The International Investment & Climate Change Agreement (The “IICCA”)

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Climate change is a global challenge. It will not be solved without unprecedented cooperation from diverse populations with sometimes diverging interests. People of different cultures, who speak different languages and who have unique interactions with and needs from the environment must come together for a greater purpose. The Stockholm treaty lab was instituted with the understanding that given enough creativity and hard work, and despite the varied and occasionally divergent needs of the global community, humanity can solve climate change. This is a tall order, and our group believes that to achieve it, diverse perspectives are paramount. The composition of our group is meant to reflect this value. Our group represents gender, geographic, racial, and educational diversity. Beyond seeking out people who could successfully help us meet the challenge put forth by the Stockholm Treaty Lab, it was critical that our group represented, as much as possible, the diverse interests of the global community.

The diversity of our group is reflected in multiple ways. One facet of our diversity is our unique educational and employment backgrounds. Our group is composed of 4 lawyers and one scientist. One member was previously employed by the government of New Zealand and another has advised Least Developed Countries (LDCs) governments in drafting bilateral investment treaties. Amongst us we have a Ph.D. in chemistry, a prospective Ph.D. in law, 2 members with 2 LL.M.s each, and 2 members studying for LL.M.s. Two of our members are teachers/professors, working directly with younger populations who will face the brunt of the negative consequences of climate change. Two members of our group have worked as arbitrators and one member’s Masters degree was focused on dispute resolution.

Beyond our diversity in career backgrounds, our group also reflects gender, ethnic and geographic diversity. Of the five members of our group, we have two women and three men. Our group members spent their childhood years in five different countries (New Zealand, India, the Philippines, the U.S.A. and Saudi Arabia). Two members of our group are ethnically Indian, two are Caucasian, and one is Filipina. Collectively, we have studied all over the world (and each one of us has studied outside of our home country). Our places of education include all of the countries previously mentioned as well as Singapore, Switzerland, Greece, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands.
A map is included to give a visual depiction of how far our group members have traveled to get where they are today (however, this map still doesn’t do our geographic diversity justice, as it doesn’t show the many, many stops our team members have made along the way).

The Stockholm Treaty Lab is an opportunity for our team to work in synergy from our respective areas of expertise and interest that includes the subject matter of the competition – international policy for climate change. It is a competition like no other as it opens the opportunity to diverse young practitioners (like us) in international law, science, international trade, public policy and investments, whose sense of idealism has the potential to influence policy-making at the international treaty level. That is the inspiration and ultimately, the reward that keeps us fired up for this competition. We strongly believe that to effectively mitigate climate change will take the cooperation of all nations and peoples on this planet. In choosing our team, we strove to reflect this value.

Below you will find individual descriptions of our team members (listed in alphabetical order by last name) and the strengths they bring to this team.

He was named as a “Future Leader” in international arbitration by Who’s Who Legal (2017).

2. **Dr. Joseph Moll** has a Ph.D. in chemistry from Columbia University. He has undergraduate degrees in both biology and chemistry and currently teaches biology, physics and sustainability at one of New York City’s top ranked public high schools. Global climate change is an important part of the curriculum and Dr. Moll is on the frontlines of the battle against the apathy and hopelessness that often accompanies this topic. He recognizes that both people and governments need to feel empowered to make a climate difference. He is an adviser to his school's Green Team, the founder of his school's garden, and the school sustainability coordinator. He has a Math for America Early Career Fellowship (a highly selective program for New York City math and science teachers). He has applied, and won, numerous sustainability-related grants for his school, including $20,000 in recycling grants, $10,000 in energy reduction grants, and $3000 in money for his school’s garden. Finally, he is the adviser to his school's travel club, which for the past four years has helped disadvantaged New York City high school students gain a global perspective by taking them to destinations in South America, Central America, and 6 different European countries.

3. **Ashutosh Ray** is an Associate at Three Crowns LLP (Paris). His areas of expertise include International Commercial Arbitration, Investment Treaty Arbitration, International Disputes. Ashutosh was an expert committee member to the Law Commission of India (an executive body established by the Government of India) for its 246th Report to recommend changes to Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, and the 260th Report to recommend amendments to the Indian Model Bilateral Investment Treaty. He has clerked with a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India where he assisted him in high-value complex arbitrations under rules of prominent international institutions across various industries, expert legal opinions to foreign courts, and consultations to parliamentarians.

4. **Earl Joyce Rivera – Dolera** has acted as an Independent Arbitrator in international commercial arbitral proceedings seated in ASEAN, Hong Kong, and India. She has also been appointed as Tribunal Secretary to prominent, top-tier international arbitrators with arbitral proceedings seated in various countries in Asia, Europe, the US, Africa and Australia. She is affiliated with The Arbitration Chambers, Singapore. Through work with the International Chamber of Commerce, she has co-authored a chapter on the effects of climate change on **Less Developed Nation States and Small Island Nations** in the book *Dispute Resolution and Climate Change, the Paris Agreement and Beyond* and brings considerable expertise in this area. She is pursuing her Master’s Degree in International Economic Law, Business and Policy at Stanford Law School. Her areas of expertise and interest include International

5. Charlotte Skerten is on leave from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. At the Ministry, she was responsible for advising the New Zealand government on international trade and foreign investment and among other things, worked extensively the Trans Pacific Partnership (“TPP”). Her perspective in this area has been crucial to our teams finished product. She finished her Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics in New Zealand and is currently pursuing her Master’s Degree in Law at Columbia Law School as a Fulbright Scholar. Her areas of expertise include International Trade and Investment law, International Security and Disarmament Policy, and Corporate Law.

Our Logo©

Our logo is inspired from the broad goals of the IICCA:

- Different colors of the people represent the diversity of our planet;
- The changing color of the earth represents the positive change that IICCA will usher in;
- The people are holding the banner of IICCA to show their commitment to better earth through responsible Green Investments.