



Gujarat National Law University



Call for Abstracts

# THE 21ST ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM OF THE IUCN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Gujarat National Law University  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India  
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# Mission LiFE: Ensuring Environmental Sustainability and Climate Justice through Community Action

The Centre for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Justice at the Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India, is proud to host the 21st Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law from July 04 to July 07 2024 at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India.

We are inviting abstract submissions for paper presentations at the Colloquium by March 31, 2024.

The theme for the 21st Annual Colloquium is "**Mission LiFE: Ensuring Environmental Sustainability & Climate Justice through Community Action**". The theme incorporates the India-led global mass movement: Mission Lifestyle for Environment (Mission LiFE) emphasizing individual and community action to protect and preserve the environment. Mission LiFE recognises that Indian culture and living traditions are inherently sustainable and it seeks to explore the ways in which collective community action can help in realizing environmental sustainability and climate justice. The Colloquium's focus on community action and the integration of traditional wisdom with modern environmental challenges makes it a significant and inspiring platform for driving positive change. The 2024 Colloquium's theme aligns with the urgent need to address environmental issues through collective action.

The presentations during the Colloquium will be organised in sub-themes that elaborate the overarching theme:

## **1. Social Justice, Equity, and Climate Change**

This sub-theme encourages careful investigation and examination of the intricate relationship that exists between the environmental challenges, inclusivity, and socio-economic justice.



## ***2. Role of Collaboration and Cooperation in ensuring a sustainable environment***

This sub-theme aims to examine the role of collaboration between countries, organisations, and individuals to create a sustainable environment. Papers can also test the efficiency of international agreements and treaties in fighting contemporary issues of climate change.

## ***3. Regional Initiatives in fighting Climate Change***

This sub-theme explores various initiatives taken at the regional level to fight climate change. Climate related issues often manifest differently across diverse geographic contexts, and therefore this theme underscores the importance of region-specific strategies and solutions.

## ***4. Indigenous Perspectives for fighting Climate Change***

This sub-theme explores how indigenous communities perceive, adapt to, and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Such perspectives often include a holistic approach which prioritises harmony with nature, biodiversity preservation, and sustainable resource management. Papers may examine the role of successful indigenous initiatives which are rooted in a deep understanding of ecology.

## ***5. Role of Technology in Sustainable Development***

This sub-theme aims to explore how technology intersects with, and impacts sustainable development. Papers may include the role of technology in furthering SDGs and helping fight climate change.

## ***6. Health and Environmental Justice***

This sub-theme aims to study the relationship between public health and climate change. Researchers are encouraged to investigate the health disparities arising from climate change, highlighting the disproportionate burden on marginalized communities.



### ***7. Inclusive Climate Action Planning***

This sub-theme aims to highlight the importance of inclusive policymaking and planning in the formulation of strategies to fight climate change.

### ***8. Carbon Footprint Reduction***

This sub-theme focuses on reducing carbon footprints by delving into multidimensional approaches for achieving meaningful and sustainable emissions reductions.

### ***9. Zero waste communities***

This sub-theme aims to explore the potential of transitioning towards waste-free communities through technological or infrastructural developments. Papers can discuss and analyse practices and challenges associated with establishing and maintaining zero waste communities.

We welcome submissions focused on the broad theme of the Colloquium, as well as on any other topics relevant to environmental law.

## **GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

- Abstracts must be written in English, complete with title, author(s) name(s), and institutional affiliation.
- Abstracts should be between 200 - 300 words.
- Abstracts should contain the aim of the paper, main points, a brief conclusion and keywords. Abstracts should not contain tables, graphs, drawings, etc. The model format is attached in Schedule - I.
- Abstracts should be submitted via the [submission site](#).
- If several abstracts are submitted as part of a proposed panel, there is space in the abstract submission form to indicate this. In this case, please clearly indicate the name of the panel.
- Abstracts should be submitted by March 31, 2024.



## SCHEDULE - I

**Name of the Author (s):** *Title of the Research Paper*

Body of the Abstract (200 - 300 words)

*Keywords (3 to 5 keywords)*

## SCHEDULE - II

### FORMATTING GUIDELINES

Font type: Times New Roman

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Particulars	Date
Registration opens	January 15, 2024
Abstract submission	March 31, 2024
Early bird registration closes	April 15, 2024
Registration Closes	May 31, 2024
Pre-Colloquium Event	July 4, 2024
Dates of the Colloquium	July 5, 2024-July 7, 2024



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