

Overview of the Workshop and the Asian Judges Network on Environment

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**The National Judicial Workshop on Mainstreaming
Legal Knowledge of Environmental Issues**

21-22 August 2017, Phnom Penh

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Asian Judges Network on
Environment



Overview of the Workshop

- Day 1
 - Session 1 - Environmental Courts and Tribunals and Pre-workshop Survey
 - Session 2 - Cambodia Environmental Laws and New ENR Code
 - Session 3 – Developing Special Rules for Environmental Cases
- Day 2
 - Session 4 – EIA and Development Planning
 - Session 5 – Dealing with Evidence in Environmental Cases
 - Session 6 – Climate Change Law: General Principles and Best Practices
- Format
 - Lectures and presentations
 - Q&A
 - Interactive Activities (Group Sessions)





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ASEAN Chief Justices roundtable on environment

Brunei Darussalam

Cambodia

Indonesia

Laos PDR

Malaysia

Myanmar

Philippines

Singapore

Thailand

Viet Nam

Other Asian Countries

PRC

Observers

Fiji

Australia

New Zealand

USA

United Kingdom

Brazil

South Asian Judicial roundtable on environment

Afghanistan

Bhutan

Bangladesh

India

Maldives

Nepal

Pakistan

Sri Lanka



The AJNE Website: www.ajne.org

A screenshot of the AJNE.org website. The browser address bar shows "www.ajne.org". The website header features the AJNE logo (Asian Judges Network on Environment) on a green background. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with links: Home, About, Events, Resources, Judiciaries, Multimedia, Articles, and a search bar with the text "Enter terms then hit Search...".

The main content area displays a large photograph of nine Asian judges standing in front of a backdrop that reads "JUSTICES' ROUNDTABLE ON ENVIRONMENT". Below the photo is a black banner with white text:

SIXTH ASEAN CHIEF JUSTICES' ROUNDTABLE ON ENVIRONMENT: FORGING THE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF THE ASEAN REGION

From 10-13 November 2016, the Supreme Court of the Philippines and ADB cohosted the Sixth ASEAN Chief Justices' Roundtable on Environment with the theme "Forging the Sustainable Future of the ASEAN Region."

Below the main content area are three tabs: Resources, Events Calendar, and News and Articles. The "Resources" tab is selected, showing a list of publications:

- 23 November 2016
Proceedings of the Fourth South Asia Judicial Roundtable on Environmental Justice
This publication documents the proceedings of the Fourth South Asia

On the right side, under the heading "WHAT'S NEW", there is a small image of a book cover and text:

Law and Policy Reform Program: Effective Legal Systems for Sustainable Development
The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) has been

Annual Roundtables

- 2011 – Indonesia
- 2012 – Malaysia and Pakistan
- 2013 – Thailand and Bhutan
- 2014 – Vietnam and Sri Lanka
- 2015 – Cambodia and Nepal
- 2016 – Philippines and Bangladesh





Indonesia

Judicial Certification
Program on
Environment



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A light blue map of Southeast Asia is shown in the background. The Philippines is highlighted in a darker blue. A red location pin is placed on the Luzon island. A white speech bubble with a blue border points from the pin to the text.

Philippines

Rules of Procedure for
Environmental





Bhutan

Bench Book and
Green Benches





Pakistan

- **Green** Benches
- **Environmental** Justice Committee &
- Institutionalization of **Environmental**



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Malaysia

- **Environmental** crimes courts
- Train-the-judges program

A stylized map of South Asia is shown in a light blue color. Sri Lanka is highlighted in a darker blue. A red location pin with a white circle is placed on Sri Lanka. A white speech bubble with a blue border points from the pin to the text.

Sri Lanka

Centre on **Environmental**
Rule of Law and Sustainable
Green Development; and
Judge's Workshop on
Environment and Writ Laws

The logo of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), consisting of the letters 'ADB' in a white, serif font, centered within a dark blue square.

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Impacts of AJNE

- **AJNE** strengthened Judges' capacity
- **AJNE** provided like-minded support group
- **AJNE** provided for exchange of innovative ideas
- **AJNE** is a neutral forum for all stakeholders
- **AJNE** provided technical, scientific & economic information
- **AJNE** encouraged specialized courts and trained judges
- **AJNE** identified champion “green” judges
- **AJNE** better environmental compliance and enforcement
- **AJNE** website: **www.ajne.org**



The Need for Continued Judicial Leadership

- Important and crucial role of judges in environmental protection cannot be denied
 - More so because of climate change
- The judiciary can bring all stakeholders together
 - For cooperation, collaboration, and mutual learning
- More cases and litigation are coming...
 - Climate refugees, displacement and migration, use of limited/scarce resources, clashing policies and development priorities
- ...so judges need to prepare and be ready
 - Capacity building, continuous learning, work with stakeholders, be innovative and “bold” with decisions;
- Exercise leadership of the legal profession



Thank you!

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