

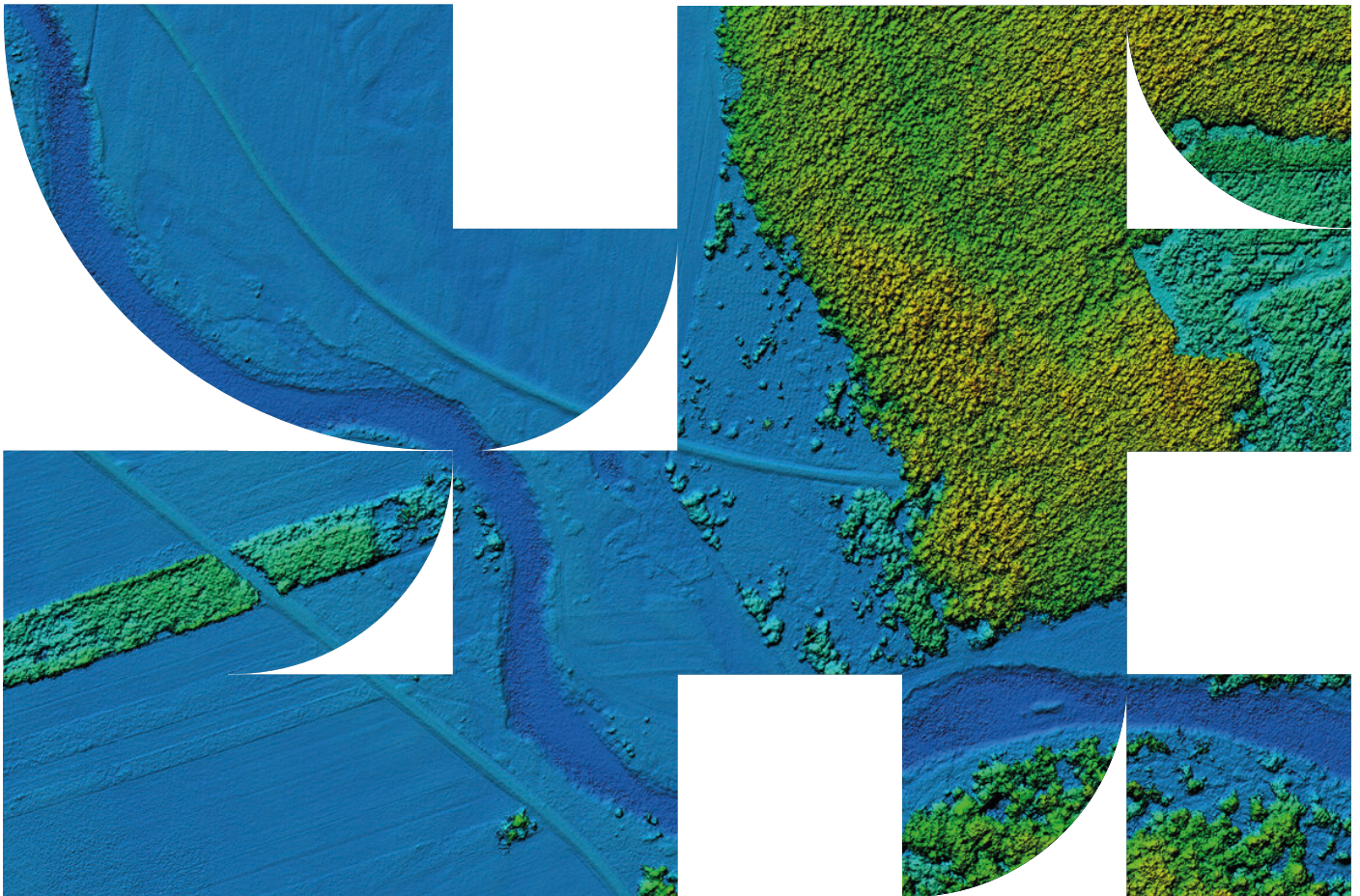


Durham
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Centre for Sustainable
Development Law and Policy

JusTNOW – Just Transitions to a Net Zero World

Climate action planning, reporting, and finance readiness training



Transforming climate commitments into action

The Durham Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy is offering country-specific training programmes for governments and policymakers to improve climate action decision-making, planning and reporting.

Delivered by a multi-disciplinary team of experts, working on the JusTNOW Initiative, our mission is to strengthen national capacity to design, implement, and report on climate action, while unlocking access to climate finance by overcoming legal, regulatory, technical and economic barriers.

