



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

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## **THE PROGRAM ORGANISERS**

### **THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)**

ADB's vision is an Asia 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 the majority of the world's poor. ADB is committed to reducing poverty through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.

ADB's Office of the General Counsel has a regional technical assistance project to strengthen environmental law in the Asia-Pacific region by developing environmental law champions through trainer-the-trainers programs ("TTT Programs"). The purpose of the TTT Programs is to expand and improve the teaching of environmental law across the region, thereby leading to more effective development and enforcement of environmental law in the longer term.

### **IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (IUCNAEL or the "ACADEMY")**

In 2003, recognizing the importance of promoting teaching and research in environmental law at the university level, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) endorsed the idea of establishing an academy of environmental law. Hence the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (IUCN Academy) was created at its first Colloquium held in Shanghai, China. Since then, the IUCN Academy has held 14 Annual Colloquia in different parts of the globe, in collaboration with its institutional members.

- 1st Academy Annual Colloquium - Shanghai, China (2003)
- 2nd Academy Annual Colloquium - Nairobi, Kenya (2004)
- 3rd Academy Annual Colloquium - Sydney, Australia (2005)
- 4th Academy Annual Colloquium - White Plains, New York, U.S.A. (2006)
- 5th Academy Annual Colloquium - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2007)
- 6th Academy Annual Colloquium - Mexico City, Mexico (2008)
- 7th Academy Annual Colloquium - Wuhan, China (2009)
- 8th Academy Annual Colloquium - Ghent, Belgium (2010)
- 9th Academy Annual Colloquium - Eastern Cape, South Africa (2011)
- 10th Academy Annual Colloquium - Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. (2012)
- 11th Academy Annual Colloquium - Hamilton, New Zealand (2013)
- 12th Academy Annual Colloquium - Tarragona, Spain (2014)
- 13th Academy Annual Colloquium – Jakarta, Indonesia (2015)
- 14th Academy Annual Colloquium – Oslo, Norway (2016)
- **15th Academy Annual Colloquium – to be held in Cebu, Philippines (2017)**

Acknowledging the IUCN Academy's dedication to environmental law, the Secretariat of the IUCN Academy was established at the University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada in 2006. As of July 2016, the IUCN Academy Secretariat has moved to the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in Baltimore and Elizabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University in White Plains, New York, U.S.A.

Since its inception, the IUCN Academy has been able to attract institutional members from different parts of the world who are ready to collaborate at the global level. Its worldwide network is now comprised of close to 200 universities from 59 countries, with many from developing countries, enabling more than 800 environmental law professors and students to interact and to exchange knowledge, experience and resources.

The IUCN Academy operates with a license from the IUCN to use its name. The Academy is governed by a twelve-member Governing Board with representation from ten major regions of the world as well as the Chair of the World Commission on Environmental Law and the Head of the IUCN Environmental Law Programme. This Governing Board provides direction for implementing the Academy's vision and mission.

The IUCN Academy is uniquely positioned in building environmental law education capacity and promoting the conceptual development of environmental law. It encourages teaching and university-level capacity building in environmental law worldwide, with special attention to developing countries and economies in transition. The IUCN Academy facilitates exchanges of teaching and research faculty among universities to enhance the teaching of environmental law, build up the network of scholars who know and collaborate with each other, and enhance comparative study of environmental law.

### **Train-the-Trainers Project (TTT)**

The IUCN Academy is committed to advancing the teaching of environmental law around the globe, particularly in countries where the capacity to do so currently is lacking altogether or is seriously inadequate. It has therefore developed the TTT course as one of its "flagship" projects.

The first course "Advanced Training the Teachers" was conducted in Wuhan, China in early March 2011. This five-day course was developed by a team of law professors from the institutional members of the IUCN Academy, in close partnership with the Research Institute of Environmental Law (RIEL) at Wuhan University.

A second TTT course took place in July 2013 at Chongqing University in China. In both cases, Vermont Law School played a key role in the conception and offering of these courses and received financial support from USAID for the TTT project.

In 2015, with the financial support from the Asian Development (ADB) under ADB's Regional Capacity Development Technical Assistance Strengthening Capacity for Environmental Law in the Asia-Pacific: Developing Environmental Law Champions, the IUCN Academy developed a train-the-trainers (TTT) curriculum, in conjunction with ADB, and delivered two very successful TTT programs in March and June at ADB's headquarters in Manila. The two Manila TTT Programs trained 57 law professors and university lecturers from 14 of ADB's developing member countries. Due to the huge success of these two TTT programs, ADB requested proposal submissions from participants' institutions and received a number of proposals from universities in a number of developing countries in Asia. Five of these proposals were selected for the 2016 In-Country TTT Program, including the Philippines.

