ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS
JANUARY 15-16, 2020
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The ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (ABA SEER) and the International Bar Association Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (IBA SEERIL) invite you to the second Environmental Summit of the Americas on January 15-16, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency Polanco in Mexico City.

The Environmental Summit of the Americas will bring together leading environmental, energy, and natural resource lawyers from across the Americas (North, Central, South, and the Caribbean) to discuss the most pressing legal issues of today. Using a round-table format, facilitated by leading environmental lawyers, the Summit will cover a broad range of topics. These sessions will enlighten you to the successes, failures, and lessons learned in the various jurisdictions across the Americas.

Topics include: anticorruption, social integrity and parent company liability in environmental projects; plastics—national and international approaches; climate change and implementation of the Paris Accord; social license in resource development—dealing with local and indigenous communities; extended producer responsibility/circular economy; and contaminated sites and remediation.

Through interactive discussions and unparalleled networking opportunities, the Summit’s diverse gathering of legal practitioners should expect to build cross-border relationships that thrive. We encourage you to register early to secure your spot as space is limited.

Please be advised that this meeting will be held in English without translation.

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Wednesday, January 15, 2020

4:00 p.m.
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Karen Mignone, Chair, ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Arrowsic, ME
Mariana Herrero, Host City Committee Co-Chair, Galicia Abogados, Mexico City, Mexico
Leopoldo Burguete Stanek, Host City Committee Co-Chair, Gonzalez Calvillo, Mexico City, Mexico

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Keynote Presentation

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Addressing Global Climate Change Issues Across the Americas

The impacts of climate change do not stop at international borders. In the Americas, the nations who have contributed the least to climate change will be among the ones most impacted by it. This panel discussion will bring together thought leaders from throughout the Americas to discuss how local and regional efforts can be coordinated to address greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change across these diverse nations.

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8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Anticorruption, Social Integrity, and Parent Company Liability in Environmental Projects

Investors and developers increasingly need to ensure that anti-corruption and social integrity policies are in place before embarking on international energy, infrastructure, and mining projects. Failure to institute such policies runs the risk of legal peril, not just for the project companies, but also for parent and other related entities. This session will explore anti-corruption and social integrity policies from a variety of perspectives and share measures that parent companies can take to protect themselves in this area.

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Extended Producer Responsibility/Circular Economy

The circular economy is gaining significant traction and attention in many parts of the world and within the global supply chain. However, it is still in the early stages of implementation in several Latin American countries. This session will explore how some jurisdictions have advanced extended producer responsibility principles to consider the social, environmental, and economic costs associated with a product throughout its lifecycle and incorporated them into the product’s market price and other elements of the supply chain. International implications of extended producer responsibility rules from a supply chain perspective will also be discussed.

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Social License in Resource Development—Dealing with Local and Indigenous Communities

Many regions of the world are rich in minerals or alternative sources of energy. To explore and develop these resources, social impacts must be considered in addition to economic and environmental concerns. A resource development project can face fundamental challenges when it has not been approved from a social license perspective. This session will discuss successes, failures, and lessons learned in various jurisdictions across the Americas.

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Plastics—National and International Approaches

Pollution and environmental harms associated with plastics has been receiving international scrutiny, given their universal prevalence, high durability, and impacts on the environment, and, in particular, the marine environment. Many jurisdictions are now implementing legislation to reduce plastic consumption and to better control plastic waste. This session will consider and compare approaches taken by jurisdictions in North, Central, and South America.

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Contaminated Sites and Remediation

All industrialized jurisdictions have, to varying degrees, issues arising from contamination as a result of new or historic industrial operations. These issues can become significant liabilities and, in the context of international transactions, must be considered. This session will address domestic approaches for addressing contaminated sites and will consider how, in the context of commercial and corporate transactions, buyers can best protect themselves from current and future liability.
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How to Register

We encourage you to register online at ambar.org/seersummit. All attendees must be preregistered for this conference to participate. Due to limited space, we encourage you to register early. On-site registration will not be offered.

Lodging

The Hyatt Regency Polanco is situated in Mexico City’s most exclusive neighborhood, the perfect spot in which to explore the authentic art, shops, restaurants and nightlife, just steps away from Auditorio Nacional, Museo de Antropología, and Chapultepec Park.

The deadline for room reservations at the discounted rate is Friday, December 27, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. (CST). Rooms have been reserved at the discounted rate of $215 plus tax for single/double rooms. Book your room here: https://bit.ly/2KfzlqO
Cancellation Policy
Registrants who are unable to attend the conference will receive a refund less a $50 administrative fee if written notice of cancellation is received by January 1, 2020. No refunds will be granted after this date. Cancellations may be e-mailed to environ@americanbar.org. Registration fees are not transferable to other Section or ABA programs. Attendee substitutions for the program are acceptable. The ABA reserves the right to cancel any program and assumes no responsibility for personal expense.

CLE Credit
Please note that the Environmental Summit of the Americas is a NON-CLE program and continuing learning education credit will not be granted for any attendee.

Conference Course Materials
Course materials and related background information if available will be provided to attendees online prior to the conference. You may wish to bring a device to view the materials on-site; complimentary Wi-Fi access will be available.

Dress
Section conferences are business casual. The venue will be cool, so please bring a jacket or sweater.

Dietary Restrictions
If you have any dietary restrictions, please indicate so during registration or by email environ@americanbar.org by Monday, January 6, 2020, so that your needs are noted.

Americans with Disabilities Act
If any special arrangements are required for a person with a disability to attend this conference, please call Allison Read at (312) 988-5641 by Monday, December 16, 2020.

Questions? Contact environ@americanbar.org with all program related questions.

About the Summit Cosponsors
ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER): With more than 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is one of the largest voluntary professional membership organizations in the world. ABA SEER is the premier forum for strategies and information for environmental, energy, and resource lawyers, advisors, and decision-makers.

The International Bar Association Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (IBA SEERIL) – The IBA is the global voice of the legal profession and the foremost organisation for international legal practitioners, bar associations, and law societies.

For the most current and up-to-date information regarding this program, please visit ambar.org/seersummit.

ABA SEER Winter Council Meeting
We invite all participants of the Environmental Summit of the Americas to stay for the ABA SEER 2020 Winter Council Meeting on January 17-19. For more information including the meeting schedule and registration rates please visit ambar.org/seercouncil2020.