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Organizing the 17th IUCN Academy Of Environmental Law Colloquium 2019



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On 5 - 9 August 2019, UiTMLaw, through its Centre of Environmental Law, Governance and Policy (CeIGOP) hosted the 17th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2019 together with the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. The IUCN Academy of Environmental Law is an international network of approximately 200 environmental law faculties and research centres from 60 countries. The theme chosen for the 17th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2019, is 'Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Law as Part of the Solution' to enable both established and emerging scholars in environmental law and other related disciplines to contribute in addressing the common and different needs of societies. The Colloquium was held over for 5 days at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), Kuala Lumpur. The opening address for the plenary session was by YBrs. Pn Nor Aziah Binti Jaafar, Director, Department of Environment, Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur followed by the welcome speech by YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Industry, Community, Alumni (ICAN), Universiti Teknologi MARA. The Keynote Speaker was Professor Elizabeth Kirk, who is also the Chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law.

Among the objectives of the Colloquium were :

- i) preservation of the environment
- ii) reducing pollution
- iii) preparing the country to address climate change through adaptation and mitigation.

The 5 day Colloquium had successfully highlighted the issues and challenges as well as opportunities related to the importance of law to the successful achievement and implementation of the SDGs.



The streams chosen were :

- i) Crisis Response
- ii) Environmental Justice
- iii) Climate Change Energy Nexus
- iv) Deforestation,
- v) Food Production and Security,
- vi) Sustainable Waste Management, and
- vii) Clean Water Infrastructure

UiTMLaw also hosted the Tony Oposa Intergenerational Moot Court, bringing students and scholars together in a simulation of a court proceeding before the International Court of Justice; addressing the questions of indigenous people rights and global warming. The Advisors of the IUCN 2019 team from UiTMLaw, were led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hartini Saripan, Dean of UiTMLaw, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Norha Abu Hanifah and Dr. Normawati Hashim, Deputy Dean(Research and Industrial Linkage). The Directors of the IUCN 2019 team from UiTMLaw, were Dr. Siti Sarah Sulaiman and Dr. Norazlina Abdul Aziz.





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