

**UWSL**



**NAAC  
GRADE A+**  
ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
**CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES  
AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON  
CORPORATE LAW  
& SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**

# CONCEPT NOTE

In an era marked by climate crises, widening socio-economic inequalities, rapid technological transformations, and evolving governance challenges, the role of law in advancing sustainable development has become more critical than ever. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, represent a universal call to action aimed at promoting peace, prosperity, environmental protection, and inclusive growth across nations. Achieving these goals requires robust legal frameworks, accountable institutions, and interdisciplinary engagement capable of addressing complex global and local challenges.

The intersection of law and sustainable development raises important questions concerning environmental justice, human rights protection, corporate accountability, access to justice, gender equality, digital governance, labour rights, public health, and responsible innovation. As governments, institutions, and private actors strive to implement the SDGs, legal systems worldwide are increasingly being called upon to facilitate equitable development while balancing economic growth with social and environmental responsibilities.

This conference seeks to provide a platform for critical dialogue on how legal systems, policies, and institutions can contribute meaningfully to the realization of the SDGs. It aims to explore the evolving role of law in addressing sustainability challenges through comparative, interdisciplinary, and policy-oriented perspectives. The conference will encourage discussions on emerging legal developments, governance models, regulatory mechanisms, and judicial approaches that can strengthen sustainable and inclusive societies.

Bringing together academicians, legal practitioners, policymakers, researchers, industry experts, and students, the conference aspires to foster collaborative engagement on contemporary issues surrounding sustainable development and law. Through scholarly deliberations and exchange of ideas, the conference seeks to contribute toward building resilient legal frameworks capable of advancing justice, accountability, and long-term sustainability at both national and global levels.

# ABOUT KARNAVATI UNIVERSITY

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Karnavati University is a State Private University dedicated to excellence in teaching and focused on interdisciplinary learning. Spread over 33 acres of land, the University is located in Uvarsad near Gandhinagar. Karnavati University was granted Private University status in March 2017 by the State of Gujarat through the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2017.

Apart from Unitedworld School of Law (UWSL), the University has other schools namely, Unitedworld Institute of Design (UID), Unitedworld School of Management (UIM), Unitedworld School of Liberal Arts and Mass Communication (USLM), Unitedworld Institute of Technology (UIT), Karnavati School of Dentistry (KSD), and Karnavati School of Research (KSR).



## ABOUT UWSL

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Unitedworld School of Law is a constituent school of Karnavati University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The school is duly recognized by the Bar Council of India. UWSL offers interdisciplinary law programmes including B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) with specializations in IPR, Business Law, Criminal Law, and International Law, along with LL.M. and Doctoral programmes.

# ABOUT GLOBAL SHAPERS

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The Global Shapers Community is a global network of exceptional young leaders, innovators, and changemakers committed to creating a positive impact in their communities and contributing toward a more inclusive, sustainable, and equitable world. Established in 2011 as an initiative of the World Economic Forum, the community was founded on the belief that young people possess the vision, energy, and leadership necessary to address some of the world's most pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges. Operating through city-based hubs in more than 150 countries, the Global Shapers Community brings together individuals under the age of 30 from diverse professional, cultural, and academic backgrounds who are united by a shared commitment to public service, social innovation, and collaborative leadership.

The community serves as a platform for young leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue, initiate community-driven projects, and contribute to policy discussions at local, national, and international levels. Through its hubs, Global Shapers undertake impactful initiatives in areas

such as climate action, public health, education, gender equality, mental health awareness, entrepreneurship, civic participation, refugee support, digital inclusion, and sustainable development. The organisation actively encourages interdisciplinary collaboration and empowers youth to design innovative solutions tailored to the unique needs of their communities while simultaneously engaging with global issues.

In addition to grassroots action, the Global Shapers Community also facilitates leadership development, knowledge exchange, and global networking opportunities. Members participate in regional and international engagements, including collaborations with governments, civil society organisations, academic institutions, and private sector stakeholders. By fostering a spirit of responsible leadership and collective action, the Global Shapers Community continues to play a significant role in amplifying youth voices and enabling young people to become catalysts for long-term social transformation and global progress.

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

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The national conference on contemporary challenges and global perspectives on corporate law & sustainable development goals seeks to explore the critical role of law in advancing sustainable development in an increasingly complex and interconnected world. As nations continue to work towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), legal systems and institutions are expected to play a transformative role in addressing challenges relating to climate change, inequality, environmental degradation, access to justice, public health, responsible governance, and technological advancement.

