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THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE REGIME: TOWARDS COP 17

FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LAW SEMINAR HOSTED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED CONSTITUTIONAL, PUBLIC, HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (SAIFAC, A CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG) IN CONJUNCTION WITH RALHUS (REGIONAL AFRICAN LAW AND HUMAN SECURITY, POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS, www.ralhus.co.za) AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION (WITH SUPPORT FROM THE KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG).

The sixteenth meeting of the parties in Cancun (COP 16) has sparked new hope and momentum in relation to the international climate change negotiations and the possibility to conclude a legally binding agreement. The Cancun Agreements reflect the progress that states have made in relation to various issues identified in the Bali Action Plan. However, several legal issues, in particular the second commitment period for the Kyoto Protocol, have been deferred to further negotiations at the upcoming COP in Durban, South Africa. It is therefore important that the momentum is not lost at COP 17.

You are therefore cordially invited to the annual international law seminar concerning the international climate change regime and the forthcoming COP. The issues that this seminar will focus on include:

- (i) The Copenhagen Accord: Historical footnote or novel approach to climate change negotiations?;
- (ii) A legal analysis of the Cancun Agreements in the context of the climate change regime;
- (iii) Developing state obligations and the CBDR principle;
- (iv) Climate induced migration;
- (v) Climate change and the maintenance of international peace and security;
- (vi) The position of the South African government and
- (vii) ILA legal principles relating to climate change.

The seminar will be a one-day event and held at Constitution Hill, Johannesburg on 25 November, 2011. There are a limited number of slots for presentation. Parties interested in presenting must please submit an abstract and bio by 1 September to werner.scholtz@nwu.ac.za