

Report on the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “THE FUTURE OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE DYNAMICS”

Towards a Greener Future: Law, Justice and Collective Environmental Action

The **National Green Tribunal** organised an International Conference on “**The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics**” at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 19th and 20th September 2026**. The Conference brought together eminent judicial and legal professionals, policymakers, academicians, environmental experts and other stakeholders from across the globe to deliberate on pressing environmental challenges and explore innovative approaches to environmental protection and sustainable development.

The Conference provided a platform for **meaningful dialogue, knowledge exchange and collaborative action**, with the objective of addressing present environmental concerns and developing a roadmap for future generations. Its key objectives included sharing global knowledge and best practices, promoting technological innovation, strengthening policy and stakeholder collaboration, and increasing public engagement in environmental protection.

Ms. Moon Chakraborty, Ld. Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, along with the Ld. Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authorities, West Bengal, attended the Conference, providing an opportunity to engage with contemporary developments in environmental law, climate justice and environmental governance.

TECHNICAL SESSION I

Climate Justice, Equity and Inclusion: From Principles to Meaningful Action

1. Promoting a rights-based, inclusive and equitable approach to climate action, with focus on vulnerable and marginalised communities and inter-generational equity.
2. Strengthening legal frameworks, judicial developments, institutional accountability and effective mechanisms for responsible climate action across jurisdictions.
3. Addressing unequal climate risks and ensuring fairness in adaptation, mitigation, climate financing and access to resources, particularly for vulnerable populations.
4. Enhancing participation of youth, communities and future generations in climate governance, decision-making and community-led action, with stronger inter-jurisdictional cooperation.
5. Examining the interlinkages between climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, water scarcity and ecosystem decline, and promoting integrated legal and policy responses protecting environmental rights and present and future generations.

TECHNICAL SESSION II

The Future of Environmental Law and Governance

1. Evolving environmental laws and governance systems to address emerging challenges, while strengthening institutions, enforcement, compliance and accountability.

2. Integrating human rights, transparency, public participation and access to justice into environmental governance and implementation of environmental and climate commitments.
3. Highlighting technology, innovation and improved governance mechanisms for environmental protection, monitoring, compliance and institutional effectiveness.
4. Promoting sustainable cities and liveable urban futures through appropriate legal, financial and policy frameworks, green infrastructure and climate resilience.
5. Supporting the transition towards low-carbon, resilient and inclusive economies through clean and renewable energy, sustainable finance, green investment and climate-resilient development.

TECHNICAL SESSION III

Planetary Environmental Challenges and Cooperation About the Session

1. Highlighting the interlinkages between climate change, biodiversity loss, land degradation, pollution, water scarcity and ecosystem decline, requiring integrated responses.
2. Promoting equitable, sustainable and peaceful management of shared natural resources, while balancing national development priorities with collective environmental responsibilities.
3. Strengthening regional and international cooperation to address shared challenges relating to water resources, air pollution, biodiversity, marine ecosystems and transboundary climate impacts.
4. Emphasising policy coordination, knowledge and best-practice exchange, institutional cooperation and equitable responsibility-sharing.
5. Recognising that environmental challenges transcend borders and therefore require collaboration among governments, judicial institutions, experts and other stakeholders.

TECHNICAL SESSION IV

Forests for the Future: A Dialogue on Forest Protection & Restoration

1. Addressing threats to forests arising from climate change, biodiversity loss, forest fires, land-use change and unsustainable resource extraction.
2. Strengthening legal, institutional and policy mechanisms for forest protection, restoration, sustainable resource management and climate resilience.
3. Highlighting the Asian Development Bank's Model Forest Act initiative and contemporary approaches to sustainable forest governance and conservation.
4. Recognising the role of technology, scientific methods and satellite-based tools in forest monitoring, preventing degradation and supporting evidence-based conservation.

5. Promoting cooperation among governments, judiciary, local communities, indigenous groups and other stakeholders, supported by a shared vision, priority actions and a measurable roadmap for long-term forest conservation and restoration.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

From Dialogue to a Sustainable Roadmap

The four technical sessions collectively presented a comprehensive approach to environmental protection—from **climate justice**, to **stronger environmental law and governance**, **regional and international cooperation**, and **forest protection and restoration**.

The Conference underscored the importance of:

- ensuring **equity, inclusion and inter-generational justice** in climate action;
- strengthening **environmental laws, institutions and enforcement**;
- integrating **human rights, technology and innovation** into environmental governance;
- developing **sustainable, liveable and climate-resilient cities**;
- promoting **clean energy and low-carbon economies**;
- strengthening cooperation on **transboundary environmental challenges**;
- ensuring **equitable and sustainable management of shared natural resources**; and
- strengthening **forest protection, restoration, monitoring and sustainable governance**.

CONCLUSION

The International Conference on “The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics” provided an important forum to examine evolving environmental and climate challenges. The discussions highlighted that effective environmental action requires sound law, strong institutions, technological innovation, public participation and cooperation across jurisdictions.

The participation of Ms. Moon Chakraborty, Ld. Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, West Bengal, along with the Ld. Secretaries of the District Legal Services Authorities, strengthened institutional engagement with contemporary developments in environmental law and climate governance.

The Conference emphasised the need to translate knowledge into action, principles into policy and cooperation into measurable environmental outcomes, thereby contributing towards a sustainable and resilient future for present and future generations.