

CASELAP Founding Director, Professor Charles Okidi, was yesterday honoured with a distinguished award by the global IUCN Academy of Environmental Law.

The global association of eminent environmental law scholars awarded Prof Okidi with the Senior Education Award for the Year 2015. This award is given to scholars with dedicated contribution to the teaching of environmental law, and mentorship to allow intergenerational succession, and it is given to a scholar upon nomination by peers. While calling out the name of the 2015 Awardee, the Chairperson of the IUCN Academy Teaching and Capacity Building Committee, Prof Sophie Riley reported that Prof Okidi received objective review of his nomination by fellow scholars who also continued to pile accolades on a scholar they said is referred to as the "father of environmental law in Africa," who "has been instrumental in the setting of environmental law curricula in Kenya, and been at the head of the curve in the design of content and mode of delivery of new areas of environmental law." Scholars present at the award ceremony, in the banquet hall on the 15th Floor of the Yustinus Building of the Law Faculty of Atma Jaya in Jakarta, variously noted that "Charles" has over time "has set the pace on the design of pedagogical approaches in environmental law teaching," and succeeded in "successfully supervising multiple students, over the years, at graduate level (Masters, Ph.D), with many of his students having become research and university colleagues, and holding distinguished positions across the board." The award was graciously received on behalf of Prof Okidi by Dr. Robert Kibugi, who represented the University of Nairobi at the 13th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy, and who now brings back to Nairobi multiple congratulatory messages, and those of goodwill for Prof Okidi from the various colleagues.