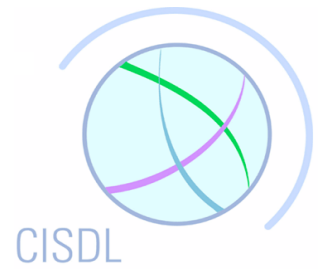




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# Cooperation, Compliance & Coherence: Sustainable Developments in Law and Policy on Climate Change

## An International Law Symposium

### Introduction

1. How to enhance implementation of sustainable development law related to climate change? What are the recent and most relevant significant legal developments in this field? After the 2002 World Summit for Sustainable Development, many international and domestic legal issues remain to be resolved. International accords and principles, and domestic legislation, have developed considerably over the past decade, and continue to evolve. The United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and its Kyoto Protocol have stimulated startling new developments in law and policy on greenhouse gas mitigation and emissions trading, on carbon financing in general and clean development in particular, and on energy conservation, in recent years.

### The International Policy Context

2. The Parties to the UNFCCC have accepted the offer of the Government of Canada to host the Eleventh Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the UNFCCC and the first Meeting of the Parties (MOP 1) to the Kyoto Protocol. The Conference will be held from 28 November to 9 December 2005, at the Palais des Congrès in Montréal, Québec. The meetings are expected to attract more than 7,000 participants from the Convention's 189 Parties as well as from non-governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations and the world's media. It presents a unique opportunity to engage scholars from Canada and many countries, as well as policy-makers, civil society organisations and others, in learned debate, analysis and international dialogue on these issues.

3. Also, the 2006 – 2007 focus of debates in the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UN CSD) will be atmosphere, energy and climate change. The United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development has taken up a strengthened, clarified role since the 2002 World Summit for Sustainable Development. Part of its mandate is to “[t]ake into account significant legal developments in the field of sustainable development, with due regard to the role of relevant intergovernmental bodies in promoting the implementation of Agenda 21 relating to international legal instruments and mechanisms.”

### The Symposium

4. “*Strengthening Climate Cooperation, Compliance & Coherence*” is a unique opportunity for scholarly dialogue between lawyers, scientists and policy-makers, a leading international symposium, and an opportunity for strengthening capacity. The focus is threefold:

- *Cooperation*: Recent developments in law and policy to support Joint Implementation (JI) and the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), and future directions for these mechanisms.
- *Compliance*: Recent developments in international law and policy to strengthen compliance with the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol, through facilitation and enforcement.
- *Coherence*: Intersections between global and domestic climate regimes, and other international regimes (trade and investment, biodiversity and desertification).

5. The partners, led by the CISDL climate change team, are hosting an International Law Symposium on “*Sustainable Developments in Law and Policy on Climate Change*” in Montreal at the McGill Law Faculty, on Friday, 02 December and Saturday, 03 December, 2005 (See first draft conceptual agenda, Appendix). The International Law Symposium on “*Sustainable Developments in Law and Policy on Climate Change*” will gather between 80 – 120 leading international legal experts, academics, policy-makers and civil society organisations for two days of constructive dialogue on recent “sustainable developments” in international and domestic law and policy on climate change. It will be preceded by a ‘call for papers’ that will be distributed widely to networks in Canada and internationally, and will be organised in a dynamic format of plenary sessions, legal experts panels and practical workshops.

6. The working papers and international event will result in several outputs. A series of working papers commissioned for the event will provide materials for a new book on “Sustainable Developments in Law and Policy on Climate Change”, space to review a new legal capacity building manual: ‘Sustainable Development Law on Climate Change’, that is being edited by the CISDL lawyers and law professors from different regions of the world, and a forum to develop new networks and communities of practice in this emerging field. The manual, as part of the CISDL/IDLO/ILA/UNEP/World Bank/UNDP post-WSSD ‘International Law on Sustainable Development (ILSD) Partnership’, will be tested and used by jurists in courses at the International Development Law Organisation and other inter-governmental bodies, in lectures in developed and developing country law faculties, in UN ‘learning centre’ courses and side events to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development in 2006 and 2007, and through a growing network of developed and developing country legal research centres and university law faculties.

#### **Dissemination of Symposium Outcomes**

7. Symposium outcomes will be disseminated on national, sub-regional, regional and global levels through existing climate networks and through the database of symposium participants. Working Papers will be posted for comment on the Symposium website. The CISDL has an international council, and a roster of honorary fellows and international advisors from many networks and developing country organisations, who support and distribute its results. The event will also distribute outcomes through intergovernmental institutions such as the UNEP, UNDP, UNCTAD, ILO, WHO, WB, the Commonwealth and Francophone communities, as well as the International Law Association, many universities and law firms.

#### **Conference Fees, Logistics and Sponsorships**

8. The symposium is being held parallel to the first meeting of the parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and the eleventh conference of the parties to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in Montreal from December 02 – 03. As such, speakers and participants are welcomed to Montreal, and kindly requested to ensure that they can cover their own costs of travel and accommodation. The symposium charges only a nominal fee of \$40.00 CAD for all who pre-register for the two-day event and \$60.00 CAD for late registrants. Fee waivers are available for students and developing country delegates. Registration for the symposium is available on a ‘first-come, first-serve’ basis, and information on hotels and other facilities in Montreal is available on the COP-11/MOP-1 Websites, [http://www.ec.gc.ca/climate/cop11\\_e.html](http://www.ec.gc.ca/climate/cop11_e.html), and [http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop\\_11/items/3394.php](http://unfccc.int/meetings/cop_11/items/3394.php).

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9. Government agencies, intergovernmental organisations, law firms and other members of the private sector, and civil society organisations are asked that if they might be able to sponsor a panel, workshop or reception at the conference (sponsorships range between \$1000.00 and \$60,000.00 CAD), please contact CISDL Director Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, at [marie-claire.cordonier-segger@mcgill.ca](mailto:marie-claire.cordonier-segger@mcgill.ca), and Legal Research Fellow Charlotte Streck, at [cstreck@cisdl.org](mailto:cstreck@cisdl.org), with a copy to CISDL Manager Maria Villaveces, [mwillaveces@cisdl.org](mailto:mwillaveces@cisdl.org).