

Conference of the Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in African Universities (ASSELLAU)

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The University of Nairobi, School of Law in conjunction with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is proud to host the 4th symposium and 3rd scientific symposium conference of the Association of Environmental Law Lecturers in African Universities (ASSELLAU) to be held at the **Kenya School of Law in Karen from 14th to 17th December 2015.**

ASSELLAU was formed mainly as an instrument for fostering cooperation among lecturers and researchers in environmental law and policy in the African continent. Since its first symposium held in Nakuru in 2004, ASSELLAU has brought together great scholarly minds all over Africa who see the need for sound management of Africa's natural resources and the vital role that academics play in influencing decision makers in the development and implementation of law and policy in order to eradicate the high level of poverty and environmental degradation across the African continent.

The reality of utilizing natural resources faster than they are being replenished and its adverse effects is undeniable throughout Africa. This poses a threat to Africa's major economic sectors and it has placed a burden on the Environmental law lecturers in African universities to take greater responsibilities in developing new and innovative methodologies of teaching and disseminating knowledge on environmental law through teaching and research, building capacities of African universities, training and partnering with other agents to advance this course in Africa and to produce a more conscious generation of environmental law graduates and policy makers.

This year's theme for the conference is **Environmental rule of law and the extractives industries in Africa**. Core topics of discussion will focus on climate change, energy, water, marine environment and biodiversity, issues of extractive industry, gender and environment focusing primarily on activities at national, regional and Africa perspectives.

Keynote speakers from various universities in Africa will present their papers and discuss these issues, examining the legal perspectives relevant and focus on the remedies that can be used to enforce policy decisions that need to be made.

