The Importance of the Judiciary in Environmental Compliance and Enforcement

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Earthpace president Ken Markowitz co-authored an article that appears in the latest edition of the Pace Environmental Law Review. The article focuses on environmental courts and tribunals, and specifically on how these institutions improve access to justice and environmental protection.

The Importance of the Judiciary in Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, co-authored by INECE co-founder Jo Gerardu, explores the central role that the judiciary plays in enforcing environmental law and in promoting sustainable development; reviews the international mandates for enforcement and compliance cooperation, describes ways in which the judiciary participates in realizing a sustainable future, focuses on environmental tribunals, and evaluates channels for the judiciary to cooperate at a global level through trans-governmental networks.

Other articles in the Journal include Ensuring Access to Justice Through Environmental Courts by Nicholas A. Robinson, Environmental Courts and Tribunals: The Case of Kenya by INECE Executive Planning Committee member Donald W. Kaniaru, and Brazil’s Green Court: Environmental Law in the Superior Tribunal de Justiça (High Court of Brazil) by Nicholas S. Bryner. Additionally, the Journal includes the transcript of a speech given by INECE Executive Planning Committee Co-chair Justice Antonio Herman Benjamin, We, the Judges, and the Environment, delivered at the International Symposium on Environmental Courts and Tribunals, hosted by Pace Law School and the International Judicial Institute for Environmental Adjudication (IJIEA), on April 1, 2011, in White Plains, New York.