

Emerging Legal and Governance Frameworks for Extractive Industries:

Laying the Foundations for Advancing Sustainable Development in Africa and Latin America

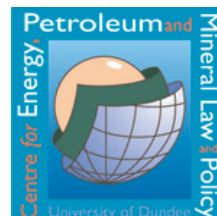


A Doctoral Researchers Led Extractive Industries Conference and Roundtable Discussion

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D'Arcy Thompson Lecture Theatre, Tower Building

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About the conference

Global energy consumption is rising as extractive development moves into remote areas in Africa and Latin America with stakeholders faced with the 'new normal' – fall in petroleum and mineral prices.

The extractive industries' potential for contributing to poverty reduction and broad-based socio-economic and sustainable development becomes more challenging. For resource-rich countries of Africa and Latin America, the legal and governance frameworks that regulate the sector in bringing about the needed development becomes crucial.

The conference is thus interested in hearing from academics and practitioners, the findings of research and policy implementation, the role different 'emerging' legal and governance frameworks can play in laying the foundations for broad based socio-economic and sustainable development in resource-rich countries of Africa and Latin America bearing in mind the different regional cultural, environmental, and political contexts.

By 'emerging' legal and governance frameworks for sustainable development, the conference is referring to newly created frameworks, or frameworks that are growing in use with promising outcomes, and/or adapted frameworks from other sectors such as agriculture that are developing with promising outcomes.

The conference and round table will explore these emerging legal and governance frameworks for sustainable development from four major lenses or perspectives constituted into sessions for the conference.

One - Laws and Contracts for Sustainable Resources Management and Development

The emerging frameworks for sustainability lens in this session would focus on issues related to governance of petroleum and mineral rights, the trend towards mandatory transparency and accountability for extractive industry projects following the resource curse discourse, and contractual modifications in the light of falling mineral and petroleum prices.

Two - Economic Diversification and Linkages for Sustainable Development

This session focuses on the tools for sustainable shared use of extractive industries infrastructure exploring various models. It will further examine the resource corridors as engines for economic development through its supply and value chain development, and promote growth and industrialisation through linkages.

Three - Environment, Water and Social Practices towards Sustainable Development

This session's emerging frameworks for sustainability's lens focuses the protection of the environment with the sustainable use of marine resources, and ecosystems, and biodiversity. It is also interested in the social practices of governments and companies in bringing about sustainable development in the lives of local people.

Four - Unconventional Resources and Extractive Industries Investment

Finally, this session will discuss the impact of unconventional resources in the sustainability dynamics, and the role of current falling prices in investment decision-making for extractive industries project.

Conference & Roundtable Discussion

Who should attend

- Members of the extractive industry companies
- Members of public international and national institutions responsible- directly or indirectly- of natural resource Topics
- International institutions engaged in extractive industry ventures
- Industry practitioners and professionals such as economists, engineers, accountants, managers, etc.
- Law firms and consultancy groups focused on providing specialised extractive industry services to clients
- Academics and students focused on or interested in the extractive activities
- Organisations that are focused on the extractive activities.

Conference Goals

- Provide resource-rich countries in Africa and Latin America with points of reference that could help in the design of attractive regulatory regimes that promote investment.
- Understand some of the important issues facing extractive industry companies in their investment decisions and how to help the engage with these issues.
- Understand how each of the issues discussed is affected by and affects other areas of the extractive industries.
- Understand how lessons from different types of extractive industries could be applied for the advancement of emerging extractive industries.

What will you gain from the Conference

- Have direct contact with professionals and academics that will bring their knowledge, research and experience to specific extractive industry Topics that have not been discussed in other forums.
- Professional Development Accreditation of 5 CPD for full day attendance through the CEPMLP.
- Networking opportunities with other professionals and recognized academics for career advancement.

PROGRAMME AGENDA

08.00-08.30 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

08.30-08.40 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Prof Peter Cameron - Director of the Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), University of Dundee

08.40-09.10 KEYNOTE REMARKS:

Dr Nneoma Veronica Nwogu - Senior Counsel at the World Bank Legal Vice-presidency
'The conceptual framework for innovative law and governance in the extractive industries sector'

09.10-11.00 SESSION ONE: LAW, CONTRACTS AND GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Dr Ana Elizabeth Bastida - Senior lecturer, Director of Mining Programme CEPMLP, University of Dundee

Speakers:

Prof Hanri Mostert - Research Chair in Mineral Law in Africa / **Dr Cheri Young** – Post Doctoral Fellow, University of Cape Town

'The treatment for the resource curse: The critical role of transparency and accountability as a legal requirement to ensuring sustainable development of Africa's resources'

Dr Ernesto Bonafé – Regulatory expert at Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels

'From the European to the International Energy Charter: The Relevance for Africa and Latin America'

Mr César Romero – PhD Candidate at the University of Dundee – CEPMLP

'Living with low prices: an overview of regulatory and contractual modification attempts in Latin America extractive industries'

Ms Maude Vallée (Principal legal advisor, African Legal Support Facility, AfDB)

'The African Legal Support Facility Assistance to the AfDB regional member countries in Extractive Industries projects Negotiations and Disputes: An Overview'

11.00-11.10 MORNING TEA BREAK

11.00-12.35

SESSION TWO: ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND LINKAGES IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

Chair: Mr Glen Ireland – Founding Partner Infra Share Partners Limited

Speakers:

Dr Nicola Di Boscio – Rio Tinto Chief Economist Simandou Project, United Kingdom

'Resource Corridors: An Engine for Economic Growth?'

