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Climate Law & Sustainability
Pathways (CLSP)

Practitioner Collaboration Proposal with
the Electricity Lawyer Academy



Overview

The **Climate Law & Sustainability Pathways (CLSP)** programme is a practitioner-led capacity-building initiative developed by the **Electricity Lawyer Academy (ELA)** to complement postgraduate teaching in **climate law, sustainability governance, and energy transition regulation**.

The programme introduces participants to the **legal and regulatory architecture through which climate commitments are translated into electricity-sector delivery frameworks**, infrastructure deployment decisions, and clean-energy investment structures.

CLSP is designed to operate alongside university climate-law teaching as a **practice-facing implementation pathway**, strengthening student understanding of how climate governance frameworks interact with electricity-sector institutions in real transition contexts.

The CLSP programme attracts participants from over 30 jurisdictions across Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas, with particularly strong engagement from Sub-Saharan Africa and the United Kingdom. This participation profile reflects the programme's growing role as a cross-regional platform supporting legal and regulatory capacity development for sustainable energy transitions and provides a strong foundation for university collaboration in climate law training, applied regulatory education, and Global South engagement initiatives.

Suggested Integration Models for Universities

Universities may engage with the **Climate Law & Sustainability Pathways (CLSP)** programme through several flexible collaboration pathways:

Guest Teaching Contributions

Specialist practitioner lectures supporting climate-law teaching through electricity-sector regulatory implementation perspectives.

Postgraduate Enrichment Pathway

Optional participation route strengthening student understanding of how climate commitments translate into infrastructure delivery frameworks and clean-energy investment environments.

Practitioner-in-Residence Teaching Blocks

Short transition-governance seminar series aligned with electricity-market reform, distributed-energy regulation, infrastructure legitimacy, and regulatory credibility frameworks.

Executive-Education Collaboration Pathway

Potential co-development of advanced short courses aligned with transition-law implementation and electricity-sector reform practice.

These flexible entry pathways allow collaboration to scale gradually from guest teaching contributions to co-branded transition-governance short courses or executive-education partnerships.



Rationale for Collaboration with Universities

Across many climate law and sustainability programmes internationally, students develop strong grounding in:

- international climate governance
- environmental law principles
- ESG and sustainability regulation
- climate litigation and accountability mechanisms

However, students increasingly seek exposure to:

- electricity-sector regulatory architecture
- renewable procurement frameworks and PPAs
- distributed-energy governance
- infrastructure legitimacy and community benefit structures
- regulatory credibility and investment mobilisation
- Global South transition pathways

The CLSP programme has been designed specifically to address these implementation-level transition questions.

Programme Structure Across Cohorts

The Climate Law & Sustainability Pathways programme is delivered across themed cohort cycles introducing participants to complementary dimensions of climate-law implementation.

Cohort 1

Climate Governance Foundations and Clean-Technology Legal Frameworks

Participants are introduced to:

- climate-law institutional architecture
- international climate agreements
- clean-technology ecosystems
- regulatory design principles for transition markets
- sustainable contracting foundations
- climate-law career pathways

Cohort 2

Energy Justice, Infrastructure Legitimacy, and Transition Implementation Governance

Participants engage with:

- intersection of energy justice and climate law
- technology justice and climate governance
- fiscal justice and clean-energy transitions
- structuring clean-energy projects through an energy-justice lens
- community justice frameworks for infrastructure deployment
- gender and energy access considerations in transition contexts



Cohort 3

Climate Litigation and Accountability Pathways

This cohort introduces participants to emerging litigation dynamics shaping climate-law enforceability, including:

strategic climate litigation developments

- advisory-opinion-driven transition jurisprudence
- domestic accountability frameworks
- infrastructure-transition litigation risks
- regulatory decision-making challenges
- climate-law enforcement pathways

Together, these three cohort streams form a structured progression across **governance, implementation, and accountability dimensions of climate law**.



Programme Coverage and Learning Outcomes

Participants completing CLSP develop familiarity with:

- institutional architecture of climate-law implementation
- electricity-sector regulatory delivery frameworks
- renewable-energy procurement structures
- distributed-energy governance approaches
- infrastructure legitimacy and community benefit mechanisms
- regulatory credibility and investment mobilisation dynamics
- justice-centred transition governance models
- climate-law litigation pathways shaping implementation outcomes



Teaching Approach

CLSP combines:

- case-based learning
- comparative jurisdictional insights
- expert practitioner sessions
- interactive scenario exercises
- career-pathway mentoring

This approach supports participants in linking climate-law theory with **real-world transition delivery institutions.**



Progression Pathways Beyond CLSP

The Climate Law & Sustainability Pathways programme forms part of a wider practitioner training architecture delivered by the Electricity Lawyer Academy supporting transition-governance capability development across three progressive levels:

Foundation Track

- Climate Law & Sustainability Pathways (CLSP)
- Introduces participants to climate governance implementation frameworks and electricity-sector transition institutions.

Advanced Track

- Electricity Market Regulation & Clean Energy Investment Frameworks
- Explores regulatory credibility, distributed-energy governance, renewable procurement structures, and infrastructure-delivery sequencing.

Expert Track

- Transition Governance, Energy Justice & Infrastructure Legitimacy
- Engages with implementation diagnostics, community-benefit governance tools, regulatory reform strategy, and climate-transition accountability pathways.



