

The International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL)

– toward sustainable development –

Since its founding in 1969, ICEL provides information to practitioners and policymakers in the fields of environment and sustainable development. As an international organization in general consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, our core focus is promoting collaboration between members and affiliated parties while developing the exchange of information on all aspects of environmental law, policy and administration.

The Council's sustained engagement in major multilateral environmental processes and its expertise in communicating their essence to the international community make it an influential actor on behalf of the environment. The interdependence of global challenges motivates us to provide integrated solutions and to bring the expertise our partners together to propel cooperation and attain lasting results.

Publications:

Environmental Policy and Law: The journal for decision-makers (IOS Press, Amsterdam)

A chief contribution to the United Nations, ICEL sponsors a bimonthly journal to encourage and develop the exchange of information related to the UN, international developments, and regional and national affairs. EPL covers the field of environmental law and policy in the interest of the development, negotiation, review and implementation of Agenda 21, the Millennium Development Goals, existing multilateral environmental agreements and international environmental governance.

International Environmental Law Multilateral Treaties (ICEL, Bonn)

A 10-volume loose-leaf collection of over 9,000 pages containing the full texts (in English, French and, where applicable, German and Spanish) of multilateral conventions and other multilateral agreements relating to the environment.

International Protection of the Environment: Conservation in Sustainable Development (Thomson-Reuters West, USA)

A 12-binder collection and the only comprehensive source of the environmental soft law, policy decisions, and instruments of international and intergovernmental organizations.

Awards:

The Elizabeth Haub Prize for Environmental Law

Since 1974, in conjunction with Stockholm University, ICEL has awarded this Prize for exceptional accomplishments meeting the following criteria:

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The ICEL/IUCN-ELC Library

ICEL, in cooperation the IUCN-Centre for Environmental Law, maintains one of the world's most extensive physical collections of documents on environmental law and policy. Material is accepted in all languages to maintain the broadest coverage possible, including international treaties, supra-national instruments, national legislation, soft law, literature and documents of international organizations, especially the UN system. In partnership with FAO, IUCN and UNEP, the documents are included in, and are available for free public use through, the online data bank ECOLEX – the Gateway to Environmental Law.

Additional Resources

- *Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development* 4th edition: Updated Text. (<http://data.iucn.org/dbtw-wpd/edocs/EPLP-031-rev3.pdf>)
- *Arctic Policy & Law: References to Selected Documents* (http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/arctic_law_policy.pdf)
- *Weaving a Web of Environmental Law: Contributions of the IUCN Environmental Law Programme* 2nd edition (<http://www.esv.info/978-3-503-11045-2>)
- *An Introduction to the African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources* 2nd edition (<http://data.iucn.org/dbtw-wpd/edocs/EPLP-056-rev.pdf>)
- *Environmental Protection in Islam* 2nd edition (http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/eplp_020reven.pdf)
- United Nations Documents related to the environment (data: http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/environmental_law/elp_resources/elp_res_tools/un_documents/)

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