

# Environmental Law and Sustainability Research Group



## AIMS

- ❑ Provide support for world leading and internationally excellent research
- ❑ Encourage scholarly practitioner activity
- ❑ Maximise opportunities for staff & student collaboration through international partnerships
- ❑ Increase engagement with other Faculties of UWE and within Bristol and the South-West
- ❑ Promote student enterprise initiatives
- ❑ Enable students to become participants in our research community
- ❑ Develop opportunities for pedagogic research

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS



### Produce high impact and REFable research outputs

- Environmental governance
- Human rights and the environment
- Biodiversity conservation
- Multinational corporations and sustainability
- Sustainable development goals
- Investment and natural resources

## RESEARCH IMPACTS

### GLOBAL ASSESSMENT ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Professor Jona Razzaque acted as a lead author of the Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (2019) which is initiated by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).



Funded by the United Nations, this landmark report provides a comprehensive picture of the relationship between economic development pathways and their impacts on nature, presents a wide range of policy responses to promote transformative change, and contributes to post-2030 Agenda of the United Nations for biodiversity governance.

## INTER-UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW STUDENT'S CONFERENCE

Each year, we organise a conference targeting environmental law students from UG and PG courses in collaboration with Swansea University, Bristol University and Cardiff University. During this year's conference, the UWE students presented on topics ranging from climate change litigation, rights of nature, greening African environmental law, and the environmental consequences of oil exploitation. Karen Kisakye (LLB 3) won this year's UKELA award for the best presentation and Okechukwu Aholu (PhD student) received the runner-up award.



## Impacts

## Research Outputs

## Teaching & Learning

### Integrate research into teaching & learning

- Award/module development (e.g. LLM, LLB)
- ESD module mapping (e.g. LLM Programme)
- Linking teaching and learning (e.g. research publications)
- Techniques & materials (e.g. case studies, projects)
- Visiting fellowship (e.g. visiting professorship, research fellowship)

## Research Culture

## Knowledge Exchange

### Foster collaborative & positive research environments

- Collaboration within faculty & with other faculty (e.g. FET, BBS)
- Engagement with NGOs (e.g. IUCN, IIED)
- Research feeding into policy making (e.g. IPBES, UNEP)
- Supporting research (e.g. mentoring, VC Accelerator Programme)
- Partnership with decision makers (e.g. in Nigeria, India, China)
- PGR Supervision (e.g. in FBL and with other faculty)

### Engage in collaborative research & partnerships with external institutions

- Consultancies (e.g. UNEP, UN, World Bank)
- Network (e.g. IUCN Academy of Environmental Law)
- Conferences (e.g. supported by UN, academic, NGO)
- Training (e.g. organised by UNITAR, UNEP)
- Cross-disciplinary projects (e.g. NERC, ESRC, SLS)

## POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS

- Okechukwu Aholu (Energy resources & polluter pays principle/Nigeria)
- Cleverline Brown (Compliance & enforcement in environmental law/Nigeria)
- Okor Efombrue (Corporate social responsibility & energy resources/Nigeria)
- Noah Izoukumor (Climate change law & SDGs/Nigeria)
- Siavsah Ostovar (Wetlands conservation of Lake Urmia/Iran)
- Ana Pereira de Araujo (Energy exploration & right to development/Timor Leste)
- Yesaya Sendang (Right to water, business & human rights/Indonesia) with FET

## RESEARCH PROJECTS AND CONSULTANCIES

- 2017-18: Reduced Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) project in Nigeria, funded by Nigerian Government and the World Bank.
- 2017: The Impact of Armed Conflict on the Environment and Natural Resources: A Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 Perspective (2017) funded by Society of Legal Scholars (SLS) and the UWE Centre for Applied Legal Research.

## TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) delivers training and support workshops to address the needs of diplomats, government officials, international civil servants and the private sector to enable them to address complex global challenges. In 2019, Evadne Grant provided training as part of the UNITAR workshop on Human Rights, Climate Change and Environment (San Jose, Costa Rica).

Professor Jona Razzaque provided training on 'Environmental human rights in the regional systems' in the United Nations Environment Programme's Environment Negotiators Training Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (Joensuu, Finland, 2018).

## WORKSHOP SERIES

Each year, the group's activities focus on a number of research themes. In 2018, for example, Elena Blanco organised two workshops on the theme of protecting the Commons. The first was a Roundtable on 'The Future of the Commons' (February 2018) and the second event was a conference on 'Operationalising Green Governance: Law Hacks for the Commons' (September 2018).

## RESEARCH NETWORKS

- Global Network on Human Rights & the Environment
- IUCN Academy on Environmental Law
- UK Environmental Law Association

## EDITORIAL AND ADVISORY BOARD

- Journal of Environmental Law
- Journal of Human Rights and the Environment
- Law, Environment and Development Journal

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