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Abstract

The endless increase of environmental injustice in the world is directly impacting more and more people on a daily basis. While impunity seems to be the order of the day, the need for procedural justice is growing. Making the most of the competences and knowledge brought together under the EJOLT project and its work on Law and Institutions the CDCA has compiled a manual that presents a number of legal tools and concepts already used by EJOs all over the world.

These concepts and tools from the civil and criminal system at international, regional and trans-national levels are presented together with interactive links to more details and technical information and to useful contacts for legal strategy capacity building of EJOs.

This document is an annex to that manual, and it contains a list of references that can be found online for communities seeking environmental justice.

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Environmental crime

EJO capacity building

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1 Africa

1.1 Institutions

In this table you will find links to some key documents from African institutions like the African Union, the African Commission and Court for People and Human Rights, ECOWAS

Source	Description	Link
African Union	Official Website	http://www.au.int/en/
African Union	Handbook	http://summits.au.int/en/sites/default/files/MFA%20AU%20Handbook%20-%20Text%20v10b%20interactive.pdf
African Union	African Charter for Human and People Rights	http://www.achpr.org/instruments/achpr/
African Commission for People and Human Rights	A guide to the African Human Rights system	http://www.achpr.org/files/pages/about/african-hr-system-guide/human_rights_guide_en.pdf
African Commission for People and Human Rights	Official website	http://www.achpr.org/
African Commission for People and Human Rights	List of legal instruments	http://www.achpr.org/instruments/
African Commission for People and Human Rights	Guide for submission of a communication at the African Commission for Human and People Rights	http://www.achpr.org/files/pages/communications/guidelines/achpr_info_sheet_communications_eng.pdf
African Court for People and Human Rights	Official website	http://www.african-court.org/en/
African Court for People and Human Rights	Instructions for filling a suit at the ACHRPR	http://www.african-court.org/en/index.php/component/content/article/13-cases-from-court/22-submission-of-cases-to-the-court
African Court for People and Human Rights	List of the NGOs enable to fill a suit at the African Court of Human and People Rights	http://www.achpr.org/network/ngo/by-name/
African Court for People and Human	Guidance for litigants	http://www.african-court.org/en/images/documents/Court/Cases/Procedures/Practice%

Rights		20Directions%20to%20Guide%20Potential%20Litigants%20En.pdf
ECOWAS Commission	Official website	http://www.ecowas.int/
ECOWAS Court	Official website	http://www.courtecowas.org/
Claiming Human Rights (UNESCO, France and Germany)	Guide to International Procedures Available in Cases of Human Rights Violations in Africa	http://www.claiminghumanrights.org/
Claiming Human Rights (UNESCO, France and Germany)	Instruments for individual human rights complaints	http://www.claiminghumanrights.org/legal_instruments.html

1.2 Research, civil society and others

In this table you will find links to some key documents focusing on Human Rights and their defense in Africa.

Source	Description	Link
Fédération internationale des droits de l'homme (FIDH)	Manuel to fill a complain to the ACHPR (FIDH)	http://www.fidh.org/IMG/pdf/manua_l_to_the_african_commission_2013_en.pdf/
International society for human rights (ISHR)	Road map for civil society engagement: State reporting procedure of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights	http://www.ishr.ch/sites/default/files/article/files/roadmap_english.pdf
Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) & International society for human rights (ISHR)	A Human Rights Defenders' Guide to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights	http://www.ihrda.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/ishr-ihrda_hrds_guide_2012-1.pdf
Open Society Fondation	Sheet on the African Commission of Human and People rights	http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/fact-sheets/african-commission-human-and-peoples-rights
African Centre for democracy and Human Rights	African Centre for democracy and Human Rights' forum	http://www.acdhrs.org/ngo-forum/
Centre for Human Rights (University of Pretoria)	African Human Rights Document database environment	http://www.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/documents-by-theme/environment.html
Centre for Human Rights (University of Pretoria)	African Commission of Human and People Rights' official documents	http://www.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/documents-by-theme/african-commission.html
Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA)	African human rights case-law analyser	http://caselaw.ihrda.org/
The global network defending and promoting free expression	Model of Complaint to the African Court of Human and People Rights	http://www.ifex.org/campaigns/2010/12/01/suggestedformatofsubmission.pdf
University of Bristol	Selected bibliography on African Human Rights System	http://www.bristol.ac.uk/law/research/centres-themes/hric/selectedbibliographyonafricanhumanrightssystem.html

2 Europe

2.1 Institutions

2.1.1 Council of Europe level

In this table you will find links to some key documents from institutions related to the Council of Europe

