

Friday, May 21, 2010

Advancing the Frontiers of International Treaties for Sustainability:

CISDL Legal Experts Panels

McGill University Faculty Club (3450 McTavish)

Gold Room/Salon Gold



1:00 – 1:15 – Welcome

Prof Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Director, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL); Senior Director of Research, Sustainable Prosperity & Visiting Professor, University of Chile

1:15 - 2:45pm – A New Access & Benefit Sharing Protocol: Aspects of Agreement in Nagoya
What has been progress on a new Protocol on access to genetic resources, and fair and equitable benefit sharing arising from their use? What are the main challenges for reaching a satisfactory agreement in Nagoya? How could the Protocol address and resolve relevant legal issues such as compliance; protection of traditional knowledge; misappropriation; disclosure of origin in intellectual property rights or the development certificates of origin/compliance? What will be the implications for national legislation and practices?

Speakers:

- Prof Jorge Cabrera, Lead Counsel, CISDL & Professor, University of Costa Rica
- Olivier Rukundo, Legal Research Fellow, CISDL
- Valerie Normand, Programme Officer, Access & Benefit Sharing, UN Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat

2:45 - 3:00pm – Coffee/Tea Break

3:00 - 4:30pm –The Future of the UN Climate Regime: Potential for Commitments in Cancun
What commitments might help build climate cooperation, in areas such reducing emissions from deforestation (REDD+), adaptation, and technology transfer? How can the Copenhagen Accord inform negotiations and help to resolve outstanding issues, on shared vision, monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of emission reductions, or climate finance? How should our complex and expanding global climate regime be governed?

Speakers:

- Prof Markus Gehring, Vice-Dean, University of Ottawa; Lecturer, Cambridge University & Lead Counsel, CISDL
- Verki Tunteng, Legal Research Fellow, CISDL
- Dr Dane Ratliff, University of Amsterdam
- Gray Taylor,* Partner, Bennet Jones LLP

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