What we offer



We provide tailored training programmes, in person and online, that equip policymakers and institutions with the tools to:

- Analyse international legal requirements for national policy-making, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Low Greenhouse Gas Development Strategies (LT-LEDS) as required by the Paris Agreement
- Align national climate strategies and actions with NDCs and LT-LEDS
- Strengthen compliance with Paris Agreement requirements, including:
 - Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs)
 - National Inventory Reports (NIRs), Article 6 reporting
 - National Adaptation Plans
- Develop robust Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) systems
- Analyse, draft, and validate climate policies, strategy documents and reports against international frameworks
- Leverage Article 6 mechanisms and other tools to mobilise public and private climate finance
- Facilitate stakeholder discussions
- Support the preparation of policy briefs

Why now



Countries face growing pressure to deliver on their commitments under the Paris Agreement. Yet many encounter:

- Complex legal and regulatory barriers
- Capacity gaps in relation to data capture and legal requirements for reporting
- Insufficient reporting infrastructure
- Lack of qualified staff for BTR preparation
- Fragmented and resource-intensive reporting and monitoring systems
- Limited technical and institutional capacity for strategic planning and implementation
- Challenges in accessing climate finance and attracting private investment

These challenges are particularly acute in **developing countries**, where capacity constraints can slow progress.

JusTNOW bridges this gap by providing independent, practical, actionable support to enable countries to move from commitment to implementation.



“Appreciation goes to the Durham team for the technical input and invaluable contribution made to their workshop. The experience and knowledge attained will go a long way to shaping Uganda’s offer, and of combating climate change.”

Robert Bakiika, NDC Partnership In-Country Facilitator for Uganda, Climate Change Department of the Ministry of Water and Environment

“This workshop has enabled a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the NDC process for Uganda and the country’s energy and transition plan... This workshop has exceeded my expectations. I sincerely thank the team from Durham University who facilitated this workshop.”

Dr Joseph Kobusheshe, Director Environment, Health and Safety, Petroleum, Authority of Uganda (attendee at workshop, 2026)

Impact in practice:

Uganda case study

Since 2021, and under the leadership of Prof Petra Minnerop, the CSDLP has partnered with the Petroleum Authority of Uganda to support climate governance and regulatory development.

In February 2026, our team delivered a high-level workshop supporting Uganda’s NDC 3.0 development, bringing together key stakeholders across government and the energy sector.

Key challenges identified

- Lack of sector-specific MRV systems
- Limited integration of Scope 3 emissions in NDC
- Data gaps and unclear baselines for reporting
- Weak inter-agency coordination
- Uncertainty around options for just transition pathways in oil and gas

Actionable outcomes delivered

- Integration of oil and gas into NDC 3.0 based on global best practices
- Plan for the development of Energy Sector MRV framework
- Understanding of options to integrate emissions reduction targets for oil and gas operators
- Strengthening institutional coordination and climate governance

Opportunities unlocked

- Reinvestment options into renewable energy and resilience
- Actionable steps for data transparency and reporting capacity to attract long-term finance

Why work with Durham University's Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy



The Centre is based in Durham University's Law School but operates at Faculty level, drawing members from across the University, including Arts and Humanities, Science, and Durham Business School. The Law School is internationally recognised for excellence in legal education and research, ranked 49th globally in the latest QS subject rankings. In the 2021 REF, 100% of its research impact was rated 3* or 4*, reflecting a strong contribution to shaping national and international policy, as well as supporting legal practitioners and businesses in understanding the implications of the law. It is also ranked among the top 50 law schools worldwide in the QS World University Rankings by Subject (2026).

The CSDLP has a distinctly interdisciplinary focus, exemplified by its flagship project, JusTNOW – Just Transitions to a Net Zero World, which brings together expertise in Law, Computer Science, Biosciences, and Economics. Through this collaboration, the project supports external stakeholders in navigating transition pathways to net zero, integrating scientific evidence with legal, economic, and technical considerations.

Meet the team



Our training is delivered by a world-class, interdisciplinary team, including:

Prof Petra Minnerop

Professor of International Law, Director of the CSDLP, Principal Investigator of the JusTNOW Initiative, Durham University

Prof Laura Marsiliani

Professor in Economics, Faculty of Business Associate Dean for Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability (ERS), Principal Investigator of the JusTNOW Initiative, Durham University

Dr Nelly Bencomo

Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Principal Investigator of the JusTNOW Initiative, Durham University

Dr John Bothwell

Associate Professor (Reader in Bioenergy), Principal Investigator of the JusTNOW Initiative, Durham University

Prof Elisa Morgera

UN Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights; Professor of International Law and Sustainability at Durham University; and part-time Professor at the University of Eastern Finland

Dr Katalin Sulyok

Associate Professor in International Law and Sustainability, Durham University

Dr Pia Andres

Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Professor of Economics, Durham University

Dr Chien-Yi Chang

Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Durham University

Dr Carsten Meyer

Associate Professor in Biosciences, Durham University

What we can offer

For more information on how our Centre can support your climate action efforts, please contact our Senior Business Development Manager, Kate Morris, at kathryn.l.morris@durham.ac.uk.

The CSDLP offers targeted, research-based solutions for transition planning, climate policy, NDCs and LT-LEDS, as well as consultancy services and the facilitation of workshops with tangible outcomes. We can produce policy briefs, implementation plans, and research-informed reports on specific issues.