United Nations Environment Programme Georgetown University Law Center

Global Environment & Sustainability Law Fellowship

The Global Environment & Sustainability Law Fellowship aims to strengthen the environmental capacity of lawyers worldwide. The Fellowship provides the opportunity for environmental lawyers in developing countries to earn an Environmental & Energy Masters of Law Degree (LL.M.) at Georgetown. The Environmental & Energy Law LL.M. Degree is part of Georgetown Law's expansion of its environmental, energy, natural resources, land use, and water law curriculum and programming. Following their time at Georgetown, Fellows will train at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) offices as interns, then return to their home government to apply their enhanced expertise.

In its inaugural application cycle, the Law Center received approximately one hundred applications from around the globe. Finalists were selected based on their achievements, experience as environmental lawyers working in the public sector, and their passion for sharing this enrichment with their colleagues at home. The 2017 Law Fellows are Jeanie Namugga from Uganda and Andrea Jacobs from Antigua and Barbuda.

2017-2018 Fellows

Jeanie Namugga will focus her studies on the link between land use issues and the emerging oil and gas exploration market in Uganda. Before winning this Fellowship, Ms. Namugga worked in the Land and **Environmental Law Division** of the High Court of Uganda, writing draft judicial opinions. She has also been involved with multiple organizations focused on environmental, land use, and public justice issues including: the Ugandan Chapter of the International Federation of Women Lawyers; Avocats Sans Frontiers: the Coalition for the International Criminal Court; the Uganda Land Alliance; and the East African Regional Symposium on Public Interest Environmental Litigation.

Andrea Jacobs will focus her studies on development and climate change adaptation in the Caribbean. Further, she will explore interests in clean energy technology, electric and autonomous vehicles, and robotics. Ms. Jacobs' current work focuses on energy, environment, and development planning laws. She was the Chairman of the Development Control Authority Tribunal, where she heard matters on appeal relating to building permissions and breaches of the building code. She also represented Antiqua and Barbuda at the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change and was the coordinator for the Preambular and Compliance section of the Paris Agreement on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States.

Global Environment & Sustainability Law Fellowship Ways to Support

This Fellowship is made possible by Georgetown Law's support through a tuition waiver and by UNEP's support for travel expenses to and from Washington, DC. We are seeking additional support to cover living stipends for the Fellows to make this opportunity accessible to all applicants regardless of socioeconomic condition.

We also invite you to publicize this Fellowship opportunity to all environmental government offices across the globe to garner the most diverse and strongest applicant pool possible.

Thank you for joining us in this effort to build capacity worldwide and transform the lives of individual environmental attorneys in the process.

For more information on supporting this Fellowship, please contact

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\$250,000 would cover five years of nontuition related expenses for the entire Fellowship program. (\$25,000 for each of the Fellows, at two fellows per year.)

\$50,000 would cover the living stipend of each Fellow for one year.

\$16,000 would cover rent and utilities for the Fellows during one semester of law school.

\$5,000 would allow each Fellow to return home once during their Fellowship (flying economy class) over the holiday break when the campus is closed.

\$4,000 would provide new laptops and cover books for each incoming Fellow for the entire year.

\$1,500 would provide Metro cards and commuter bikes to help the Fellows commute to and from their classes and internships for the entire year.

\$1,000 covers the cost of a trip to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City for each Fellow.

\$500 provides diploma frames, graduation caps and gowns for the Fellows.

"We are thrilled to welcome the recipients of this unique Fellowship to Georgetown University Law Center and to partner with UNEP. Andrea and Jeannie's courses, research, and internships will ready them to tackle urgent legal and policy issues affecting the planet today."

— Sara Colangelo, Director of the Environmental Law & Policy Program at Georgetown Law

"We congratulate the two deserving lawyers from Africa and the Caribbean who will work within the legal sphere to address ecological and resource issues that not only impact their regions, but the world as a whole."

— Fatou Ndoye, Acting Director, UN Environment, North America Office

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