

**International Conference  
On  
“Strengthening Climate Justice Initiatives:  
Livelihood Challenges at Local Level with a focus on Farmers”  
November 8-9, 2014  
Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad (Gujarat) India.  
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**INSTITUTE OF LAW**

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## **NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC LEADERSHIP (NCCSD)**

National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership (NCCSD- [www.nccindia.org](http://www.nccindia.org)) is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) working towards to strengthen agriculture's niche as an integrated intervention to tackle mitigation and adaptation challenges while complementing other sustainable development initiatives across India. NCCSD acts as a premier organization at the national level to disseminate information that would enable appropriate action and suggest policy frameworks to tackle impacts of global warming and climate change. The Council may for instance create knowledge platforms, organize seminars and network with scholars and public leadership specialists at the regional, national and international level in cooperation with governmental and non-government organization. The organisation felicitates and carry out appropriate and target oriented action for climate change mitigation and adaptation; interlinking agriculture, sustainable development and rural development, fosters and provide leverage to public leadership to achieve the goals of such an integrated approach and strengthen knowledge economy. The council may establish state level units or associate with other interested organizations at State and district levels in furtherance of its objectives. These are based on a logical framework to ensure locally relevant action duly integrating local knowledge and leadership to sustain action.

### About the Conference

Climate Change is one of the harsh realities of present times which will bring catastrophic results for the mankind. We ourselves are culpable for the bane of Climate Change and are suffering from its repercussions. The point of Injustice is realised when we observe Rural and Poor people who are least responsible for the disaster of Climate Change as the most adversely affected folk. If we draw the focus on farmers, then we realise that they are facing biggest challenges of

climate change as the adversity is affecting the soils, waters and other biological parameters which ultimately affects their livelihood. Moreover, they have no effective means to tackle this challenge. This shows disproportionate burden of climate change.

With a vision to bring Climate Justice, Institute of Law, Nirma University (ILNU) and National Council for Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Public Leadership (NCCSD) endeavours to invite students, research scholars, academicians, policy makers, practitioners, NGOs, regulatory bodies, farmers and various other stakeholders to initiate a dialogue on the theme 'Strengthening Climate Justice Initiatives: Livelihood Challenges at Local Level with a focus on Farmers' and to critically analyse the contribution of government policies, legal framework, technology and local initiatives to bring Climate Justice against the challenges faced by farmers at local level. The Conference is an initiative to have a deliberation upon the issues relating with Climate Justice with an approach to treat climate change as an issue of human rights and environment justice linking with equality and collective rights which will ultimately dissolve and alleviate the unequal burden created by climate change. It is an effort which will show the avenues for cleaner, healthier and ultimately fairer world to live in.

### **SUB THEMES**

1. National and International legal framework for Climate Justice
2. Climate Justice Initiatives and Technology
3. Local Initiatives to bring Climate Justice
4. Role of Government Policies and Schemes in Climate Justice Initiatives
5. Public Policy, Development and Climate Justice
6. Agricultural Insurance and Climate Justice Initiative in India: An Indian Farmer's Story
7. Civil Society and Climate Justice and Farmer as a beneficiary
8. The Economics of Climate Justice: Role of International Agencies
9. Climate Justice, Sustainable Development, Institutional Framework and Farmer in India
10. Globalization and Climate Justice Initiatives: Interventions or / and Interferences

**Conference Venue:** Institute of Law, Nirma University, SG Highway, Ahmedabad-382481(Gujarat). India

**Conference Dates:** November 8-9, 2014

**Registration:** Conference registration Fee (Indian Participants):

Category	Registration (Accommodation not included)
Delegate	Rs. 2500
Student*	Rs. 2000
Accompanying Person	Rs. 1000

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Category	With Accommodation	Without Accommodation
Delegate	USD 300	USD 125
Student*	USD 150	USD 60
Accompanying Person	USD 80	USD 60

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**Rs. 300**

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### Important Dates:

Abstract Submission	-	October 07, 2014
Full Paper Submission	-	October 20, 2014
Last Date for Registration	-	October 15, 2014

### DETAILS-

- ❖ Abstract to be submitted at [ilnu.conference.paper@nirmauni.ac.in](mailto:ilnu.conference.paper@nirmauni.ac.in), consisting 250-400 words along with keywords.
- ❖ The complete research paper should consist of 3500-5000 words (MLA Hand-Sheet 7<sup>th</sup> edition format).
- ❖ Power point presentation can be used for paper presentation in the conference.
- ❖ Two authors are allowed on single paper with individual registration.
- ❖ Certificates would be distributed at the end of the conference.
- ❖ Selected papers would be published in an edited book with an ISBN no.

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## About Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad, one of the liveliest cities in India and major industrial centre in India, has often been called the 'Manchester of the East'. Ahmedabad is the largest city in the Gujarat and the sixth largest city in India with a population of more than 6 million.

Ahmedabad got its name from Sultan Ahmad Shah who founded it in 1411 AD. Situated on the banks of the river Sabarmati, Ahmedabad is known for its beautiful monuments of historical and archeological importance. Today, the city has turned and developed itself into a leading industrial centre and has become the economic capital of Gujarat.

Ahmedabad offers something to celebrate all year round that ranges from celebrations of 'Deepawali' and 'Dushera' to the 'Ras Garba' and 'Kite Festival'. The city has many places to visit, like the Science City, Akshardham Temple, Gandhi Ashram, Sabarmati Riverfront and Sidi Sayed Mosque. The weather of Ahmedabad is very pleasant during the month of November with temperature 25°-30° C. Gujarat attracts several tourists to visit spots near Ahmedabad, like Nalsarovar Bird century (80kms), Adalaj Step well (20 kms), Lothal, 4500 years old Harappan settlement (85 kms), Sun temple of Modhera (99 kms), Dakor, a place famous for Ranchod Raj Temple (49 kms).