



BIODIVERSITY LAW AND GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE

2018 Global Biodiversity Law and Governance Essay Competition

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5 OCTOBER 2018

In line with the themes of BLGD 2018, your essay can address topics such as:

1. **How can legal tools and multi-level instruments be leveraged to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity?**
2. **What are the challenges and opportunities in operationalising the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing?**
3. **What is the role of law and governance in advancing the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and related Sustainable Development Goals?**
4. **What legal frameworks will enable biodiversity finance, engage the private sector, and promote biodiversity-friendly trade?**

Eligibility and requirements:

Submissions can be made in English or French. The legal essay competition is open to law students from around the world. Please send a Word copy of the entry, along with a 200-word biography, with the name and title of essay in the Subject line, addressed to the "Biodiversity Essay International Jury" to blgd@cisdl.org by 5pm EST, 5 October 2018.

Prizes:

International gold, silver, and bronze award-winning entries will be announced in a **special awards ceremony at the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Conference of the Parties (CoP14)** in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, and will be published internationally by the CISDL. **The best entries will receive a cash prize between \$200 - \$500 CAD.** Award winners will also be invited to submit their essays to the McGill Journal of Sustainable Development Law for possible publication.



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