Pavilion

Event Number 7077

08 October 2008, 12:00 – 13:00

Organized by the IUCN Environmental Law Centre (ELC)

Background:

Integrated water resources management requires a legal framework to provide clear rules and procedures. The role of law is important at all stages of planning, design and implementation of water management systems. A number of concrete legal issues must be addressed, such as water ownership, shared responsibilities, possible injuries for actions and uses by one state, mechanisms for cooperation among riparian states, allocations and restrictions for different uses, and methods for dispute settlement. Applying an appropriate legal framework promotes efficient management and helps to avoid conflicts between competing water users and their interests.

This legal challenge which is already difficult within one State becomes even more complex when water resources cross international boundaries. In such a case, a successful management system cannot solely be set up by the rules of a single State, but must be developed jointly by the States concerned. Furthermore, these legal frameworks for trans-boundary water resources have to be adapted to different situations and influencing factors.

Objectives of the event:

The WCC IV Water Pavilion Event *“International Water Management: Water Law In A Transboundary Setting”* presents a unique opportunity to learn more about



**“International Water Management: Water Law in a Transboundary Setting”
AGENDA
08 OCTOBER 2008, 12:00-13:00**

Event objective:

This event will provide an opportunity for the audience to

Learn about the latest WANI toolkit “*SHARE: Managing waters accross boundaries*”

Participate in a roundtable discussion with international water experts on the need for

Appropriate transboundary legal regimes for shared water resources, and

Translation of these regimes into concrete rights and obligations for individuals and institutions within states.

Topic

Speakers

Open Floor Discussion	Reflections by the audience and discussions between audience and roundtable participants	Audience with roundtable participants
Closing	Wrap up by chair and moderator	
TOTAL Time		50 min