In May 2016, the IUCN Academy and ADB conducted the first two in-country TTT programs in Malaysia and Vietnam. A total of 49 law champions were trained in these two programs. Both of these TTT programs were hugely successful and very well received.

In June 2016, the IUCN Academy and ADB invited the Manila TTT participants back to Manila for a Roundtable for Environmental Law Champions which served as a follow up forum for these participants to discuss any progresses they have made in their teaching in environmental law as well as any challenges they face in teaching environmental law in their countries. 28 environmental law champions participated in the Roundtable and it was again a very successful event.

For more information about other activities of the IUCN Academy, please visit the Academy website at [www.iucnael.org](http://www.iucnael.org).

## **UNIVERSITY OF CEBU, COLLEGE OF LAW**

The University of Cebu College of Law is relatively young. It was established in 2002 and was granted final Government Recognition No. 004; Series of 2005 to offer the Bachelor of Laws program effective Academic Year 2005-2006 by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

The establishment of the law school is a realization of the dream of the University President, lawyer Augusto W. Go, to establish yet another college that goes beyond ensuring technically-competent alumni, but more importantly, principled professionals who possess a strong sense of responsibility, stand for the Rule of Law and work for law reforms and the empowerment of our people.

UC College of Law is likewise known for its scholarship Program that offers free or percentage discounts on tuition to deserving students of the college. Top ten Bar Placers shall receive an award from the University of Cebu through Toyota Cebu City, Inc. or from Hyundai Cebu, Inc.

Aside from encouraging academic excellence, the UC College of Law strives to embed a strong social responsibility ethos in the lawyer and the law students through its programs and activities. It reaches out to as many sectors, as typified by its slogan for Legal Aid Program "Bringing the laws closer to the people," through legal aid clinics, seminars, trainings and workshops.

The UC College of Law is an active member of the Philippine Association of Law Schools (PALS), the International Association of Law Schools (IALS), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law.

The UC College of Law is also an accredited MCLE Provider that, since 2006, periodically offers law courses, as prescribed and/or approved by the Supreme Court, for the continuing education of the members of the legal profession, catering to such need by lawyers coming from Visayas and Mindanao. The program offers to participants-lawyers courses focusing on good governance, accountability, sustainable development, environmental law, climate change, bio-diversity protection, human rights, women and children's rights, and recent related laws and jurisprudence. The program aims to keep lawyers updated on development and pressing issues in the national, regional and global arenas requiring legal action and advocacy.

The UC College of Law has gone further in the pursuit of academic excellence and preparing more its law students not only to pass the bar examinations but developing the required skills in the competent practice of law by offering the J.D. (Juris Doctor) Program – the first law school in Cebu and among the first few law schools in the country so far that have adopted the model curriculum prescribed by the Legal Education Board (LEB) – starting Academic Year 2012-2013 as per LEB Order dated March 16, 2012.

With thirteen years of quality education, UC College of Law has produced four topnotchers in the Philippine Bar examination, and garnered the national championship in the 2011 International Humanitarian Law competition, reaping awards in all categories. Represented the Philippines in the 10<sup>th</sup> Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot (2012): An Inter-University Competition for Asia-Pacific Region in Hong Kong. UC College of Law ranked Second Best Prosecution Team and Third Best Team in overall ranking. And for the second time, UC College of Law represented the Philippines in the Stetson's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition in Florida, U.S.A. finishing as a Quarterfinalist in the overall ranking with its student, Leivj Raoni Alimangohan, as the Second Best Oralist.

In sum, the UC College of Law is committed to provide a student-centered and socially-relevant education through dynamic, globally-oriented academic and professional skills development programs. To support this, the College adopts a management system that guarantees consistent quality legal education and continual improvement to meet beyond the requirements of stakeholders, LEB, and international standards. Alongside the pursuit of academic excellence, the UC College of Law has also strived to streamline and improve its administrative operation and management, acquiring an ISO 9001 certification (Cert. Reg. No. TUV1000 052192 valid until June 6, 2015) on May 7, 2012.