



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL of ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
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Announcement - Search for ICEL Executive President

The International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL)¹ has established a Process & Search Committee to recommend suitable candidate/s to the Board of Governors for the next Executive President of ICEL. The aim is to select a successor Executive President as soon as possible, before the end of December 2024.²

Background: Since its establishment in 1969 in New Delhi, ICEL has advanced knowledge on international environmental law and the legal foundations for sustainable development. As an international, non-governmental organization, and an accredited observer to the UN Economic and Social Council since 1973, ICEL has shared its expertise with ECOSOC, UN Members States, and international organizations. ICEL's members are senior experts drawn from all UN regions and all legal traditions: civil law, common law, socialist law, Islamic law, and customary law. ICEL is an accredited observer to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention for Biological Diversity, and the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as other international and regional organizations.

Job Description: This position is a voluntary one, in which the individual serves without a salary.

The Executive President:³

¹ ICEL was founded in New Delhi in 1969 and was originally constituted under Article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code. ICEL reconstituted in Madrid in 2020, under Spain's Organic Law 1/2002, recognized on May 28, 2021. It maintains representatives in Bonn, Geneva, Nairobi, and New York. It is a Member of International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). See: <https://www.icel.international.org>.

² ICEL's current Executive President is Prof. Nicholas A. Robinson.

³ Under the ICEL Statutes, Article 13: 1. The Executive President shall have the following responsibilities: (a) Represent ICEL in any legal matter before public or private entities; (b) Order payments and authorize with his/her signature all documents and correspondence; (c) Adopt any urgent matter required for the adequate operation of ICEL or its activities, notwithstanding the requirement to provide an account to the Board of Governors. 2. The Executive President shall be supported by ICEL's International Secretariat. See also, functions of ICEL in Article 3, i.e.,

- a) guides the program and work of ICEL;
- b) recruits and coordinates the work of ICEL Representatives to the United Nations and other international organizations;
- c) oversees the work of the Chief Administrative Officer;
- d) is responsible for relations with the host of the ICEL Secretariat at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid; and
- e) directs the implementation of the decisions of the ICEL Board of Governors.

Requirements: Candidates for the post of Executive President should:

- a) have substantial experience in environmental law;
- b) have time available for the full discharge of the Executive President's duties;
- c) be available to undertake this senior voluntary position for a period of 5 years;
- d) have an adequate base of operations which can contribute to sustaining the individual's work as Executive President;
- e) have utmost integrity to avoid any conflict of duty and interests; and
- f) have the ability to work in English.

Expressions of interest: Please send a letter to PSC Chair Prof. Dr. Koh Kheng Lian accompanied by a C.V. and 2 letters of recommendation by 15 April 2024 to: lawkohkl@nus.edu.sg, copy vtafur@law.pace.edu. For more information, please contact Prof. Dr. Victor M. Tafur, ICEL's Chief Administrative Officer, vtafur@law.pace.edu.

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