Source	Description	Link
Council of Europe	Official website	http://hub.coe.int/
Council of Europe	European Social Charter	www.coe.int/T/E/Human_Rights/Esc
Council of Europe	Website on climate change	www.coe.int/portal/web/coe-portal/what-we-do/culture-and-nature/climate-change
Council of Europe	Manual on Human Rights and the Environment	http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/hrpolicy/Other_Committees/GT-DEV-ENV_docs/Manual_Env_2012_nocover_Eng.pdf
Council of Europe	Manual on Human Rights and the environment	http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Publication_Env_2012_ENG.pdf
Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly (PACE)	Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs	http://assembly.coe.int/Main.asp?link=/committee/CULT/index_E.htm
European Court of Human Rights	Official website	www.echr.coe.int
European Court of Human Rights	Questions and answers	http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Questions_Answers_ENG.pdf
European Court of Human Rights	Hudoc – the online database of the Court's case-law	http://hudoc.echr.coe.int
European Court of Human Rights	Case Fact Sheets – continually updated case summaries on various environmental issues	www.echr.coe.int/echr/en/header/press/information+sheets/factsheets
European Court of Human Rights	Guide to applications to the Court	http://www.ihrac.ie/download/pdf/europeancourtguidefinal.pdf
European Court of Human Rights	Court application form	http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Application_Form_2014_1_ENG.pdf

2.1.2 European Union level

In this table you will find links to some key documents from institutions related to the European Union.

Source	Description	Link
European Commission	Database of Courts in European member states	http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/judicialatlascivil/html/cc_searchmunicipality_en.jsp#statePage0
European Commission	Type and level of criminal sanction for natural and legal persons per country	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/legal/crime/pdf/crime_annex1.pdf
European Commission	Environmental crime explained by the Commission	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/legal/crime/
European Commission	Policy index of criminal law in the European Union	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/criminal/criminal-law-policy/index_en.htm
European Commission	Criminal Justice in the European Union	http://ec.europa.eu/justice/criminal/index_en.htm
European Commission	European Union environmental law Training package	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/legal/law/training_package.htm
European Commission	Further information on the complaint procedure	http://ec.europa.eu/eu_law/your_rights/your_rights_en.htm
European Commission	Statistics on the infringement procedure	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/legal/law/statistics.htm
European Commission	Complaint form to present to the European Commission	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/legal/law/pdf/natureform.doc
European Commission	Proposal on access to justice in environmental matters COM(2003) 624	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52003PC0624
European Commission	On the transposition of the Aarhus Convention into the EU law	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/aarhus/legislation.htm
European Commission	Environmental policies areas addressed by EU	http://ec.europa.eu/environment/policies_en.htm
European Commission	Exercise your rights at UE law web page	http://ec.europa.eu/eu_law/your_rights/your_rights_en.htm
European Court of Justice	Electronic form to complain at the European Court of Justice	https://curia.europa.eu/e-Curia/login.faces;jsessionid=9ea7d17730d9b633f81225974de78b8f915183688726.e38ObheSchaLby0La3mRahyRbNmOe0?conversationContext=1
European Parliament	Link to submit a petition online	https://www.secure.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/petition.html
European Parliament	Petitions at the European Parliament	http://www.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/00533cec74/Petitions.html
European Union	e-justice platform	https://e-justice.europa.eu/home.do?action=home&plang=en
European Union	European Law database Euro Lex	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en
European Union	Water Framework Directive 2000/60	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32000L0060

Source	Description	Link
European Union	Habitats Directive 92/43	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1992L0043:20070101:EN:PDF
European Union	Birds Directive 79/409	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32009L0147
European Union	Environment liability directive	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32004L0035&from=EN
European Union	Directive on public participation and access to justice Directive 2003/35/EC	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32003L0035
European Union	Directive on public access to environmental information and repealing Directive 2003/4/EC	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32003L0004
European Union	The Aarhus convention	http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/treaties/public-participation/aarhus-convention.html
European Union	The Charter of fundamental rights	http://www.eucharter.org/home.php?page_id=44
European Union	Accessing the EU legislation	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en
European Union	On the nature of directives, regulations and other acts	http://europa.eu/eu-law/decision-making/legal-acts/index_en.htm
European Union	The European Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT&from=EN
European Union	Treaty of the European Union	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2010:083:FULL&from=EN
European Union	Directive on ship-source pollution	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32009L0123&from=EN
European Union	Directive on the protection of the environment through criminal law	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:328:0028:0037:EN:PDF

2.2 Research, civil society and others

In this table you will find links to some key documents on environmental law, criminal law and environmental policies.

Source	Description	Link
University Ruskin	A short guide to EU environmental law	http://www.anglia.ac.uk/ruskin/en/home/faculties/alss/deps/law/staff0/home.Maincontent.0010.file.tmp/No4-IntroEurEnvLaw.pdf
Private website Moussis	The principles in EU environmental law	http://europedia.moussis.eu/books/Book_2/5/16/02/02/?all=1
Asser Institute. Center for international and European law	European Environmental law	http://www.asser.nl/default.aspx?site_id=7&level1=12217
Institute for European Environmental Policies	Official Website	http://www.ieep.eu/
Research Centre for European Criminal Law	Database Eurocrim	http://db.eurocrim.org/db/

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Latin America

3.1 Institutions

In this table you will find links to some key documents from institutions related to the American States Organization.