The conference aims to provide a platform for meaningful discussions on the relationship between sustainable development and legal regulation at national, regional, and international levels. While the SDGs establish a broad global framework for inclusive growth and sustainability, their implementation requires effective legal mechanisms, accountable governance structures, and interdisciplinary collaboration capable of responding to diverse socio-economic realities.

This conference will bring together academicians, legal practitioners, policymakers, researchers, industry experts, and students to critically engage with contemporary legal and policy issues surrounding sustainable development. Special focus will be given to themes such as environmental governance, climate justice, corporate sustainability, human rights, gender equality, digital inclusion, labour protections, sustainable business practices, and global governance frameworks.

Through keynote sessions, panel discussions, research presentations, and policy dialogues, the conference seeks to encourage scholarly exchange and generate practical insights into strengthening legal systems for sustainable and equitable development. By fostering interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral perspectives, the conference aspires to contribute toward the development of resilient, inclusive, and future-oriented legal frameworks that advance justice, accountability, and global responsibility.

# PAPERS ARE INVITED FOR THE THEMES MENTIONED BELOW:

1. Climate Change, Environmental Law, and Sustainability
2. Human Rights and Sustainable Development
3. Corporate Governance, ESG, and Sustainable Business Practices
4. Gender Justice and Inclusive Development
5. Access to Justice and Sustainable Institutions
6. Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and Digital Sustainability
7. Public Health, Bioethics, and Sustainable Legal Frameworks
8. Labour Rights and Economic Sustainability
9. International Law and Global Governance for Sustainable Development
10. Sustainable Urban Development and Smart Cities
11. Energy Law and Renewable Energy Policies
12. Indigenous Rights, Communities, and Environmental Protection
13. Food Security, Agriculture, and Sustainable Development
14. Legal Education and the SDGs
15. Comparative Perspectives on SDG Implementation

**Note:** The above themes are not exhaustive; any contemporary topic related to Law and Sustainable Development will be considered.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Participants are required to submit an abstract of 250 to 300 words. Upon acceptance, they must submit a presentation-ready paper, which includes a PowerPoint presentation (PPT) for the conference and a research paper of approximately 1,000 words. After the conference, the best paper presenters may be invited to submit a full research paper within 30 days of notification. If they agree, their papers will be considered for publication in an edited book by Karnavati University.

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- The abstract should be formatted in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5-line spacing. Keywords should be in Times New Roman, font size 10, with single-line spacing. The paper title should be in 14 (Bold), and all subheadings should be in 12 (Bold), with 1.5-line spacing.
- The abstract must clearly state the research objective, methodology, key findings, implications, and keywords. Submissions must be plagiarism-

free and should not have been submitted elsewhere for publication.

- Abstracts must be submitted in MS Word format only (no other formats will be accepted).
- The file name should follow the format: Author's Name\_Title of the Paper (e.g., Priyanka\_Legal Implications of AI).
- Abstracts must be submitted exclusively through the Google Form (link provided on the last page).

### PRESENTATION-READY PAPER:

- The presentation-ready paper must adhere to the same formatting guidelines as the abstract.

### CITATION STYLE:

- Bluebook 21st edition

# IMPORTANT DATES

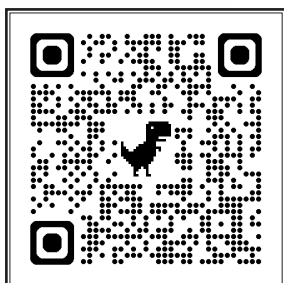
Particulars	Dates
Date of Registration and Submission of Abstract	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 onwards
Notification of Acceptance of the Abstract	Within 5 days from the date of submission
Presentation Ready Paper Submission	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Date of Conference & Presentation	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Note:** Online mode participation shall only be allowed for participants whose affiliated institute/organisation is outside Gujarat.

# REGISTRATION FEES - FREE

Up to 2 co-authors are allowed.

## REGISTRATION LINK & SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT:



<https://forms.gle/S7d2k5cHdqUXbcae8>

**Note:** Participants have to arrange for their own accommodation.

# FELICITATION OF PARTICIPANTS

All the presenters will receive a physical certificate of presentation during the valedictory ceremony. Additionally, the top three presenters will be honoured with special felicitations to recognize their outstanding contributions.

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