

CISDL / ILA / IDLO
INTERNATIONAL LAW SEMINAR

**“Local Law for the Global Commons:
Recent Innovations in Domestic Implementation of Sustainable
Development Treaties”**

PROGRAMME
2pm – 5pm, June 01, 2005

Law Faculty Boardroom, 3690 Peel Street
McGill University

Chairs:

Hon. Judge Charles Gonthier, Chair, CISDL, McGill Law Faculty / McCarthy Tetrault LLP
Ms. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Director, CISDL (Session One)
Mr. Ashfaq Khalfan, Director, CISDL (Session Two)

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14b00-15b15 **Legal Experts Panel I: Climate Change, Desertification and Water**
What are recent innovations in domestic legislation to implement the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UN Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought, and the human right to water implied by the UN Covenant on Social Economic and Cultural Rights? How do they work, in law and in practice? Can they deliver on the treaty’s sustainable development objectives?

- Dr. Markus Gehring, Germany
- Mr. Christopher Tung, Hong Kong
- Dr. Sumudu Atapattu, Sri Lanka
- Dr. Maria Leichner Reynal, Argentina

15b15-13b30 *Coffee and Tea Break*

15b30-17b00 **Legal Experts Panel II: Biosafety, Bioprospecting and Food Security**
What are recent innovations in domestic legislation to implement the Cartagena Protocol to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, the Bonn Guidelines and other UN CBD commitments on access and benefit sharing, and the new International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources in Food and Agriculture? How do they work, in law and in practice? Can they deliver on the treaty’s sustainable development objectives?

- Prof. Jorge Cabrera, Costa Rica
- Ms. Kathryn Garforth, Canada
- Mr. Martin Endicott, United Kingdom
- Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Nigeria
- Ms. Christine Frison, Belgium