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2nd UNITAR/Yale Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy: Strengthening Institutions to Address Climate Change and Advance a Green Economy

Deadline: 15 Jun 2010

Type:	Conference
Location:	Yale University, New Haven, United States of America
Date:	17 Sep 2010 to 19 Sep 2010
Duration:	3 Days
Thematic Area:	Environment, , Environmental Governance and Law
Website:	http://www.unitar.org/egp/2010-conference
Price:	$350.00
Event Focal Point Email:	envgov@unitar.org
Partnership:	Yale University, United Nations Development Programme , United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization , United Nations Human Settlements Programme , World Bank, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, World Resources Institute, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future

BACKGROUND

The Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy will take place at Yale University, New Haven, USA from 17-19 September 2010 in the margins of the United Nations Millennium Development Goal Summit, 20-22 September, New York. Focusing on the theme of Strengthening Institutions to Address Climate Change and Advance a Green Economy, the event will take stock of and examine the role of institutional structures and decision-making procedures in fostering (or impeding) low carbon and climate resilient development. Papers and discussions will cover various levels of governance (i.e. global, regional, transnational, national, sub-national, and local) as well as specialized governance topics, including governance of climate change science, financing and forestry. Anticipated outcomes of the conference include a research agenda and enhanced knowledge sharing to better understand the openness, transparency, accountability and effectiveness of institutions engaged in action to address climate change. Those wishing to attend as participants must express an interest by **15 June 2010**. The deadline for submission of abstracts was **23 May 2010**.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The Conference aims to:

- Take stock of existing knowledge and research concerning the interface of institutions, stakeholder engagement, and effective decision-making and action to address climate change and advance a green economy.
- Identify institutional features and stakeholder engagement practises that are conducive in fostering climate resilient development and a green economy at different levels of governance.
- Identify research gaps and develop a research agenda to advance institutional analysis that can help to address real world policy problems and challenges.
- Explore opportunities for sustained sharing of knowledge on climate change and green development institutions and governance among the academic community and policy-makers.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The Conference Programme will be developed following the review of abstracts received.

METHODOLOGY

The Conference will feature a combination of plenary presentations, panel discussions and working groups.Taking into account available timing, about 20-30 authors will be invited to present a synopsis of their paper on a panel within the official programme.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Policy makers, academic scholars, as well as experts from inter-governmental organizations, civil society, and the private sector.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Submission of Abstract

Participant Application

About 150 participants with diverse backgrounds and affiliations from around the world are expected to participate in the conference. Applicants will be notified by mid-July 2010, if their application to participate has been accepted. Criteria for selection include regional coverage, ensuring a balance of scholars, policy makers and experts, and timely expression of interest.

Conference Fee

The conference fee is USD 350. The fee covers the conference materials, meals, transportation from the hotel to the venue, and a hard copy of the conference proceedings. Conference participants are expected to cover their transportation to and accommodation in New Haven. In selected cases, the conference organizers may be able to waive the conference fee and subsidize transport and/or accommodation. Priority will be given to support scholars and experts from developing and transition