



**REGIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN THE
ASIA-PACIFIC: DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS
TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS PROGRAM**

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THE PROGRAM ORGANISERS

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)

ADB's vision is an Asian and Pacific region free of poverty. Its mission is to help its developing member countries reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of their people. Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to approximately two-thirds of the world's poor: 1.6 billion people who live on less than \$2 a day, with 733 million struggling on less than \$1.25 a day. ADB is committed to reducing poverty through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.

Based in Manila, ADB is owned by 67 members, including 48 from the region. Its main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants, and technical assistance.

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THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE (IUCN)

IUCN is the world's oldest and largest global environmental organisation, with more than 1,200 government and NGO Members and almost 11,000 volunteer experts in some 160 countries. IUCN's work is supported by over 1,000 staff in 45 offices and hundreds of partners in public, NGO and private sectors around the world. Its headquarters are in Gland, Switzerland, but it also has a number of regional offices around the globe, including its Asia Regional Office situated in Bangkok. IUCN has contracted with ADB through its Asia office for the delivery of this training program by the IUCN Academy of Environmental law.

IUCN's **vision** is a just world that values and conserves nature. Its **mission** is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.

IUCN's goal in Asia is to conserve biodiversity and to promote sustainable and equitable use of ecosystems and natural resources. IUCN's core business is to influence and build capacity to improve people's livelihoods and to conserve the diversity and integrity of the region's ecosystems and the livelihoods they provide. In the case of Asia these goals are pursued through a combination of territorially based activities (Country Programmes) and thematic based activities (the Ecosystems and Livelihoods Group and their Regional Thematic Programmes).

The priority of IUCN in Asia is to build recognition based on sound science, of the many ways in which human lives and livelihoods, especially of the poor, depend on the sustainable management of natural resources. The uniqueness of IUCN in Asia lies in its ability to work at all levels from the UN and national governments to remote rural communities in marginalized areas. Additionally, work at the regional level allows IUCN to address the concerns of neighbouring nations, such as shared landscapes or river basins. It facilitates the drafting of agreements to address trans-boundary issues such as migratory species others.

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IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (IUCNAEL or the “ACADEMY”)

The IUCN Academy of Environmental Law is a network of over 170 Law schools from more than 50 countries across the globe that share a commitment to the advancement of teaching and research in environmental law. It is uniquely positioned to build environmental law education capacity and promote the conceptual development of environmental law. Its Secretariat is based at the faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa in Canada. The Academy is completely independent of IUCN in terms of its governance and finances, but works closely with IUCN’s Environmental Law Centre, based in Bonn, and its World Commission on Environmental Law, to advance IUCN’s Environmental Law Program.

The Academy recognizes that environmental legal education is a vital contributor to the rule of law and to the robust environmental governance essential for sustainable development and seeks to advance these goals through:

- Development and delivery of programs aimed at building university teaching capacity in environmental law;
 - Generation of global research programs with major partners to feed into national and international environmental law and policy agendas; and
 - Convening major international conferences and exchange through the efforts of its Secretariat and its electronic communications.
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- The Academy conducts an Annual Colloquium in a different location each year and seeks to engage scholars from developing countries in these conferences. The next Academy Colloquium will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 7- 12 September 2015. Registration for this Colloquium is available at : <http://iucnael2015.fh.atmajaya.ac.id/> .

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