PROGRAMME

Short Course: Climate litigation and regulation - International and European perspectives

Monday 7 December 2026 – The International Legal Architecture of Climate Change

09:00 – 09:15 **Opening and introduction day 1 of the course**
Dr Stephanie Triefus (Researcher, Asser Institute)

09:15 – 10:45 **Training module 1: The International legal architecture of climate change**
Prof. André Nollkaemper (Professor International Law and Sustainability University of Amsterdam, Academic Director SEVEN)

- The UN climate regime (UNFCC, Paris Agreement, Global Stocktake)
- Nationally determined contributions
- Customary international law and state responsibility
- Group discussion: how international climate law interacts with participants' area of work

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 **Training module 2: The ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change and its implications for state regulation**
Dr Mamadou Hébié (Associate Professor of International Law at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University, representative of Burkina Faso in the ICJ advisory opinion proceedings) TBC

- The story behind the advisory opinion
- Content and implications of the opinion for national and subnational regulators
- Use in domestic courts
- Group activity: advise your team on the implications of the advisory opinion for your workplace

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:15 **Training module 3: Human rights approaches to climate harm**
Judith Alkema (Legal Campaigner Bonaire Case, Greenpeace)

- International human rights law and climate obligations
- Procedural rights: access to information, participation, remedies
- Key cases from the Global South on human rights and the climate
- Group activity: breaking down key case studies and their human rights arguments

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee and tea break

15:30 – 16:45 **Training module 4: The climate litigation landscape: Strategic cases and their impact**
Mieke Reij and Funs van Diem (Counsel for Milieudefensie in Milieudefensie vs. Shell, Paulussen Advocaten)

- Key cases, their challenges and implications
- How strategic litigation has accelerated climate policy
- Group discussion: future of climate litigation for public and private sectors

16:45 – 17:00 Coffee and tea break

17:00 – 17:30 **Looking ahead: Interactive discussion and participant reflection on the future of international climate law** *moderated by Dr Stephanie Triefus (Researcher, Asser Institute)*

Tuesday 8 December 2026 – European Climate Law and Regulation

09:15 – 09:30 **Opening and introduction day 2 of the course**

Dr Stephanie Triefus (Researcher, Asser Institute)

09:30 – 11:00 **Training module 5: ECHR and the climate: KlimaSeniorinnen v Switzerland's implications for local government**

Prof. Dr Christina Eckes (Professor of European law and Director of the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG). University of Amsterdam)

- Positive obligations under Article 8
- Standing for associations
- Compliance with ECtHR ruling
- Group work: participants analyse whether a set of fictional municipal and regional climate decisions would satisfy the KlimaSeniorinnen standard and identify their vulnerability to challenge

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee and tea break

11:15 – 13:15 **Training module 6: Corporate accountability**

Dr Antoine Duval (Senior Researcher, Asser Institute) and Dr Anil Yilmaz Vastardis [online] (Senior Lecturer at Essex Law School and Human Rights Centre)

- CSDDD and CSRD, OECD National Contact Points and UNGPs
- Key cases: Milieudefensie vs. Shell (x2), Luciano Lliuya v. RWE, Asmania et al. v Holcim
- The Energy Charter Treaty and fossil fuel investment
- Group activity: climate due diligence exercise

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:45 **Training module 7: EU Climate Policy: Competitiveness, Security and Decarbonisation**

Jacob Werksman (Principal Adviser, International Aspects of EU Climate Policy, DG-CLIMA, European Commission)

- Overview of core EU climate rules: the European Climate Law, ETS, Effort Sharing Regulation, LULUCF and CBAM
- The EU's role in global climate action and the implications of WTO rules for EU climate policy
- Balancing economic competitiveness, energy security and regulation
- Group activity: Advise the next Commission President on priorities for stronger EU climate policy and the balance between regulation and free markets

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee and tea break

16:00 – 16:30 **Looking ahead: Interactive discussion and participant reflection on the future of climate litigation in the EU** *moderated by Dr Stephanie Triefus (Researcher, Asser Institute)*

**Please note that this programme is subject to change*