Developing a Cohort of Expert Trainers on Environmental Law

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Developing Environmental Law Champions

Sustainability outcomes are being impeded by the lack of qualified experts in environmental and climate change laws to work with and in government, judiciary, private sector, civil service organizations and other places.

Major challenge in meeting the increased demand is the lack of capacity and support in legal education.

ADB’s technical assistance aims to develop a cohort of experts in environmental and climate change laws through:

1. In-country train-the-trainers programs – *a mix of innovative teaching methodologies, substance & inspiration*
2. In-country and regional networks
3. Local and regional knowledge resources ([www.teachenvirolaw.asia](http://www.teachenvirolaw.asia))
57 initial environmental law professors trained
14 countries
207 institutions
298 participants trained by June 2018

March 2015
1st TTT Training ADB HQ
June 2015
2nd TTT Training ADB HQ
May 2016
1st & 2nd In-Country Trainings in Malaysia & Viet Nam
August 2016
3rd In-Country Training in Philippines
October 2016
4th In-Country Training in PRC
June 2017
5th In-Country Training in Thailand
November 2017
6th In-Country Training in Cambodia
March 2018
7th In-Country Training in Myanmar
May 2018
8th In-Country Training in Sri Lanka
November 2018
9th In-Country Training in Nepal
Myanmar Train-the-Trainers Program

33 participants across 20 institutions
Hosted by the Yangon University
12 – 16 March 2018

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## Regional Network: Database of Environmental Law Champions

Search and browse our regional network for environmental law experts by specialization and country.

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Creating Valuable Linkage between the Judiciary and Academia
Malaysia’s Train-the-Judges Program
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- Establishment of Environmental Courts in Malaysia in 2012
- Importance of strengthening the awareness of judges’ roles in environmental protection
- Training program initiated
- *Aim to develop and enhance the capacity of the Malaysian judiciary in making better informed decisions in environmental law cases*
- To strengthen judicial capacity – collaboration with multi-stakeholders to organize Train-the-Judges 2017 in Malaysia
- ADB, law professors from public universities, judiciary, officers from the Attorney General Chambers and Department of Environment
Train-the-Judges Program

- A comprehensive manual detailing method, training content and materials

- Varied topics but selective based on current problems and issues in Malaysia

- Training included an excursion to a nearby factory - to see first hand self-guided approach to compliance in mitigating pollution by an industry

- Mediation

- Reflective, student centered approach, teacher based approach also research

- Traditional lectures, seminars, tutorial, small group activities and flipped teaching

- Course Evaluation Form
Collaboration between Academics and Judiciary in Sri Lanka

- In the 1990s, on-going training was conducted for judicial officers including Magistrates, District and High Court judges.

- This was extremely successful and the training and interaction between members of the judiciary and university academics was facilitated by the Judges Training Institute of Sri Lanka.

- Such training has diminished to some extent in recent years but it is important to revive it in the light of current environmental and developmental challenges.
What’s possible between the Judiciary and Academia?

- Continuous judicial training programs tailor-made to local environmental issues and concerns

- Wider ranging topics to include global concerns – climate change and transboundary issues

- Provide multi-disciplinary programs in environment including science, technology, sociology and economics

- Can be expanded to sub-regional or regional context

- Comparative perspectives and developments in the region & exchange of expertise

- In short, *improving judicial capacity, expanding environmental jurisprudence*, and leading environmental decision makers in the development of regulatory systems founded on credible rule of law, and promoting environmental justice in the overall environmental management
“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

- Dame Dr. Jane Morris Goodall, DBE