Universities may engage with CLSP as an entry-point collaboration platform, with opportunities to develop advanced teaching contributions, practitioner seminars, or co-branded transition-governance short courses at later stages.

These advanced tracks are particularly suitable for collaboration with postgraduate programmes seeking implementation-focused extensions to climate-law and energy-transition teaching.



Programme Impact Snapshot

Participant feedback across cohorts highlights the programme's role in strengthening understanding of:

- electricity-sector regulatory implementation frameworks
- links between climate commitments and infrastructure delivery systems
- clean-energy investment governance structures
- justice-centred transition policy design
- career pathways across climate and clean-energy legal practice

Participants have described the programme as:

“an excellent bridge between climate governance theory and real-world clean-energy implementation.”

“a unique opportunity to connect global climate frameworks with practical regulatory and policy challenges.”

“a programme that clarified how legal frameworks support climate action in real institutional contexts.”

“a structured pathway linking sustainability principles with practical energy-transition delivery tools.”

Example Teaching Themes Delivered Across Cohorts

Recent sessions have included:

- intersection of energy justice and climate law
- technology justice and climate governance
- fiscal justice in clean-energy transitions
- structuring clean-energy projects through an energy-justice lens
- community justice frameworks for infrastructure deployment
- gender and energy access considerations
- regulatory design for clean-energy markets
- sustainable contracting simulation exercises
- career pathways across ESG and climate law practice

These sessions are delivered by a combination of academic specialists and practitioner experts working across transition-governance environments.



Proposed Collaboration Pathways with Universities

Universities may engage with CLSP through several flexible partnership models.

Guest Teaching Contributions

ELA may contribute specialist lectures on:

- electricity regulation for net-zero delivery
- renewable procurement frameworks
- distributed-energy governance
- regulatory credibility and investment mobilisation
- energy-justice implementation tools

Student Participation Pathways

Postgraduate students may participate in CLSP as:

- an enrichment certificate pathway
- a complementary implementation module
- a professional-development extension experience

This strengthens employability outcomes for students pursuing careers in:

- energy law
- climate policy
- infrastructure regulation
- development advisory
- sustainability governance



Practitioner-in-Residence Collaboration

ELA supports collaboration through short teaching engagements including:

- seminar series
- implementation workshops
- transition-governance teaching blocks
- comparative electricity-sector reform sessions

Possible thematic areas include:

- electricity-market reform
- distributed-energy regulation
- investment-risk governance
- energy-justice implementation
- Global South transition case studies

Co-Branded Short Courses or Summer Teaching

Universities may collaborate with ELA to deliver:

- short executive courses
- LLM enrichment modules
- summer transition-governance intensives
- professional certificate programmes

Example themes include:

- Regulating Electricity Markets for Net-Zero Delivery
- Legal Architecture of Clean-Energy Investment
- Energy Justice and Infrastructure Legitimacy
- Electricity Regulation in Emerging Energy Systems



Research-Teaching Collaboration Opportunities

ELA collaborates with universities through:

- policy labs
- student capstone supervision
- case-study development
- applied regulatory diagnostics
- transition-governance research engagement

These partnerships support interdisciplinary learning across law, infrastructure delivery, and sustainability governance.



About the Electricity Lawyer Academy

The Electricity Lawyer Academy is a specialist training and capacity-building platform supporting lawyers, regulators, and policy professionals working across electricity-sector reform and clean-energy transitions.

Programmes delivered by the Academy focus on:

- electricity-market regulation
- clean-energy investment frameworks
- energy-transition governance
- energy-justice implementation
- distributed-energy regulation
- regulatory credibility and investor confidence, etc.

Participants have included legal practitioners, regulators, development-sector professionals, and postgraduate students across the UK, Europe, and Africa.

About the Programme Lead

Dr Ivie Ehanmo is an energy law and regulation specialist with over 17 years of experience working across Sub-Saharan Africa, the UK, and the European Union. Her work focuses on the legal and institutional architecture of investment-ready electricity markets and the governance of the global energy transition, particularly at the intersection of electricity regulation, climate law, and energy justice.

She combines academic scholarship with international advisory, regulatory practice, and capacity-building work, supporting governments, international organisations, and private sector actors on electricity market reform, regulatory governance, and clean energy policy frameworks. Dr Ehanmo is the Founder of the Electricity Lawyer platform and Global Academy Director of the Electricity Lawyer Academy, where she leads initiatives aimed at strengthening legal and regulatory capacity within the energy sector; through which she has trained and mentored over 5,000 legal practitioners and energy sector professionals across Africa and internationally.

She holds a PhD in Energy Law and Regulation from the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), University of Dundee. and contributes to international discussions on electricity market governance, climate policy, carbon trading frameworks and energy justice through research, advisory work, and professional training. Dr Ehanmo's scholarship has been published in leading academic volumes and policy platforms.



Her work focuses on:

- electricity-market reform
- regulatory credibility
- energy-justice implementation
- clean-energy investment governance
- capacity-building for transition institutions



Proposed Next Steps

The Electricity Lawyer Academy welcomes discussions with universities interested in collaboration through:

- guest teaching contributions
- student enrichment pathways
- Practitioner-in-Residence engagement
- co-branded short courses
- transition-governance workshops



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