Source	Description	Link
Inter-American Commission of Human Rights	Official website	http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/
Inter-American Court of Human Rights	Official website	http://www.corteidh.or.cr/index.php/en
American States Organization	Charter of the American States Organisation	http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/charter.html
American States Organization	American Convention on Human Rights	http://www.oas.org/dil/treaties_B-32_American_Convention_on_Human_Rights.htm
American States Organization	American Declaration of the rights and duties of Man	http://www.hrcr.org/docs/OAS_Declaration/oasrights.html
Inter-American Court of Human Rights	The Court Rules of Procedure	http://corteidh.or.cr/sitios/reglamento/nov_2009_ing.pdf
American States Organization	Model of petition alleging a violation of human rights against one or more Member States of the OAS	https://www.oas.org/en/iachr/docs/pdf/HowTo.pdf
Inter-American Commission of Human Rights	Link to file a petition for the Commission	https://www.cidh.oas.org/cidh_apps/login.asp

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Unites States of America

4.1 Institutions

Source	Description	Link
United State Courts Website	List of the USA district courts	http://www.uscourts.gov/Court_Locator/CourtWebsites.aspx

In these 2 tables you will find links to district courts and lawyers in the USA, as well as information regarding ACTA

4.2 Research, civil society and others

Source	Description	Link
Find Law, Thompson Reuters	Database of contact to find a lawyer in the USA	http://lawyers.findlaw.com/
Harvard University law website	Alien Tort Claim Act	http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/torts3y/readings/update-a-02.html
Allens International law firm	The last emblematic trial under ATCA: Kiobel	http://www.allens.com.au/pubs/ibo/foibo19apr13.htm

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International

5.1 Institutions

In this table you will find links to some key documents from institutions related to the International Criminal Court and the United Nations.

Source	Description	Link
International Criminal Court	Official Website	http://www.icc-cpi.int
International Criminal Court	Frequently asked questions	http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/icc/about%20the%20court/frequently%20asked%20questions/pages/faq.aspx
International Criminal Court	Trial Divisions	http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/icc/structure%20of%20the%20court/chambers/trial%20division/Pages/trial%20division.aspx
International Criminal Court	Rome Statute signing countries	http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/asp/states%20parties/Pages/the%20states%20parties%20to%20the%20rome%20statute.aspx
International Criminal Court	Rome Statute	http://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp_docs/Publications/Compendium/Compendium.3rd.01.ENG.pdf
International Criminal Court	Understanding the ICC	http://www.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/PIDS/publications/UICCEng.pdf
International Criminal Court	Manual for ICC lawyer	http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/icc/structure%20of%20the%20court/victims/office%20of%20public%20counsel%20for%20victims/Documents/26-March-2013-EN-Consolidated-Version-2010-2012-OPCVManual.pdf
United Nations	Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	http://www.ohchr.org/en/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/RightAndResponsibility.aspx
United Nations	Guidelines for submission to the Special Rapporteur of allegations of violations of the Declaration on human rights defenders	http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/defenders/complaints.htm
United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute	Unicri training material	http://wcjp.unicri.it/deliverables/docs/Module_2_What_is_international_criminal_law.pdf

5.2 Research, civil society and others

In this table you will find links to guidelines for the defense of Human Rights and environmental rights and their defenders, as well as websites of organisations supporting defenders.

Source	Description	Link
Frontline Defender	Official Website	http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/advocacy
Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide	Official Website	http://www.elaw.org
Environmental Defender Law Center	Official Website	http://www.edlc.org/
Centre for International Environmental Law	Official Website	http://www.ciel.org/
CEDAT - Centre for Environmental Law Studies	International law and Environmental debt report	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32009L0123&from=ENhttp://www.ejolt.org/wordpress/uploads/2014/01/140128_EJOLT11-low.pdf%20p.%2078
CEDAT - Centre for Environmental Law Studies	Legal avenues for EJOs to claim environmental liability report	http://db.eurocrim.org/db/http://www.ejolt.org/2012/05/legal-avenues-for-ejos-to-claim-environmental-liability/
The Ruckus Society	Guidelines on Activists security	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en http://www.ruckus.org/downloads/RuckusSecurityCultureForActivists.pdf
Protection International	Human rights defenders protection guide	https://e-justice.europa.eu/home.do?action=home&plang=enhttp://protectioninternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Protection-Manual-3rd-Edition.pdf
Integrated Security Project	Integrated Security Manual	http://www.integratedsecuritymanual.org/sites/default/files/integratedsecurity_them anual.pdf
Activist Security	Handbook for activists and campaigners security	http://www.anti-politics.org/distro/2009/practicalsecurity-read.pdf

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