Mr Abdoul Karim Kabele Camara – Project Coordinator & Counsel of the African Mining Legislation Atlas (AMLA), African Legal Support Facility (ALSF/AfDB) / PhD candidate at CEPMLP, University of Dundee

'Unlocking Stranded Mineral Assets in Sub Saharan Africa: What Lesson can be learned from the Australian Experiences'

Mr Matthew Hardwick / Mr Mark Berry - Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright, United Kingdom

'Contract structures: Arrangements for Sharing Infrastructures from a Legal Perspective'

12.35-13.35

LUNCH

13.35-15.00

SESSION THREE: ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES – WATER, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PEOPLE AND PEACEFUL SOCIETIES

Chair: Dr Alistair Rieu-Clarke - Reader in International Law of Freshwater Resources - UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, University of Dundee, United Kingdom

Speakers:

Dr Ana María Daza Vargas – Lecturer in International Economic law, University of Edinburgh – United Kingdom

'Investor - State treaty arbitration in extractive projects: the relevance of water resources'

Dr Hope Ogunmwoyi - Associate Lecturer at the Open University in England, United Kingdom

'Innovative tools for sustainable mining in Africa: A case study of Nigeria'

Ms Zaki Shubber – Lecturer in Law and Water Diplomacy, the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education in Delft, Netherland

'Mining and Water Resources Management: Some Legal Challenges'

15.00-15.10

AFTERNOON TEA BREAK

15.10-16.35

SESSION FOUR: EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES: APPLICABLE LESSONS

Chair: Dr Ariel Bergmann – Lecturer in Energy Economics at the CEPMLP, University of Dundee

Speakers:

Prof Jan Glazewski – Director of the Institute of Marine and Environmental Studies, University of Cape Town

'The Proposal to Undertake Shale Gas Extraction in the Karoo Region of South Africa: Lessons for the Extractive Industry on the African Continent'

Dr Geoff Wood – Lecturer in Renewable Energy, University of Stirling – United Kingdom

'What Lessons can be Learned from Onshore Wind Technology Deployment for Developing a Successful Shale Gas Sector'

Ms Raquel Santos-Ramos – PhD Candidate at the CEPMLP, University of Dundee

'A look at previous price challenges in Latin America: lessons for the future development of the Extractive Industries'

16.35-16.45

SECOND AFTERNOON BREAK

16.45 - 17.45

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chair: Prof. Hanri Mostert (university of Cape Town)

Speakers:

Dr Ernesto Bonafé (Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels)

Dr Nicola Di Boscio (Rio Tinto, UK)

Mr Matthew Hardwick & Mr Mark Berry (Partners at Norton Rose Fulbright, United Kingdom)

Ms Maude Vallée (Principal legal advisor, African Legal Support Facility, AfDB)

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17.45-17.55

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr Ken Mildwaters (Mildwaters consulting LLP, Scotland –United Kingdom)

18.00-19.15

NETWORKING SESSION

Registration

Further Information

Contact the organising committee at imcrd@dundee.ac.uk

<https://extractiveconference.wordpress.com/>

Registration Fees

Full Day Attendance: £120.00 per delegate

This fee includes the course attendance, materials, refreshments, lunch, networking session and signed certificate of attendance.

Full Day Student Price: £40.00 per delegate

This fee includes the course attendance, materials, refreshments, lunch and networking session.

Full Day Group and Academic price: £80 per delegate

This fee is for Academics and for groups of 5 or more. Includes course attendance, materials, refreshments, lunch and networking session.

Register

You can register your place at <http://uod.ac.uk/1SY4Hs0> and pay using a debit/credit card.

Accommodation and Travel

The workshop will take place in D'Arcy Thompson Lecture Theatre, Tower Building, University of Dundee

Dundee is well connected by rail and road with the other major cities and airports in Scotland. The closest international airports can be found at Edinburgh and Glasgow. Dundee itself has a small airport which is connected by daily flights to and from London Stansted Airport.

Some accommodation establishments may give you a discount if you explain you are visiting the University of Dundee.

T's and C's

Full terms and conditions regarding bookings, including the cancellation policy, can be found at the event listing detailed above and by then clicking on the 'More Info' tab.