Symposium on Judges and the Environment

The Impact of the Stockholm Declaration in Shaping Global Environmental Law and Jurisprudence

Held in Conjunction with the UN Stockholm+50 Conference

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Hybrid Conference: In-Person at Radisson Blu Waterfront Hotel, Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre, Room C1-C2, Stockholm, Sweden and Virtual via Zoom

Fifty years after the UN Conference on the Human Environment, one of the greatest legacies of the Conference and the Stockholm Declaration has been the impact on national constitutions, legislation, and jurisprudence. Nearly every country that has adopted a new constitution or made major revisions since 1972 has included a right to a healthy environment.

This two-day Symposium, addresses the following three main themes related to the role of the judiciary in the implementation of the Environmental Rule of Law: (1) the critical role judges play in incorporating environmental law, agreements, and declarations into national and subnational law, (2) strengthening judicial independence and integrity as absolute prerequisites of the Environmental Rule of Law, and (3) the challenges surrounding judicial education in the area of Environmental Law.

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