



Workshop: “Enhancing Urban Climate Resilience: The Role of Law”

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of The Western Cape, South Africa)**

Cities are extremely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Climate change affects almost every city in the world, and as a result, *climate resilience* has become an urgent matter in urban political agendas. Responsive and flexible adaptation policies are needed to make cities resilient. In order to develop and implement such policies, cities have to rely on an enabling legal framework. In some instances, specific adaptation law does not exist. Cities therefore have to rely on existing legal and governance instruments to address climate change in different sectors, such as planning and land use management, transport and mobility, building and construction, or environmental management, for instance. The question arises whether the existing instruments and legal frameworks enable city authorities to adequately promote or enhance climate resilience in their areas of jurisdiction, or whether a new or more flexible regulatory framework is needed.

The *IUCN Academy of Environmental Law*, together with the *University of the Western Cape’s Global Environmental Law Centre (GELC)* and *Tilburg Sustainability Center* is hosting a workshop where legal and governance scholars aim to *critically consider, through relevant case studies (city examples) what is required from legal frameworks in order to enable city authorities to promote or enhance climate resilience*. The workshop will also include a keynote lecture by Gianluca Crispi (UN Habitat) on the recently launched UN Habitat: *Law and Climate Change Toolkit: An Innovative Tool to Support the Implementation of the Paris Agreement at City Level*.

Workshop Programme – Thursday 24 June	
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and Introduction to the workshop Prof Jonathan Verschuuren (Tilburg University) & Dr Angela van der Berg (University of The Western Cape – Global Environmental Law Centre (GELC))
KEYNOTE	Mr Gianluca Crispi (UN Habitat) <i>Chair: Prof Jonathan Verschuuren</i>
09:15 – 09:45	<i>Law and Climate Change Toolkit: An Innovative Tool to Support the Implementation of the Paris Agreement at City Level.</i>
09:45 – 10:00	Discussion and Questions
10:00 – 10:20	Comfort Break
Session 1	<i>Chair: Dr Angela van der Berg</i>
10:20 – 10:40	<i>The Role of International Law in Enhancing Urban Climate Resilience</i> – Dr Esme Shirlow (Australian National University)
10:40– 11:00	<i>Urban Mobility in Europe: Building Resilience from Above</i> Dr Carlo Colombo and Prof Mark Dijk (Maastricht University)
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Strategic Adaptation to Climate Change: A Legal Comparative Study of Lyon and Montréal with a Focus on Urban Heat Islands</i> – Ms Emma Novel (PHD Researcher Université Jean Moulin Lyon)
11:20 – 11:40	<i>Good Governance and Flood Management in the City of Jakarta</i> – Dr Natalia Yeti Puspita (Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia)
11:40 – 12:00	Discussion - Questions
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
Session 2	<i>Chair: Dr Jonathan Verschuuren</i>
13:00 – 13:20	<i>Urban Climate Policy in Africa: Evolving Perspectives in Urban Climate Action</i> – Dr Michael Addaney (University of Energy and Natural Resources at Dormaa, Ghana)
13:20 – 13:40	<i>Legislating for Urban Climate Resilience: The Case of Amsterdam</i> Dr Solmaria Halleck Vega and Prof Josephine van Zeven (Wageningen University)
13:40 – 14:00	<i>Autonomous Vehicles, Climate Resilience, and Legal Reform</i> – Prof Tracy Pearl (University of Oklahoma)
14:00 – 14:20	<i>The Climate-Change Mitigation and Adaptation Imperative in South Africa’s Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act,</i>

	<p><i>2013 (SPLUMA)</i> – Prof Jeannie van Wyk (University of South Africa) and Prof Mark Orange (University of Pretoria)</p> <p>Discussions and Questions</p>
14:20 – 14:40	
14:40 – 15:00	Comfort Break
Session 3	<i>Chair: Dr Angela van der Berg</i>
15:00 – 15:20	<i>Advancing Climate Resilience through Green Infrastructure in U.S. Cities Through Leveraging their Dual Role as Regulated and Regulator under the U. S. Clean Water Act-</i> Prof Robert Weinstock (University of Chicago)
15:20 – 15:40	<i>Urban Private Adaptation Law: A systematic Literature Review–</i> Joris van Laarhoven (PhD Researcher Tilburg University)
15:40 – 16:00	<i>Urban Warfare: A New Approach to Climate Litigation</i> – Prof Alexander Pearl (Texas Tech University School of Law)
16:00 – 16:20	Discussion & Questions
16:20 – 16:30	Comfort Break
Session 4	<i>Chair: Prof Jonathan Verschuuren</i>
16:30 – 16:50	<i>Resilience Justice and Adaptive Law in European Cities</i> – Prof Tony Arnold (University of Louisville) and Dr Tiago de Melo Cartaxo (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
16:50: 17:10	<i>Indian Cities’ Climate Resilience: What Role for Transnational Environmental Law?</i> – Dr Tuula Honkonen (University of Eastern Finland)
17:10 – 17:30	Discussion and Questions
17:30 – 18:00	<p><i>Closure and Way Forward with the Book Project</i></p> <p>Prof Jonathan Verschuuren & Dr Angela van der Berg</p>