



**INVITATION FOR STRATEGIC
CO-ORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
The 5th Annual ASEAN Conference on Climate Change (ACCC)
“Climate Justice in the Context of Global Transition and Fragmentation”
June - 2026**

1. Overview

Climate change is a profound threat to humanity. It affects human rights, the environment, and sustainable development. Despite of international agreements like the **UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol, and Paris Agreement**, a significant gap remains between voluntary commitments and necessary action.

Recently, key legal bodies, such as the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and some regional human rights courts have affirmed the transformation of climate governance from voluntary commitments to **enforceable legal obligations**. Alongside these legal developments, global climate governance is becoming more fragmented. Traditional multilateralism is now complemented by “mini-lateral” initiatives, **just energy transition partnerships**, and sectoral alliances. The rise of **green industrial policies** and **carbon border adjustments** also introduces potential protectionism. This raises concerns about **North-South justice** if not balanced with finance and technology transfer.

Achieving climate justice requires addressing multiple forms of equity, including intra-generational justice, inter-generational justice and North-South justice. For developing nations, particularly in the ASEAN region, the path forward is to integrate human rights into climate action, build robust monitoring and reporting systems, develop credible carbon markets, and ensure social equity is central to energy transitions. This is how climate justice can transition from a concept to a tangible reality.

In this context, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law aims to pursue research and interdisciplinary academic cooperation to promote sustainable development and combat climate change in the ASEAN region as well as globally. The 5th Annual ASEAN Conference on Climate Change (ACCC) has successfully organized four reputable international conferences as follows:

- **The First ACCC** on the theme “*[Sustainable Development in the Mekong Subregion](#)*“, held on June 7, 2024, at Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, with the participation of the Ministry of Justice of Vietnam and distinguished experts from ASEAN countries (Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia) and India.
- **The Second ACCC** on the theme “*[Legal Harmonization among ASEAN Countries towards Enhancing Comprehensive and Sustainable Development](#)*“, held on July 10,

2024, at Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, gathered experts from Singapore, India, Belgium, Laos.

- ***The Third ACCC*** on the theme “*Carbon Market: International Experiences and Recommendations for Vietnam*“, co-organized by Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Foreign Trade University, and Hanoi Law University (Vietnam National University), reunited experts from UN- ILC, WTO, Canada, USA, China.
- ***The Fourth ACCC*** on the theme “*ASEAN's Path to Sustainable Development: Navigating International Relations, Legal Frameworks in the Context of Globalization and Modernization*“, co-organized by Ho Chi Minh City University of Law in collaboration with the National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED), Faculty of Law – Chiang Mai University (Thailand), the *Vietnamese Journal of Legal Sciences*, and the *Indonesian Journal of International Law*. It attracted experts from Thailand, Malaysia, France, Indonesia, Luxembourg, India, Hungary, New Zealand.

2. The 5th Annual ASEAN Conference on Climate Change

The 5th ACCC will focus on the following issues, among others:

- ***Theoretical and legal foundations of climate justice;***
- ***Principles of climate justice;***
- ***Multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral solutions for climate protectionExisting and potential climate disputes;***
- ***Proposals for enhancing the enforcement mechanisms of international climate law.***

3. Conference Schedule

- September 2025: Call for co-hosting partners for the 5th ACCC.
- October 2025: Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); preparation of the Call for Papers; identification of sponsors and publishing partners/journals to support the publication of conference proceedings.
- November 2025: Launch of the Call for Papers.
- 31 January 2026: Deadline for abstract submission.
- 28 February 2026: Notification of accepted abstracts and development of the conference program.
- 30 April 2026: Deadline for full paper submission.
- 5 June 2026: Conference Day.
- June 2026: Publication of conference proceedings.

4. Partnership Opportunities

We call for and warmly welcome the co-hosting cooperation of all qualified partners in the following areas:

- Developing the conference program and inviting qualified speakers;
- Organizing the conference;
- Cost-sharing;
- Mobilizing sponsorship;
- Exploring publication opportunities.

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Ho Chi Minh City University of Law (ULAW) has been officially recognized by the Government of Vietnam as a leading national key university entrusted with the mandate of training legal professionals for the entire country. With a proud tradition of fifty years of establishment and development, ULAW has consolidated its reputation and expertise in legal education, scientific research, and international cooperation. The University also possesses the academic capacity and modern facilities required to convene major international conferences that bring together distinguished experts from across the globe. Within this spirit, the ACCC has been developed as a specialized series of conferences through which ULAW seeks to fulfill its social responsibility in protecting the environment, not only for the people of Vietnam but also for ASEAN and the wider international community. ULAW sincerely looks forward to the cooperation of experts, academic institutions, organizations, and enterprises worldwide so that the ACCC may continue to enhance and expand its role.