Speakers:

Mr. Sanjay Upadhyay, Managing Partner, Enviro Legal Defence Firm, India
Sanjay Upadhyay is an Advocate of Supreme Court of India, and the founder and managing partner of the India’s first environmental law firm, Enviro Legal Defence Firm. He also established the charitable arm of the Law firm through the Environment Law and Development Foundation. Sanjay has been practicing environment and development law since 1993. An India Visiting Fellow at the Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley (Fall 1996) and a legal intern to the Earth Justice Legal Defense Fund, San Francisco, he started his professional career at the World Wide Fund for Nature– India at the Centre for Environmental Law. Sanjay has served as an environmental and development law expert to well-known international, multilateral, national and state institutions.

Dr. Bharat Desai, International Law and Jawaharlal Nehru Chair in International Environmental Law, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
Dr. Baharat Desai is Professor of International Law and Jawaharlal Nehru Chair in International Environmental Law at Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has published significant works on international environmental law and governance, and advised international organizations and national governments. He also serves as an Associate Editor of the Yearbook of International Environmental Law, Governing Board member of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law as well as Chairman of the Centre for Advanced Study on Courts & Tribunals. Prof. Desai has also initiated and coordinates three inter-disciplinary and Inter-University Consortium on themes of cryosphere, atmospheric aerosols, and geo-spatial information systems as unique knowledge platforms that could trigger futuristic cutting-edge developments in various fields.

Ms. Sarah Khan, Pakistan
Ms. Khan is a 16 year old from Islamabad, Pakistan and the founder of Jugnoo Foundation. She uses film to educate people about the environmental damage and health implications of chemical pesticides. Her short film, Harvesting Hope, won an award at the Girls Impact the World Film Festival held at Harvard, a film festival in which students are asked to submit solution-based films about issues affecting women. She has spoken on the importance of reviving Pakistan’s 10,000 year old tradition of natural organic farming on one of Pakistan’s most watched TV channels and has been featured in the Huffington Post and local newspapers.
Panelists:

Lord Robert Carnwath, of Notting Hill C.V.O
Lord Carnwath has been a Justice of the UK Supreme Court since April 2012. He was a Lord Justice of Appeal since September 2001, having been a Judge of the High Court, Chancery Division, from 1994. He was Chairman of the Law Commission for England and Wales from February 1999 until July 2002. Previously he was in practice as a barrister in the Chambers of the Right Hon. Geoffrey Rippon QC, MP (now Landmark Chambers). His main areas of practice were Local Government, Planning and Environmental Law, and Administrative Law. Lord Carnwath was also Junior Counsel to the Inland Revenue, Chairman of the Administrative Law Bar Association, Attorney-General to HRH the Prince of Wales (following which he was made a Companion of the Victorian Order), and an Honorary Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge (2012). He has written extensively on administrative and environmental law and in 2012 he was appointed as a member of the UNEP International Advisory Council on Environmental Justice.

Hon. C. Scott Fulton, USA
Scott Fulton has had an extensive career in public service as an environmental prosecutor, head of the United States’ environmental enforcement program, an Environmental Appeals Judge, leader of the United States environmental international affairs program, and President Obama’s choice to serve as Deputy Minister and General Counsel of the of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. He left public service to teach at George Washington University Law School, serve as a Visiting Scholar at the Environmental Law Institute, and a Principal at the environmental law firm Beveridge and Diamond, PC, in Washington, D.C. Fulton’s experience includes several decades of work in the international realm, including significant engagement with key international institutions and organizations, as well as with national-level judges, prosecutors, environment ministries, NGOs, and other leaders around the world in the effort to build governance capacity for environmental protection. He currently serves on high-level environmental justice advisory councils for both the United Nations Environment Program and the Organization of American States.

Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Judge, Lahore High Court, Pakistan
Justice Shah is a judge at the Lahore High Court, Pakistan. He is also serving as a green bench at the Lahore High Court. Prior to becoming a judge, he established his own law firm under the name of Afridi, Shah and Minallah and practiced corporate, constitutional and development law for several years including a vast number of environmental law cases under public interest litigation. He also taught law at various prestigious institutions together with participating in various national and international conferences. He served at the boards of a number of organizations including WWF. He completed his masters in Law from Cambridge University, UK.

Prof. Camena Gunaratne, Sri Lanka
Prof. Gunaratne obtained an LL.B from the University of Colombo, an LL.M from Harvard Law School and a PhD from the University of Waikato, New Zealand. She joined the Open University in July 1988 as a lecturer and served as Senior Lecturer from 1992 until November 2009 when she was appointed Professor. She has served as Head of the Department of Legal Studies and also of the Environmental Studies Unit. In October 2013 she was elected Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Prof. Gunaratne was awarded the Smuts Visiting Fellowship in Commonwealth Studies in 2000 and spent a year at Wolfson College, University of Cambridge on sabbatical in 2000/2001. She spent a second sabbatical at the School of Law, University of Colorado at Boulder, on a Fulbright Advanced Research and Lecturing Award in 2012/2013. She has been involved with non-governmental organizations working in the fields of both gender and environment. She has served on many government committees on environmental law, human rights, women’s issues and legal education, and is presently a member of the Law Commission of Sri Lanka.